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The Beginning of a New Year

By Ron Sokol

It is 2026. Time continues to fly. Hard to believe many of us are still going to turn 39 this year. Did you make any resolutions? Have you been to the gym several times already? What is this about starting a new year?

Well, the Gregorian calendar is adopted by most of the world and dates back to 1582. The average calendar year was determined to be 365.2425 days; rather precise indeed. Far longer ago, four thousand years back in ancient Babylon, the earliest recorded festivities are found with the arrival of a new year. A religious festival called *Akitu* was in vogue, involving no less than eleven to twelve days, each with a different ritual.

This changes a bit with the advent of Roman times. At that point in history, there were ten months and 304 days in a year, with the vernal equinox signaling the start of a new year. But the calendar did not quite align with the sun, so Julius Caesar consulted the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of the day. *Voila!* The Julian calendar was established, which, like the Gregorian calendar, brings us to that potentially very noisy moment celebrated recently here in our own neck of the woods, known as *New Year's Eve*.

Honk the horn! Pull the cork! Pop, fizz, pour, sip, hug, and kiss! The ball has dropped! Out with the old; in with the new!

With the new year comes opportunity, a chance to start anew, make amends, stick to those resolutions, be better at something, slim down, travel more, or, my personal favorite – which I have embraced for decades now – *win the lottery!* Yes, this year! This is the year! I'm gonna win!

How did this whole thing about making resolutions come to be? *Akitu* is mentioned

above; it began with the farming season during which crops are planted, the king was crowned, and the good people made promises to pay their debts. A typical resolution at that time was to return borrowed farm equipment.

Fast forward once more to the Romans, at which time sacrifices were offered to *Janus*, a unique God of two faces, one looking to the past and the other into the future. *Janus*, literature provides, was a God of beginnings, endings, transitions, doorways, and time. Romans made promises of good behavior in the year ahead.

New Year's resolutions are found in the Middle Ages as well. Medieval knights would renew their vow of chivalry by literally placing their hands on a peacock, which historically became known as the annual "Peacock Vow".

By the 17th Century, resolutions at the new

year were commonplace, so much so that people began to find humor not only in making their pledges but also in breaking them. Here, quoted from a Boston newspaper at the time:

"And yet, I believe there are multitudes of people, accustomed to receive injunctions of new year resolutions, who will sin all the month of December, with a serious determination of beginning the new year with new resolutions and new behavior, and with the full belief that they shall thus expiate and wipe away all their former fault..."

I guess hangovers were not unusual then either.

New Year's resolutions in our country have changed over the years. In the 19th Century, resolutions were more religious or spiritual in nature, emphasizing the development of

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Sunny
64°/46°



Saturday
Sunny
70°/50°



Sunday
Mostly
Sunny
73°/53°



Happy 2026! Image provided by Ron Sokol.

Film Review

Three Awards Contenders You Can Stream From Home

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

We're about three months away from the 98th Academy Awards, which airs March 15th on ABC and streaming on Hulu (the move to YouTube is set to take place in 2028). Ahead of the official nominations announcement on Thursday, January 22nd, studios have been campaigning hard for a coveted slot in the awards race. If you want to weigh in on this year's selections, here are three contenders that you can watch from home.

One Battle After Another

Watch Now on HBO Max

From writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson, *One Battle After Another* tells the story of a washed-up revolutionary, Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio), who exists in a state of stoned paranoia, surviving off-grid with his spirited, self-reliant daughter, Willa (Chase Infiniti). When his evil nemesis (Sean Penn) resurfaces after 16 years, and Willa goes missing, the former radical scrambles to find her, with both father and daughter battling the consequences of his past. *One Battle After Another* has taken an early lead in the Oscar race, winning top honors in the "Big Four" cultural indicator awards: the National Society of Film Critics, NY Film Critics Circle, LA Film Critics Association, and National Board of Review. This is quite significant because this makes OBAA only the fourth film in history (alongside *Schindler's List*, *L.A. Confidential*, and *The Social Network*)



Top to bottom: *One Battle After Another*, *The Perfect Neighbor* and *Bugonia*, courtesy of Cinemacy.

to reach the equivalent of the film critic's "EGOT" status.

