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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly  
Sunny  
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**Saturday**  
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Sunny  
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## Former Hughes Employees Reunite at First Annual Reunion Luncheon



Former Hughes Aircraft employees held their first Reunion Luncheon on August 7, 2015, at the Proud Bird restaurant. All former employees were invited, and enjoyed catching up with one another. The organizers hope to hold another luncheon next year, and would like to invite any former Hughes employee to attend. If you would like any more information, or would like to volunteer for the reunion committee, contact Rose Hood at (702) 646-7134. Photo by Barbara Sanford.

## New Economic Development Manager Hopes to Build on Business Attraction, Retention Efforts

By Brian Simon

A year ago, El Segundo Mayor Suzanne Fuentes announced the campaign to attract 100 new businesses to town by the time of the centennial celebration in 2017. It was around the same period that the City also lost the services of Economic Development Analyst Ted Shove, who left to take a position in La Quinta. To maintain momentum in the effort to bring companies to El Segundo (and keep existing ones here), Planning and Building Safety Director Sam Lee assumed Shove's duties on top of his already rather full plate. The City was a little over one-third of the way to its "100 at 100" goal as of press time, but recently received a boost with the hire of new Economic Development Manager Barbara Voss.

Voss, who started in mid-August, reports directly to City Manager Greg Carpenter. She will continue to implement the City's multi-component Economic Development Strategy that aims to foster business-friendly policies, promote business retention and attraction efforts for responsible development, and conduct long-term planning for sustainable economic development growth over the long haul. "El Segundo is a unique and interesting community with its mix of large corporations, innovative new companies and smaller mom and pop operations," Voss said. "It's really exciting to be part of the City at this time. I see a lot of growth opportunity and I like the diversity here."

A Bay Area native who grew up in Saratoga not far from San Jose, Voss eventually moved to Southern California to attend college at UC San Diego and then earned her MBA at Loyola Marymount University (LMU). During the latter stint, she won a fellowship that included economic development work for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). "Before that, I didn't know what I wanted to do career-wise, but that got me interested in economic development," Voss recalled of the fellowship. Her first notable

position in this field was as a Senior Community Development Specialist for the City of Chula Vista near San Diego. There she customized business attraction proposals that included site selection as well as incentives, created outreach programs to bolster business expansion and investment, and spearheaded that city's business retention activities.

After Chula Vista, Voss relocated to the East Coast to serve as Regional Director for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Office of Business Development where she oversaw economic development activities for 35 cities and towns in the burgeoning MetroWest section of the state. During that tenure, she managed and delivered incentive packages to the region's largest economic development projects and led a proactive business

outreach/retention program. By that time, she was also married with a young child (now eight) and yearned to return to California. After a short stint with a consulting firm, she joined the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) in the fall of 2010 to lead the agency's South Bay economic development efforts. That association introduced her to El Segundo businesses and local officials. "I worked with various companies in El Segundo while at LAEDC and that enabled me to start at the City with a foundation of knowledge of the local business community," Voss explained.

While she enjoyed her five years with the LAEDC, Voss had a long-standing desire to be an economic development manager and

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## School Board Views Special Presentation on District Attendance

By Duane Plank

Middle School assistant principal Ali Rabiei, in his first year on the job, was the featured presenter at Tuesday night's El Segundo Unified School District School Board meeting. Rabiei spoke about the District's current attendance recovery special project, and noted that September has been deemed school attendance awareness month.

In an email sent prior to the meeting, Rabiei wrote that "overall, though the ESUSD celebrates high attendance meetings at all of its schools, there is still more work to be done in the area of student attendance. One of the goals of our Board/District is to make sure that students report to school, are on time, and stay in school for the entire school day. We will be looking at ways

to implement some form of attendance recovery---namely, a plan of action for those students who miss school so that they do not miss the valuable instruction that they lost due to an absence."

Continued Assistant Principal Rabiei: "Attendance issues start actually at the lower grades and the various approaches parents and families can implement at home to ensure regular student attendance. We look forward to working collaboratively among school officials, teachers, parents, families, and students, to explore and implement ways to increase student attendance and combat chronic absenteeism."

"Attendance counts, at all ESUSD schools," Rabiei said. He then summarized what he termed were "critical facts" that impacted students, parents, teachers, and

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# **Community Briefs**

## **Kiwanis Good Citizen Award**



(L-R) El Segundo Police Chief Mitch Tavera, Vincent Sablan, El Segundo Kiwanis Club President Eric Busch. Mr. Sablan called the police when he observed two men acting suspiciously in a parking garage. Officers located one of the subjects hiding in the backyard of a nearby residence and found him to be in possession of stolen property taken from a vehicle in the area. Officers also discovered the suspects had broken into numerous carport lockers. Sablan's assistance led to the arrest of a burglary suspect. Photo courtesy of ESPD.

## Tournament of Roses Parade Trip

Join us on New Year's Day for the 127th Tournament of Roses Parade. Our seats are on Colorado Blvd and are only a few rows high so we can see and smell all the beautiful floral floats, hear the spirited marching bands, watch the fantastic equestrian groups and just experience the whole event for the day. Seat cushions are allowed up to 18 1/2 inches. Food and drinks are allowed but no coolers.

Whatever you bring must fit on your lap or by your feet. Please note: no cans, no glass, no umbrellas, no alcohol and no banners or signage. Please dress accordingly for the weather. Register early; this trip will fill to capacity. Trip includes luxury bus transportation and reserved grandstand seats. Contact the Joslyn Center at 310-524-2705 for more information. You may register online at [www.esrec.org](http://www.esrec.org)!

# Tree Musketeers Upcoming Volunteer Events

Join Tree Musketeers as we care for trees in the El Segundo area! Join us Wednesday, September 16th from 3pm to 5pm or Saturday, September 26th from 10pm to Noon for a

Tree Care Workdays. We provide the tools and know how, you just bring yourself! To register or learn more contact [volunteers@treemusketeers.org](mailto:volunteers@treemusketeers.org) or call 310-322-0263.

