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## Police Stuff the Trailer Toy Drive



The Inglewood Police Department hosted another successful Stuff the Trailer toy drive to help out local families during the holiday season. Photo: City of Inglewood

## Mayor Speaks on Future of Inglewood After His Election to a Third Term

By Haleemon Anderson

James T. Butts was sworn in to a third term as mayor of the city of Inglewood last month. He was reelected by a margin of victory not seen in a previous mayoral contest -- over 63 percent of votes cast went to Butts. The election saw an overwhelmingly large voter turnout. At over 32,000 votes cast, it was the largest turnout in Inglewood history. Despite these seemingly positive numbers, Butts has been continually harangued by a small but persistent group of naysayers who believe the city's growth is outpacing its residents. The *Inglewood News* met with the mayor to get his perspective on the future of the city and the opposition.

**IN:** What are the major issues you will deal with in your third term?

**Butts:** The construction of several developments is going on at the same time. That's a lot to monitor and make sure everything is going smoothly. The LA Philharmonic Youth Orchestra building, opening day at the Los Angeles Rams, Chargers LA Stadium Entertainment District and completion of the LA Clippers NBA Arena ENA. And we are working on plans for Super Bowl 54. Perhaps the biggest project still in the planning stages is the proposed transit connector project. The City has received a grant from the MTA to explore various ways to get this done. We are at the environmental impact review stage right now. In mid-January we will begin holding special meetings to preview designs to the public. This has to be done before we can go out for the RFP process. Then, we will get the major beneficiaries of the transit involved to talk about how to raise money. It's a billion-dollar project. Finally, we will seek out an investor to actually run the line, who will be responsible for operations and liabilities. We haven't settled on a technology yet, whether

it will be monorail, rubber tire, or mag-lev, magnetic levitation. But we definitely know it will need to be elevated."

**IN:** The scuttlebutt around town from vocal opponents of the boom in development is that residents -- in particular, renters -- will be priced out of Inglewood. Will it still be affordable to live here?

**Butts:** Affordable is a moving target. It seems to suggest that Inglewood must never increase ever. It suggests that something is wrong if the lowest income person here can't maintain. To suggest that is to say that if Inglewood doesn't stay poor, something's wrong. That's extremely condescending in orientation. The average rental price in Inglewood is lower than the average anywhere in the South Bay and anywhere in

the state of California. Inglewood has more affordable housing in whole numbers and percentages than anywhere in the South Bay.

**IN:** Two competing visions of the city. That term was bandied about during the campaign. Are there?

**Butts:** There are no competing visions of the city. That term was bandied about by candidates and their supporters that had no articulable plans for moving the City of Inglewood forward.

**IN:** There are multiple litigations swirling around you and the City. Madison Square Gardens has sued you, tried to stop development of the Clippers arena, and funded an opponent against you in the mayor's race. How

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Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts is sworn in to his third term by City Clerk Yvonne Horton.

## Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly  
Cloudy  
66°/55°



Saturday

Partly  
Cloudy  
66°/54°



Sunday

Partly  
Cloudy  
69°/54°













# Holiday Pets

## Purrfect Companions



Priscilla

Bring joy to your world. Bring a new best friend home this holiday season.

**Priscilla** is a small and squishy little doll. She loves to be held and flops down at your feet, begging for love. Priscilla becomes a limp noodle in your arms and wants to be carried anywhere you go. She loves to play with toys and does fine with other kitties too. Priscilla was found in a feral cat colony and was luckily rescued before she starved. She's a petite little girl, weighing just 5 pounds.

**Bella** is the cutest and most playful kitten! She has big, beautiful and curious green eyes and the softest fur. When she is not running around playing with her toys, or hiding in a box, you will find her taking a kitten nap with her "blue bear." Bella is full of curiosity and will follow you around the house and keep you



Archer

company while playing with her toys. She is always camera-ready! At the end of the day Bella has one last play session, a bedtime meal and then falls asleep in her basket with her blanket and blue bear. Bella is a happy kitten and is ready for her loving, forever home.

**Komomo** is a kind, gentle, playful little boy. He and his sister were rescued in West LA and were love bugs from the moment they went to their foster home. Komomo will adapt easily to other pets. He is a joyful kitty who would be great paired with his sister or other



Komomo



Minnie

friendly cats. Your heart will melt when you meet Komomo.

**Frida** is an incredibly adorable, sweet kitty. Her "kitler" look makes her even more adorable. She is a little shy, but warms up to anyone with her favorite treats. Frida will sleep on your bed and purr in your arms once she knows you. She is extremely playful with her toys and other kittens. Wrestling and snuggling with other kittens are definitely among her favorite activities. Frida needs to be adopted into a home with another young kitty who will play with her and show her the ropes of her forever home.