The Perfect Neighbor

Watch Now on Netflix

Making its World Premiere at last year's Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Directing Award for U.S. Documentary, *The Perfect Neighbor* is your next must-see true crime film. Directed by Geeta Gandbhir, *The Perfect Neighbor* bears witness to a tight-knit Florida community navigating one neighbor's relentless harassment. The woman at the center of the drama is Susan Lorincz, an elderly yet hostile woman whose behavior takes a sinister turn when it escalates into a fatal crime, which she defends by hiding behind the state's "Stand Your Ground" law. What makes this film unique is its predominant use of bodycam footage from dozens of police visits that have been stitched together to tell this heartbreaking story. It's truly a unique viewing experience. The film has been short-listed for the 98th Academy Awards for Best Documentary Feature, with an additional 22 wins and 30 nominations at various festivals and award shows.

Bugonia

Watch Now on Peacock

Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos (*Poor Things*, *The Lobster*) is back with another satirical dark comedy in his latest film, *Bugonia*. Reuniting with his muse Emma Stone, *Bugonia* tells the story of two conspiracy obsessed young men (Jesse Plemons, Aidan Delbis) who kidnap Michelle (Stone), the high-powered CEO of a major company. They are convinced that she is an alien intent on destroying planet Earth and will stop at nothing to get her to crack. *Bugonia* may not be a standout among this year's highly competitive Best Picture race, let alone one of Lanthimos's best films, so it's coming into awards season as a dark horse. However, the film received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Musical or Comedy, in addition to Stone and Plemons' nominations for lead actress and actor. •



Morgan Rojas

Seniors

Pets Help Seniors Stay Healthier and Happier, Studies Show

(BPT) - French novelist Sidonie-Gabrielle Collette once said, "Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet." Pets provide meaningful social support for owners, and they can be especially beneficial for seniors. Ample research shows pet ownership delivers physical and mental health benefits for seniors, regardless of whether they're living on their own or in a senior living community.

However, many older Americans still mistakenly believe moving into a senior living community means they'll have to leave their pets behind. In fact, the fear they'll have to give up a beloved pet is among the top emotional reasons seniors don't want to move into senior living, according to author and senior real estate specialist Bruce Nemovitz. In an informal survey by Nemovitz, seniors ranked losing a pet as emotionally jarring as having to leave their familiar homes and possessions.

"Senior living communities like Brookdale Senior Living are all about supporting the physical health and mental well-being of residents," says Carol Cummings, senior director of Optimum Life. "For many senior citizens, pets are an important part of their lives. It makes sense to preserve the bond between pet and senior owner whenever possible."

Pet ownership benefits senior citizens in multiple ways, research shows. Older people who own dogs are likely to spend 22 additional minutes walking at a moderately intense pace each day, according to a recent study by The University of Lincoln and Glasgow Caledonian University. Published in *BioMed Central*, the study also found dog owners took more than 2,700 more steps per day than non-owners.

Interacting with pets also has many mental health benefits, especially for seniors. Spending time with pets can help relieve anxiety and increase brain levels of the feel-good neurochemicals serotonin and dopamine.

"For too long, some senior living communities didn't recognize the value of allowing residents to bring their pets with them," Cummings says. "That has definitely changed."

For seniors looking for a community that will accept their pets, Cummings suggests a few questions to ask:

- What is your pet policy and what type of animal do you consider a pet? Generally, small dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, rats, hamsters, fish, turtles and other small companion animals qualify for pet policies. Seniors should check

to be sure their pet meets the standards of the community.

- What is your pet health policy? Typically, senior living communities that accept small pets will want them to be current on all vaccinations and have regular exams by a licensed veterinarian. Pets will also need to have any required state- or county-issued licenses.

- What, if any, kind of training do you require pets to have? Requiring dogs to be house-trained and cats to be litter-trained is standard. Communities will also want to know your pet is well-behaved and not aggressive. They may ask you to have pets obedience trained.

- Do you offer any assistance with pet-related tasks? Most communities will require residents be able to care for pets themselves, including feeding, walking, potty needs and health needs.