## ESFD Fill the Boot Drive

Members of the El Segundo Fire fighters Local #3682 along with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Greater Los Angeles will fan out across the city of El Segundo with boots in hand for this year's Fill the Boot drive on September 14th, 18th, and 22nd from 7:00am- 1:00pm at the intersections of El Segundo Blvd. & Sepulveda Blvd and Grand Ave. & Sepulveda Blvd.

Funds raised through the 3-day 2015 El Segundo Fire fighter Fill the Boot event

support MDA's life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art support groups and clinics, including MDA Clinics at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, UCLA Medical Center, and Olive View Medical Center. They also make MDA summer camp possible so kids with muscle disease can enjoy "the best week of the year" at the Irvine Outdoor Education Center in Orange, CA and nearly 80 other locations nationwide. •

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# A Day in the Life of MLB Chaplain and Pastor Brandon Cash

By Nancy Peters

Baseball’s nickname is “America’s Pastime” and from early April until late October each year, the professional leagues that comprise Major League Baseball in America field their teams to play against each other, some in historical and others in new stadiums around the country. Diehard fans of the game of baseball live by the rituals that surround the game that can never end in a tie and that, although rarely, can actually finish with no

and their fans take their game very seriously and Brandon Cash takes his role with the Los Angeles Dodgers pretty seriously, too.  
“As a kid, I never in a million years would have given myself the ‘dream job’ of being the Chaplain for the Los Angeles Dodgers!” stated Brandon, with a huge smile on his face. “I grew up in a household where we were Dodgers’ fans, for sure. My Mom, who was a math teacher, did her Master’s Thesis and used the math of baseball as her topic with the Los



Brandon Cash, center, is surrounded by four of the Los Angeles Dodgers who participated in Major League Baseball’s Faith Day held in stadiums around the country. Standing on Brandon’s right are Clayton Kershaw and Adrian Gonzalez and on his left, Scott VanSlyke and A.J. Ellis. Photo courtesy of Brandon Cash.

player ever getting on base or making a hit.  
Fans pray for this kind of scientifically correct and spectacular baseball. With nine players from one team on the field, defending their part of each inning, the other team will send one player to bat at a time, who will either hit the ball pitched, or not. The players

Angeles Dodgers as her model team. I never thought about that coincidence until just now.”  
Brandon Cash was born and raised in the Bellflower and Los Alamitos areas and was part of a family that attended church regularly, especially since his maternal grandfather was  
**See MLB Chaplain, page 13**

## Letters

**LAX Workers and Parking**  
I am extremely concerned about the unjust parking situation on Imperial Ave. I am a resident of El Segundo and I live on Imperial.  
It seems as though several LAX employees are parking on Imperial Ave and walking across the street to LAX (by the dog park). They are taking the street parking spots away from the residents and visitors of the area. This happens every single day including weekends and at all hours of the day. The situation is getting worse and worse it seems also.  
I have a one year old and often times I

have to park down the hill and carry her, along with my belongings/groceries etc., meanwhile the LAX workers (you can tell by their APS vests) are parked in front of the apartments, sitting in their cars waiting for their shift to start.  
This seems highly unfair in my opinion. Do they not have a parking area in LAX for their employees? Why is this happening now? This is residential parking not business parking correct?  
Other cities that have similar parking problems give permit parking for the residents. Just a thought!  
– Marisol Plascencia

## Police Reports

**Monday, August 31, 2015**  
A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1247 hours from the 400 block of Sierra Street. Unknown suspect(s) removed miscellaneous property from the victim’s vehicle  
A grand theft report was taken at 1450 hours from the 1200 block of East Imperial Avenue. Miscellaneous electronic equipment was taken from a business  
One male adult was arrested at 1643 hours from the 2200 block of East Rosecrans Avenue for trespassing on private property  
One male adult was arrested at 1750 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Nash Street for grand theft  
An online identity theft report was taken at 1913 hours from the 600 block of West Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim’s personal information to open a credit card account  
A missing person was located at 2039 hours in the 300 block of West El Segundo Boulevard. Located was an elderly male reported missing out of LAPD Southeast Division on 08/28/15  
**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**  
One male adult was arrested at 0528 hours from Gardena PD for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor traffic warrant  
A lost/stolen license plate(s) report was taken at 1343 hours from the 400 block of

Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) removed two plates from the victim’s vehicle  
A forgery report was taken at 1250 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A suspect submitted a falsified and forged El Segundo PD crime report to Experian  
A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred 1730 hours on 08/28/15 at Pine Avenue and Bungalow Drive, vehicle versus pedestrian  
A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1920 hours from the 900 block of Cedar Street. Unknown suspect(s) took two bicycles from a carport at the victim’s residence  
One female adult was arrested at 2213 hours from the 1300 block of East Grand Avenue for domestic battery  
A criminal threats report was taken at 2214 hours from the 2000 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Suspects made verbal threats to harm the victim and the victim’s employees. (15-2108) #927  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**  
One male adult was arrested at 0209 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Walnut Avenue for two outstanding Whittier PD misdemeanor warrants  
Found property report was taken at 0332 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. A baggie containing a controlled  
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School

Spotlight

## The El Segundo Middle School Garden

By Cece Stewart,  
Junior at El Segundo High School

Students attending El Segundo Middle School (ESMS) had a treat awaiting them when they returned to school lunches this year. In the cafeteria freshly grown vegetables are now served that are harvested from a new garden

where their food comes from and the effort it takes to maintain the garden.” They are currently growing cantaloupe, brussel sprouts, carrots, lettuce, snap peas, basil, kale, oranges, strawberries, zucchini, sour Gherkin cucumbers, green beans, onions, cherry tomatoes, mint, and passion fruit. Most recently they have



Kristi Zeman in the Garden at the Middle School. Photo by Alyssa Rodriguez, seventh grader at ESMS.