**Pandora** is an adorable "plug and play" kitten. Just let her directly out of the carrier

and she is good to go. No adjustment period needed! Pandora loves to play or get on your lap and slowly fall asleep as you caress her head. This stunning girl is a "Hemingway" or polydactyl kitten, meaning she has extra toes. They look like she has on mittens...so cute. Pandora gets along great with other cats and kittens and needs to have another cat or kitten to play with, as she is still developing her personality. She lives with several of her closest friends and her twin brother at our Adoption Center.

**Archer** is an adorable little pocket panther. He's got a panther swagger as well. Archer loves treats, crinkle balls and getting petted... not necessarily in that order. He's very quiet as far as kittens go and has the tiniest little meow. When you reach out to touch him, his little back arches with happiness. Archer will lean in to your touch and begin to purr. He would be the perfect companion for a single kitty in need of a (non-pushy) kitten friend. He has lived with several kittens and adult cats and gets along with everyone. And, if you are interested in adopting two fur babies, his friend Wyatt is also up for adoption.

**Minnie** is a sweet girl with a friendly, outgoing personality who is one in a litter of seven.



Pandora



Frida



Bella

She enjoys toys and playing with her siblings and the other kitties at the sanctuary. She also likes to monitor the caretakers at the sanctuary and sneaks in to get attention while they are trying to clean. Minnie enjoys snuggling with her siblings at night and is hoping to be adopted with one of them.

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org) or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org).

Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

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# Holiday Pets

## Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Meggie Hogan, Development Assistant/spcaLA

This adorable group of two dogs and two cats will give those looking to adopt their next pet some awesome options. Each of them is available at the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center at 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. To learn more, call 310-676-1149.

**Pumpkin (19-00817): An 8-year-old domestic long-haired male cat.**

“Hi, my name is Pumpkin and I am a super lovable cuddler! My favorite hobbies are playing, eating cat treats and sunning myself on the window. Stop by the South Bay Pet Adoption Center and visit me today!” More info: <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-00817>

**Landon (19-01457): A 1-year-old male Pit Bull mix.**

“Hi, I’m Landon! I am a sweet, handsome, smart young Pibble who would love to meet

you! I’ve been working with middle school kids teaching them love and compassion. In return, they’ve taught me trust, bravery, and lots of neat tricks!” More info: <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-01457>

**Spice (19-00818): A 6-year-old domestic short-haired female cat.**

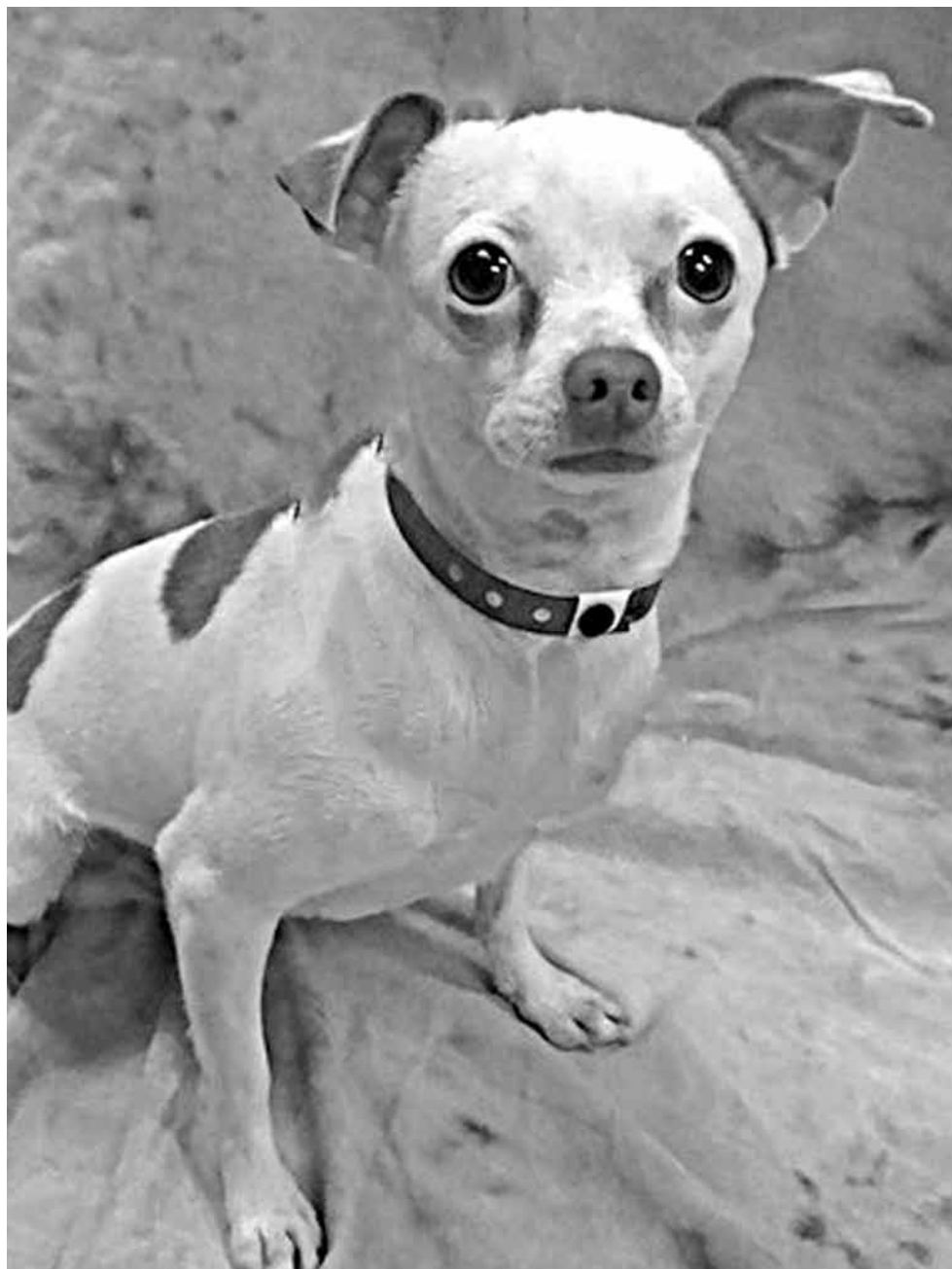
“My name is Spice and I’m a beautiful cat with a wonderful purrsonality. Come pet my fluffy coat and I know you’ll want to take me home and be my Friend for Life!” More info: <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-00818>