on the ESMS campus.  
This new garden was grown with a lot of love and nurturing. Initially Scout Troop 267, led by Tim Shannon, whose Eagle Scout Project this was, did the bulk of the work prepping the garden: they leveled the ground, built boxes, and built side fences. Troop 267 consisted of many current ESMS students, and a handful of alumni from ESMS. Thus, this was a great project incorporating both current and previous middle schoolers.  
In conjunction with the Eagle project, Mrs. Kristi Zeman has spearheaded sustaining the garden. Mrs. Zeman tells me that “I love to garden, and I really wanted to make something for the kids to learn from that was outside the realm of school activities. Our life skills class helps out regularly with watering, planting, and harvesting of items to maintain and grow it.”  
Mrs. Zeman shares with me that “the immediate mission of the ESMS garden is to provide a sustainable year round Farm to School garden where students can see first hand

been harvesting snap peas for the salad bar!”  
The garden will rotate through the year what is grown to be more seasonal, but also support the cafeteria menu. In the future, the plan is to grow more strawberries, more lettuce, cherry tomatoes, add another passion fruit vine, broccoli, beets, spinach, watermelon, English cucumbers, Swiss Chard, and maybe look at more dwarf fruit trees. They also plan to grow passion fruit vines so that they can “harvest the passion fruit to make passion fruit jam. Then sell the passion fruit jam and use the proceeds to put back into the garden for ongoing garden supplies.”  
Mrs. Zeman explains the idea of student learning through the garden by sharing with me that “students come by and they stop to watch or ask questions about what’s growing. I engage them and often pull them in to help water or help pick up trash to keep it clean. Sometimes I will give them a little something from the garden they can try. And always let  
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# Film Review

## The Second Mother is a Culturally Crowd-Pleasing Number About Family

By Jared Anderson for CINEMACY

*The Second Mother* is set in Sao Paulo, Brazil (a place where the Grammy-Award winning alt-rock band Arcade Fire is referred to as “The Arcade Fire”). The film (*Que horas ela volta?*) follows the eponymous character Val (Regina Casé), a housekeeper for a considerably wealthy family. It’s not an understatement to say her job has become her life, evidenced when her daughter Jéssica (Camila Márdila) flies into town, and end up only staying in the house.

The main conflict here is in Val’s struggle to identify with a daughter she never quite

even intimate in its storytelling.

It must be said, Regina Casé shines in the lead role as Val. She is a graceful presence as an immediately empathetic and cordial character. Val is visibly frustrated by her position – she overthinks how to organize a new coffee table set, is bothered by the family dog, and can’t seem to stop Jessica from eating the family’s chocolate ice cream. Everybody in *The Second Mother* seems perpetually frustrated and vicariously argumentative, which feeds what is most interesting and entertaining here: the dynamics and dialogues between characters.

*The Second Mother* is a film primarily



Regina Casé and Camila Márdila in *The Second Mother*, an Oscilloscope Pictures release.

got to raise. At one point she even relies upon the opinion of the family’s son to get a sense of what her own daughter is like.

*The Second Mother* is a mostly quiet picture. Music is scarce, and camera angles, if not static, move slowly. Scenes within the house are almost claustrophobic due to how these angles repeat themselves throughout, very astutely mirroring the routine of Val’s life. Aside from one sequence, set in a high-rise, the surrounding city is never really explored (except for that it rains a lot). But these elements make the film contained, focused, and

about thickness of bonds, how we concern ourselves with the opinions and approvals of those outside our family, and how they seem to mean more when they are earned. The family’s son reaches out to his “second mother” over his first for this reason. But the film is moreover a character study about Val’s shortcomings as a first mother herself. That said, while the movie is more dramatic than comedic, it has a natural levity that lends itself to a something deeply felt but also feel-good. *The Second Mother* is now playing in LA at the Laemmle Royal. •

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

### Letter Drop

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5. Sternward  
10. Betting game  
14. Flower holder  
15. Diving bird  
16. Dash  
17. Antarctic denizens  
20. Long Island county  
21. Choice of phrase  
22. “The possession of fools”:  
Herodotus  
25. Selling point  
26. Pawn  
30. Mild, as weather  
32. Hindu garment  
33. Part of O.H.M.S.  
34. Greek deity  
39. South African herb  
42. Walk nonchalantly  
43. Demagogue, for short  
44. Limerick language  
45. Breakfast sizzler  
47. Choral clubs  
48. \_\_\_\_-frutti  
52. Confused  
54. Exaggerate a performance
- Down**  
1. Smooth  
2. Tibetan priest  
3. Fed. agency  
4. Bruce and Spike  
5. Love affair  
6. Sticker  
7. French collagist  
8. Embroidery yarn  
9. Atlantic City attraction  
10. Conflicts  
11. Handle  
12. Cooktop  
13. Start  
18. Absorbed  
19. Grew older  
23. Nile bird  
24. Mechanical damper
- Across**  
26. Entreats  
27. Mother of the Titans  
28. Sea eagles  
29. Approaching  
31. Crumbly soil  
33. “Hey!”  
35. Old Chinese money  
36. Charter  
37. Existence (Lat.)  
38. Cereal grasses  
40. Using cautious and slow strategy to wear down opposition  
41. Seeming eternity  
46. Cat’s delight  
47. Highlander  
48. Brimless hat  
49. Throat dangler  
50. Early years in a century  
51. Doctor  
53. English exam finale, often  
55. A sparkling wine  
57. Utter in a grating voice  
58. Canyon effect  
59. Glower  
60. Notice  
62. “\_\_\_\_ to worry”  
63. Home extension

### Last Week's Answers

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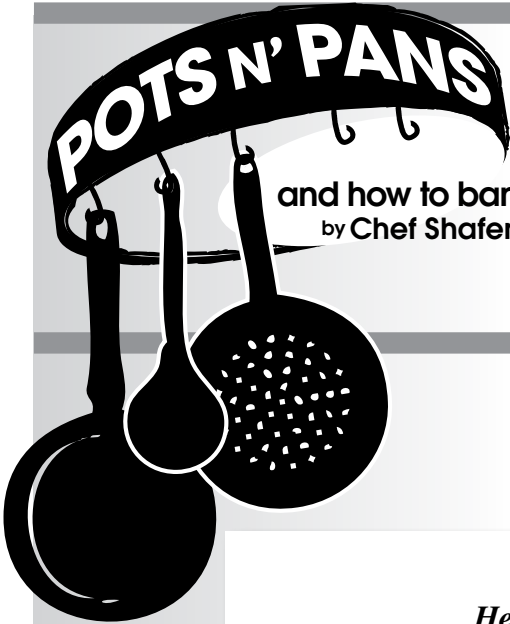
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- 1/2 cup dried chopped figs
- 1/8 cup chicken broth
- salt and pepper to taste

## Preparation

1. In a large hot pan sauté of the onions in the oil till golden brown.
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# Sports

## 49ers or Raiders?

**By Adam Serrao,**  
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With football season starting any day now, the two teams from the Bay Area happen to come under the spotlight. This, after all, may be the only time all season that they do. Though there is still no football team here in Southern California, the state of California happens to employ some traditionally respectable football teams. Traditionally is the key word there. Among those teams, however, are the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders. While the 49ers seem to be on a downward spiral, the Raiders look to be resurfacing as an at least somewhat respectable franchise for the first time in almost 15 years. Which team do you think will be better this season?

Back in the '70s, the Oakland Raiders were the kings of the Bay Area. I realize how much I just sounded like an old grandpa with the adage "back in my day...", but it's true. There was one point not too long ago where the Raiders had the most wins out of any team in football history. Well, the days of Gene Upshaw, Ken Stabler, Fred Belitnikoff and even Tim Brown, for that matter, are long gone. Ever since the team's Super Bowl appearance in Super Bowl XXXVII against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Raiders have been downright atrocious.

San Francisco, on the other hand, seems to be entering a new era themselves. After three straight strong seasons in which the team went 36-11-1, made it to the playoffs three times and the Super Bowl once, the 49ers seem to be deteriorating before our very eyes. Jim Harbaugh was sent packing

last December and has now wound up back in the college ranks to coach Michigan. The offensive line lost three starters, Patrick Willis, Justin Smith and Chris Borland all retired, and new head coach Jim Tomsula finds himself having to work with merely scraps of what the one-time Super Bowl team used to be.

So what do the two teams need to happen in order for them to get better? Beginning with the Raiders, new head coach Jack Del Rio needs to come in and instill a level of professionalism (yes, that also means to not lead the league in penalties), while also fixing a defense that has been ranked in the bottom third of the league for 10 of the past 12 seasons. Quarterback Derek Carr compiled 21 touchdowns and 3,270 passing yards last season to lead all rookies. He will need to continue to develop, though. One thing that should make it easier for him to do so is a playmaking wide receiver like rookie, Amari Cooper. Lastly, Latavius Murray will have to become a true three-down running back that can control the line of scrimmage. A running game does wonders for an offense and it's up to Murray to come through for the Silver and Black.

Across the bridge in San Francisco, Tomsula and the '9ers will get better primarily if quarterback Colin Kaepernick gets better. Over the past two years, Kaepernick's yards-per-attempt average has plunged demonstratively. The offensive line also needs to be better, as Kaepernick was sacked 52 times last year. The issue with San Francisco has never really been defense. Despite their losses on that side of the ball this offseason, NaVorro Bowman

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## El Segundo Cross Country Preview

**By Gregg McMullin**  
**Photos by Gregg McMullin**

The El Segundo boys' cross country team won their first ever Ocean League championship in 2014. The Eagles edged Santa Monica for

All you need to hear around the campus is the first name and you automatically know who the students are speaking about and what sport he participates in; that first name is Gavin. For the past two seasons the boys'



Gavin Glynn and Santa Monica's Lucas Jackson, shown in last year's Ocean League finals, have a friendly but competitive rivalry going. They finished one-two at a recent meet.

the title and the two schools figure to battle it out again this year. This season's team looks to be better than last year's squad according to head coach Marcos Bolanos so a second league title is certainly attainable.

"2015 looks to be the year we have the most talent we've ever had. Both the boys' and girls' teams have put in the hardest summer training yet. They look eager to continue to carry that work ethic into the season," said Coach Bolanos.

team has been led by captain Gavin Glynn. Glynn, a senior, is looking to add a second consecutive Ocean League title to his running resume and he's running faster than ever.

In his team's first meet Glynn renewed his battle with Santa Monica's Lucas Jackson at the Cool Breeze Evening Invitational. These two battled each other in the Ocean League last year where they ran one-two in