**Harry (19-01382): A 3-year-old male Chihuahua mix.**

“Arf! I’m Harry, a sweet boy who wants nothing more than to cuddle up with my new Friend for Life. I can’t wait to find my forever home where I can train with my family. Stop by for a visit and you’ll see how affectionate and loving I am!” More info: <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-01382> •



Spice



Harry



Landon



Pumpkin

### City Council

from front page

will you and your staff stay above the fray?

**Butts:** There is no fray. This litigation is ridiculous. Eight billion dollars in development, that myself and my staff brought, will manifest in the next several years. Do you think it’s coincidental that when we become the economic center of Los Angeles County, that a multibillion-dollar corporation would allege that the mayor of a 9-square mile city tricked them? That’s absurd. This is about money, it’s about control. It’s about someone wanting to take away our power of self-determination. They won’t be allowed to do that. Don’t you find it coincidental that this litigation is dove-tailing back to one source, and that one source fears the competition [that a basketball arena will bring]? They spent more money than anyone in the history of Inglewood and still lost by the largest margin of votes ever -- 14,000 to be specific.

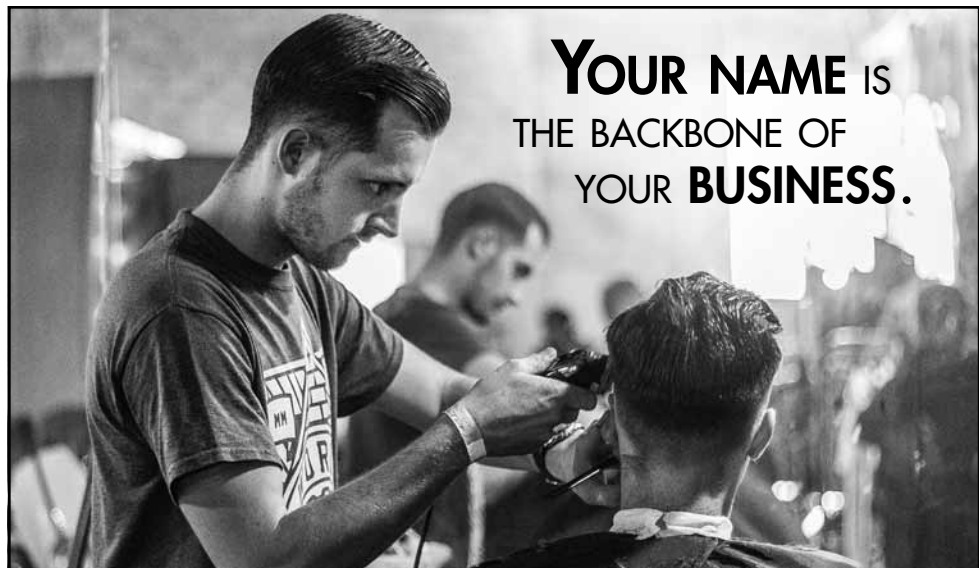
**IN:** What’s next for you, as mayor and as

an Inglewood resident?

**Butts:** What is next for me is to do what I have been doing: providing jobs, public safety, new roads/sidewalks, renewed parks and stable property values for the residents.

**IN:** What does a mayor of a boom town do in his free time?

**Butts:** There really is no free time. This position consumes a minimum of 65 hours per week. I’m working for and thinking about the city 24/7. I do like to work out. I’m probably a workout-aholic. And I love to read. I wake up at one in the morning, and I read 19 papers across the country. The New York Times, Wapo, the Chicago Tribune. I look for things that are going well in cities and things that go bad. IO send articles to staff, so we can be looking for where we might be vulnerable in our operations, and what we can do to prevent it. I also spend a lot of time mentoring the top staff here. •



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