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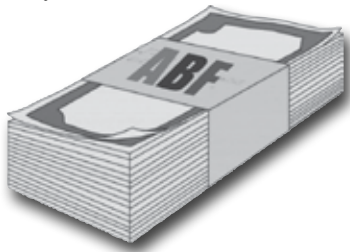
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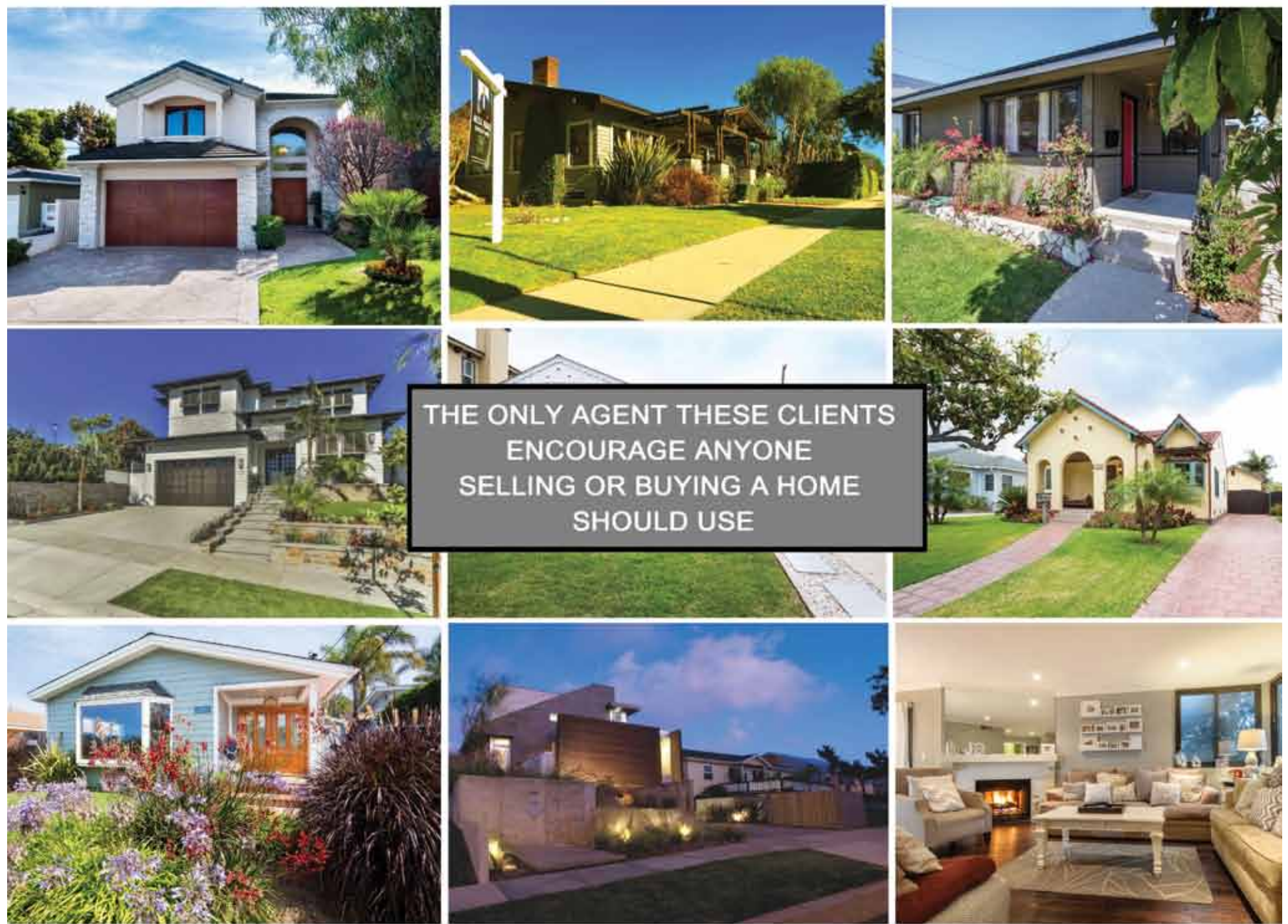
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Eagles

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each race. Jackson edged Glynn by a mere eight seconds to finish one-two in this year’s season opener at the El Prado Golf Course in Chino.

Glynn’s solid work ethic has certainly benefitted this soccer star turned super runner and he’s eager to help his teammates advance out of the CIF prelims. He says his ultimate goals are to help his team reach the CIF finals and challenge for a bid to the state meet.



Danny McEntee looks for running room on his way for the go ahead touchdown.

With the loss of Scott Willis, Nick Ostler and Nolan Sharp to graduation, Coach Bolanos is reloading three key runners with five talented juniors who have varsity experience. Shane Mahon is a speedy junior who transferred from Loyola. He’s been pushing Glynn in

workouts and together they make up a strong one-two punch. The other four juniors look to be Harman Kindha, Pierce Nebel, Evan O’Connor and Daniel Gutierrez. Seniors Luke St. Regis, Oliver Chen and Kevin McMullin give the Eagles a deep roster, according to Coach Bolanos.

Garrett Rifkin, just a sophomore, was a phenom as a freshman and his pace this year looks to be as fast as Glynn’s was last year

at this same time. With so much talent and a deep roster to pick from, the boys’ team has a legitimate chance of advancing farther than any other El Segundo team before them has. “If we can stay healthy and continue to work hard, the sky is the limit,” said Bolanos.



Haamid Brooks made the defensive play of the game knocking away a potential touchdown pass.

This year’s girls’ team has a lot of talent and looks to close the gap and overtake Santa Monica for an Ocean League title. Last season the varsity took second behind Santa Monica but both the JV and freshman teams won Ocean League titles. The girls’ team is led by captain Brianna Harmon, who finished sixth at the Ocean League finals. In her last three meets of 2014 including the CIF prelims Harmon had personal bests



Jason Kehl led the Eagles to a 34-14 win over Leuzinger.

each time.

The fact there are so many talented runners who have made great strides on improving their pace means depth. Seniors Hannah Curran, Genevieve Johnson and Brenna Yob are returnees and have put in a lot of work this summer and look to make their senior year a memorable and successful campaign. Juniors Marcela Lozano and Lindsey Kartvedt look to push their teammates to greater PRs.

Sophomores Grace Hoffman and Karina Kramer will continue to impress and get faster and faster every day. Kramer is coming off a freshman season that saw her run in four varsity meets including the CIF prelims. Add to the mix with two freshman standouts in Gabby Lee and Nikki Fulcomer and you can see how excited Coach Bolanos is for a team with so much depth. Coach Bolanos believes with so much depth winning an Ocean League title and advancing in the CIF post season and push for a chance at a trip to the state meet is very reachable.

**Football**

The Eagles got off to a great start with a convincing 34-14 win over Leuzinger at Olympian Stadium in the season opener for both teams. The offense, behind senior quarterback Jason Kehl, looked solid running the ball as well as passing. On the Eagle’s second possession Kehl directed a 14-play drive that ended with Kehl running the ball in from ten yards out. He also completed 13 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown pass to Shahman Moore; a 32 yard score in the third quarter.

Taz Tauase picked up 131 yards rushing on 18 carries and scored on runs of 8, 7 and 9 yards. Cameron Hayforth picked up 36 yards on eight carries to help spell Tauase.

Defensively, the Eagles had their hands full against a vastly improved Leuzinger running game. A defense led by juniors Duncan Papalii, Mark Binder, Peter Amara, Ashton Salt, Billy Brasher and Jake Palmer helped limit the Olympians to 151 yards on

the ground.

The Eagles’ home opener is set for Friday night at 7pm when they host Cantwell. The Eagles have a three-game winning streak going against the Cardinals who are (0-1) to start the season.

The JV Eagles held on to defeat Leuzinger 20-14. On the second possession of the game the Eagles took advantage of a poor Leuzinger punt and took over at the Olympian 25 yard line. Two plays later sophomore quarterback Brenden Casillas found Tyler Villalobos for a 35 yard touchdown pass. The Olympians tied the game on an interception that was returned 41 yards for TD.

With time running down in the second quarter, Casillas found Jason Parnal open for a 66-yard catch and run for a touchdown with one second remaining in the first half. With the score tied 14-14 late in the fourth quarter sophomore tailback Danny McEntee took the handoff and swept around the right end. With a key block from Adrian Johnson, McEntee found his way for a 26-yard touchdown run and the scoring difference. The Eagles host Torrance today at 5pm in the second game of a double-header.

The freshman team got off to a great start of the season with a resounding 42-26 win over Leuzinger. First year head coach Michael Wagner has his team picking up where former coach, Shawn Green, had them the past several years. They play their home opener today against St. Monica at 3pm in the first game with the JV game following at 5pm. •



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## Police Reports

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substance was booked for destruction

Petty theft report was taken at 1348 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. A purse was taken

Petty theft report was taken at 1404 hours from the 900 block of Cedar Street. A skateboard was taken

Misdemeanor hit and run occurred at 1457 hours at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Grand Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle

Unauthorized use of an access card report was taken at 1538 hours from the 500 block of West Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) transferred money out of the victim’s account into a personal account

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

One male adult was arrested at 0526 hours from LAPD-Southwest Division for robbery and evading a police officer

One male adult was arrested at 0850 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Lomita Street for possession of burglary tools

Petty theft report was taken at 0905 hours from the 100 block of Lomita Street. Front and rear license plates were stolen

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1819

hours from the 300 block of Whiting Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked vehicle and left a cell phone

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1959 hours from Selby Street and Imperial Highway, vehicle versus vehicle

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 2042 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked storage unit and took items

One female adult was arrested at 2056 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Bell Avenue (Manhattan Beach) for child endangerment and misdemeanor DUI

One male adult was arrested at 2148 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Bell Avenue (Manhattan Beach) for a court order violation

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 2206 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle

**Friday, September 4, 2015**

An on-line petty theft report was taken at 0929 hours on 09/03/15 from the 500 block of Kansas Street. Two bags of recyclables were taken

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 0830 hours from the 900 block of Hillcrest

Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered a carport and cut several storage padlocks

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0834 hours from the 700 block of Redwood Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) opened a tool box in a vehicle

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1617 hours from the intersection of Aviation Boulevard and Hawaii Street, vehicle versus vehicle

Petty theft report was taken at 1659 hours from the 900 block of Loma Vista Street. Tools were taken from an unlocked vehicle

One male adult was arrested at 0052 hours from the 1200 block of South La Cienega Boulevard in the city of Los Angeles for domestic violence, one ESPD misdemeanor warrant and one Hermosa Beach PD misdemeanor warrant

**Saturday, September 5, 2015**

Misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0310 hours from Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus light pole

Injury report was taken at 1510 hours from the 400 block of East Grand Avenue. A juvenile sustained a broken arm

Lost property report was taken at 1601

hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. A wallet was lost

One male adult was arrested at 1957 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for domestic violence

Fraud report was taken at 2115 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Known suspect was in possession of a card reader

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

One male adult was arrested at 0105 hours from the 300 block of Whiting Street for domestic violence

One male adult was arrested at 0307 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of 0.08% or above

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 0727 hours from the 300 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the coin vaults on two washing machines and took approximately \$150.00 in quarters

A found property report was taken at 2033 hours from the 300 block of West Grand Avenue. A United Kingdom drivers license and other miscellaneous cards were found at the location •

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
PLACE: City Council Chambers  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, California

TAKE NOTICE that the El Segundo PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above on the following:  
SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment No. EA-1127 and Subdivision No. SUB 15-09 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 73408)  
Address: 1435 E. Maple Avenue  
Applicant: Razadino, LLC  
Property Owner: Razadino, LLC

The Planning Division received an application for Subdivision No. 15-09 and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 73408 to divide an existing through lot into two parcels. The site has 58 feet of street frontage on both Sycamore and Maple Avenues. The southern portion of the lot fronting East Maple Avenue contains a 1,649 square-foot single-family residential dwelling unit with an attached porte cochere and a detached two-car garage. The existing structures will remain at the site. If approved, the subdivision would result in two (2) legal parcels: Parcel No. 1 (11,188 square feet) and Parcel No. 2 (7,540 square feet). Proposed Parcel No. 1 will remain vacant until sold or developed, and the existing single-family residential dwelling unit with an attached porte cochere and detached two-car garage will remain on Parcel No. 2. The project site is located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone, on the block bounded by Sycamore Avenue to the north, Maple Avenue to the south, Washington Street to the east, and California Street to the west.

The project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14

California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 Existing Facilities, § 15305(a) as a Class 5 Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations for the division of one lot into two parcels, and § 15332 as a Class 32 In-Fill Development Project. The project will result in a net increase of one single-family residential dwelling unit surrounded by single-family residential dwelling units. There are adequate utilities, public services and facilities available to serve the project. The project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality. The site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species.

The Environmental Assessment, legal description, and related files for the above-mentioned proposal are available for public review Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning Division, Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Maria Baldenegro in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2341, or any other Planning Division Staff person, for further information. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.

Sam Lee, Director  
Planning and Building Safety Department; and,  
Secretary to the Planning Commission  
City of El Segundo  
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### RICHMOND STREET PUBLIC MEETING

The City of El Segundo is continuing to drafting plans for the Richmond Street Improvement Project (100, 200 and 300 blocks). This project includes three primary objectives, which are to:

Remove and reconstruct the street, sidewalks, curbs and gutters to current construction standards.

Remove and replace the street trees with varieties that have less invasive root systems, thereby preserving the integrity of the new sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Enhance the amount of available parking in 100, 200 and 300 blocks of Richmond Street for downtown businesses.

The City's goal is to initiate construction at the beginning of 2016. Community meeting attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback on parking stall dimensions and layout, traffic lane and sidewalk widths, tree canopy considerations, loading zones, handicap access, etc.

**Community Meeting #2  
September 22, 2015  
Social Hall, Joslyn Center in Recreation Park  
339 Sheldon St., El Segundo, CA 90245  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

The facility is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices and/or interpreters are needed, please call Trish Pietrzak at 310-995-9800. The requester is encouraged to call at least two business days before the community meeting. For further information on this project or to RSVP to this meeting, please contact Trish Pietrzak, the City's Project Outreach Specialist at 310-995-9800 (e-mail at trish@platinumprosolutions.com)  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 9/3, 9/10/15

H-24834

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY 15/16 ANNUAL BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: City Council Chamber  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, CA 90245

AND CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET ADOPTION

DATE: Monday, September 28, 2015  
TIME: 6:00PM  
PLACE: City Council Chamber  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, CA 90245

**TAKE NOTICE** that the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of El Segundo will hold a public hearing September 15, 2015 to be continued, if necessary, to Monday, September 28, 2015, relating to consideration of the FY 15/16 annual budget for the period October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 5-year plan. All persons may give testimony at both the public meeting and public hearings conducted at the dates, times and places indicated above.

For more information please contact Misty Cheng, Acting El Segundo Finance Director, at (310) 524-2315.

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### Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. SS028308

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES  
Petition of: GEE VARGHESE for Change of Name  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner GEE VARGHESE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
GEE VARGHESE to ROJIN GEE VARGHESE

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 10/09/2015, Time: 8:30 A.M.,  
Dept.: WE-K, Room: A-203  
The address of the court is  
1725 MAIN STREET  
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
Date: AUG 21 2015  
JUDGE GERALD ROSENBERG  
Judge of the Superior Court  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1/15

H-24848

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: September 24, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
PLACE: City Council Chambers  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, California

TAKE NOTICE that the EL SEGUNDO PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above on the following:

Environmental Assessment No. EA-1122 to modify Condition No. 5L of Resolution No. 4415 and Ordinance No. 1382, as amended by Resolution No. 4542 and Ordinance No. 1417 regarding fencing requirements for the Plaza El Segundo and The Point development project

Address: 710-860 South Sepulveda Boulevard, 2004-2015 East Park Place, 700-740 South Allied Way, and 2001-2021 Rosecrans Avenue  
Applicant: Michael Strahs c/o Federal Realty Investment Trust  
Property Owners: Jeffrey Berkes c/o Street Retail, Inc.

The proposed project is a request to modify Condition No. 5L of Resolution No. 4415 and Ordinance No. 1382, as amended by Resolution No. 4542 and Ordinance No. 1417 regarding fencing requirements for the Plaza El Segundo and The Point development project. The applicant requests to modify the condition to allow the use of chain link fencing topped with 1-foot high three-strand barbed wire fence along the north property line of "The Point" directly south of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The proposed condition modification is consistent with the Program/Project Environmental Impact Report, entitled *Sepulveda/Rosecrans Site Rezoning and Plaza El Segundo Development Final Environmental Impact Report* (State Clearinghouse No. 2003121037), which the City prepared as the Lead Agency. The FEIR analyzed the environmental impacts of the development project, including, without limitation, aesthetic

impacts. The FEIR was certified by the City Council on March 15, 2005 and the Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted as Section V of City Council Resolution No. 4415. None of the elements set forth in Public Resources Code § 21166 or CEQA Guidelines § 15162 and 15168(c)(2) exists since the proposed changes the types of walls/fencing would not result in a new significant impact to the environment or require new mitigation measures. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Planning Commission, and subsequently the City Council, find that no subsequent or supplemental Environmental Impact Report, Mitigated Negative Declaration or Addendum is required to be prepared before adopting the draft Ordinance approving the proposed assessment. The Environmental Assessment and related files for the above-mentioned project are available for public review Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Paul Samaras, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2312, or any other Planning Division Staff person, for further information.

Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.

Sam Lee,  
Planning and Building Safety Department Director; and,  
Secretary to the Planning Commission  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BARBARA SNELL-VAUGHN CASE NO. BP163940

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BARBARA SNELL-VAUGHN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MIKE VAUGHN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MIKE VAUGHN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/16/15 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the

petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner  
MICHAEL D. SHOOK - SBN 158675  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2276 TORRANCE BLVD  
TORRANCE CA 90501  
8/27, 9/3, 9/10/15  
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School Board

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administrators in the District. He said that the most important fact was that research has shown that students should miss no more than nine days of instruction, per school year, to allow them to “be engaged, be successful, and be on-track towards graduation. Absences can be a sign that students are losing interest in school, struggling with homework, struggling with academics, or possibly facing some kind of behavioral issue, such as bullying.”

By sixth grade, he said, “absenteeism is one of the three top signs that a student may drop-out of high school. Attendance is an important life-skill that will help your child graduate from college, and, of course, keep a job.”

He concluded with thoughts on what parents and District representatives can do to make school attendance a priority, including not scheduling medical and dental appointments during the school day, and for parents to reach out to school faculty and administrators if there is an outside issue, or an on-campus issue, that may be causing excessive absences.

Following Rabiei’s presentation, student representative Lexi Griffin made her report, detailing events at the High School as the students returned from the Labor Day hiatus and plunged into the first full month of the 2015/16 school year.

Consent agenda items followed, with nine items being consented to by the Board. Among the agenda items consented to were an agreement with Communications Resources for Schools; and consultant agreements with Dawn Whitney-Hall, Kenneth Powell, and Neal Von Flue.

The Communications Resources for Schools agreement will provide the District with guidance in the area of District-wide internal and external communications. Whitney-Hall will consult with the instructors at Richmond Street Elementary and the campuses Arts program. She is expected to attend teacher meetings, and attend art classes, and co-ordinate site events, as well as fulfill other art-related functions. Powell will work with the Center Street Elementary instructors and students, and will fulfill a similar position to the position Whitney-Hall will have at Richmond Street, providing guidance in Arts-related events, and helping to coordinate campus events.

Consultant Von Flue will return this school-year to teach a weekly Art class for the students at Arena High. Von Flue will instruct students in both the morning and afternoon time frames.

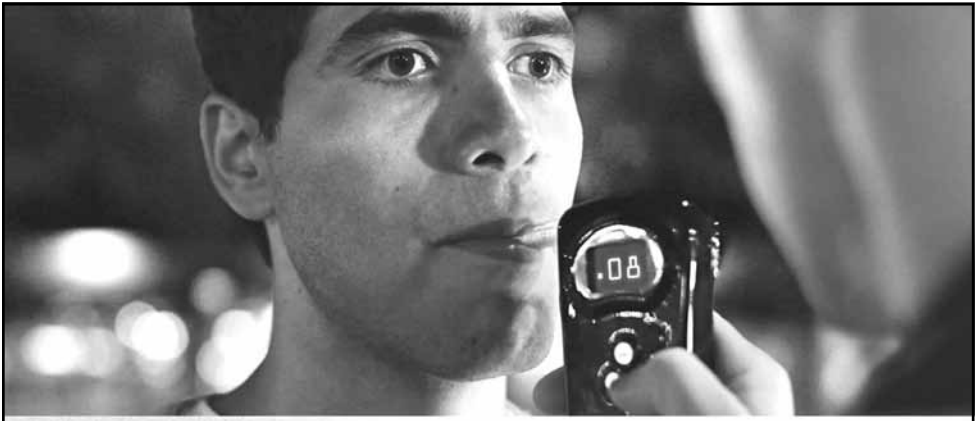
Next up on the agenda during the quickly paced 40-minute meeting were the action items. Among the ten action items that were approved by the Board: approval of a resolution in support of School Attendance Awareness month; the approval to issue a request for proposal for a long-range facilities master plan; approval of another resolution involving the District’s spending “Gann Limits”, and the approval of tentative agreements for the 2015-16 fiscal year between the District, and the El Segundo Teacher’s Association, the California School Employees’ Association, and the group labeled “non-represented employees,” which includes Classified management, Certificated management, and the Superintendent.

The long-range facilities master plan will include a facilities needs assessment, with the final report incorporating cost estimates for recommended repairs at each District site. The request for proposals will be advertised for two weeks, with the most qualified applicants scheduled to interview with designated District staff. The plan calls for recommendations and possible contract approval to be brought before the Board at the October 27 Board meeting.

Superintendent Moore then highlighted upcoming events on the District’s informational calendar, including last evening’s Back-to-School Night at the High School.

Board member reports were next on the agenda, followed by Moore’s Superintendent’s report. Vice-president Jim Garza, filling in for President Jeanie Nishime, who was unable to attend because of “bereavement issues”, then adjourned the meeting after brief oral communications from the audience.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on the calendar for Tuesday evening, September 22nd. •



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Voss

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jumped at the opportunity to serve in this capacity for El Segundo. She believes she brings a unique skill set to the table that will benefit the City. “I have a long track record of successfully developing and implementing economic development programs,” Voss said. “I have extensive experience in managing business attraction, retention and expansion initiatives—and through this experience, I have developed strong communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills.”

With much to do right off the bat, Voss indicated that she has hit the ground running in El Segundo—though her plan is not to reinvent the wheel. “Right now, I am thinking about how best to enhance what we have already implemented,” she said. “I am looking at opportunities for attraction, strategies for business retention and outreach to existing businesses.”

That outreach will include numerous visits to local companies of all sizes—a challenge for just one person to undertake. “I’ve already started making calls and am putting together a game plan for which businesses to target in this first round,” Voss said. “Sometimes when a business decides to move or when there are layoffs, those decisions are completely out of local control. But if there is anything we can do from our end to retain them, we want to be proactive and available to address any issues as early as possible.”

Voss will also work hand-in-hand with the City’s Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) to exchange input on attraction and retention strategies. “I haven’t seen anything like the EDAC in any other city where the members are so active and engaged,” she said. “Part of my role will be to partner with them.”

Though now firmly entrenched back on the West Coast, Voss will have her share of travel opportunities with her new position. Her job includes attendance at trade shows and events to promote the City and create awareness of available properties and opportunities here. Her first major appearance will be at regional conference in San Diego this month. “It is vital to promote El Segundo to people outside the South Bay area,” Voss emphasized. “There are a lot of changes going on in aerospace and defense, which was the primary industry here for a long time. A big step in creating a vibrant economy is to continue to diversify. The City has seen a great deal of reinvestment in existing buildings and new developments in the works. We need to attract that eclectic mix of businesses to fill vacancies and bring high-quality jobs to the area.”

Just a few weeks into her new job, Voss reported that she is impressed with the community itself as well as City staff and leadership. “The people I’ve met in town

have been very positive, enthusiastic and welcoming,” she said. “I see a major commitment to El Segundo, and the residents are a great asset in promoting the City outside of El Segundo. At City Hall, the staff have been extremely supportive, knowledgeable and helpful when I have any questions. I see across-the-board interest in economic development and a commitment to customer service with many opportunities for fruitful collaboration.”

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has returned and has already breathed life into the defense. What the 49ers need to do is find an offense that works for them. Last season, the offense was a mess not only due to the offensive line, but also to zero production from the tight end spot, injuries, and a less than productive running back position that Carlos Hyde will now attempt to cure. If San Francisco can fix all of those ails this season, the team will actually be much better than most people are prematurely expecting them to be.

So who will be better? Well, answering that question is a bit like investing in the stock market. If you want the sure thing this season, then you’d almost certainly have to put your money on the San Francisco 49ers. While their team has taken some major hits

As for helping to usher in another 65 or so businesses in the next 16 months so the City can meet its business attraction goal, Voss couldn’t make any guarantees but was hopeful. “We’ll see,” she said. “El Segundo has a great deal to offer to businesses. From my end, I will do everything I can to market El Segundo, let prospective tenants know about opportunities with our new east side developments and office centers, in Smoky Hollow, in the historical downtown... and to continue to push forward.” •

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