"Moving into a senior living community is a big change, one that most residents find positive," Cummings says. "They gain freedom from home maintenance tasks and household chores, a socially rewarding environment, and as-needed support for healthcare and daily care. As long as seniors are still able to care for their pets, there's no reason they shouldn't be allowed to bring their best friends with them to their new homes." •



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A Euro-Cali Fusion Cafe is in the South Bay



Soft Cafe brings Europe's lifestyle to Hawthorne by encouraging a strong community space where you can lounge with friends or family. They offer specialty coffees, acai bowls, in-house made ice-cream, sandwiches, and pastries. Photos courtesy of Soft Cafe Instagram page.

Finance

Electric Vehicle...An Alternative with Lower Costs

(BPT) - Electric vehicles (EVs) are the future of transportation, offering a fun to drive alternative to traditional gas-fueled cars as well as lower maintenance costs. Almost every major automaker is introducing new electric models - from SUVs and trucks to sports cars and motorcycles.

EVs are becoming so widely available that more than 1200 different EV models will be available globally by 2026, according to estimates from Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

To support this growing need for EV recharging, significant investments are being made concerning charging stations, making it easier than ever to own an EV. The U.S. Department of Energy reports that more than 42,000 total EV charging station locations

exist in the United States as of June 2021 - and the president has set a goal to reach 500,000 charging stations nationwide by 2030.

As the auto industry becomes more electrified, learning about the basics of EV charging like how and where to charge, is the first step in helping drivers feel more comfortable - and even excited - about the idea of switching to an EV that fits their lifestyle.

Types of EV Chargers

Charging at home, work and other public locations all require different types of chargers - and it's important to understand the differences.

Public Fast DC-Chargers

Currently, the fastest way to charge an EV is
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Jane Addams Middle School's Winter Raffle Winners



Our wonderful library media center clerk, Ms. Grace, hosted a fun raffle before winter break. Congratulations to all the winners—enjoy your prizes. Photo courtesy of Jane Addams Middle School Facebook page.

New Year

from front page

a stronger moral character, a more vigorous work ethic, and restraint with respect to “earthly pleasures”. By the late 1940s, resolutions ranged from smoking less to stop smoking all together, to save more money, to improve one’s mood, to slimming down at least a little. More recently, resolutions seem to focus on enjoying life to the fullest, getting organized, saving more, getting fit, and falling in love.

Resolutions are not secret, are they? I ask because you rarely hear people sharing their resolutions. Maybe resolutions are a bit like prayers – requests we make, hopes we yearn for, outcomes we desire, of a more private nature.

I think there is a level of prudence that is helpful when it comes to New Year’s resolutions: If you set the bar so high, you may ultimately decide it is not possible to get there; you may give up before you should. A

practical solution is to be at least somewhat realistic, and, if you can squeeze in your resolutions to help others, that too can pay real dividends.

Either way, folks, I hope you had a very good New Year’s Day and in the week since. As we live within driving distance of the beach, I visited there on New Year’s Day. There is something about looking out at the horizon. It is enjoyable to peer out, to think: “Hey, I have three hundred and sixty-five days to do a whole lot of good stuff.”

But if I am not careful, the ocean finds its way to my shoes. The water is pretty cold on New Year’s Day; thankfully, with any luck, it will warm up in about six to seven months.

A new year has arrived. It all starts over again, but it is new. May yours be all you could hope for! As noted, my list of resolutions is pretty short. I just really hope the lottery people know that I am supposed to win big. •



New Goals.



Resolutions. Images provided by Ron Sokol.



The Count Down.

Torrance Tribune

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City of Torrance Wins Award at This Year's Rose Parade



Our city's float, "Together in Harmony", was awarded the Princess Award for the most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length. Thanks to Torrance Rose Float Association and all the volunteers that brought this beautiful float to life. Congratulations. Photo courtesy of City of Torrance Facebook page.

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with direct current (DC)-fast chargers, which are usually found in public and commercial settings like grocery store and shopping center parking lots. These stations provide charging speeds faster than what drivers would find in home chargers, allowing them to get back on the road more quickly.

Electrify America, for example - the largest public ultra-fast DC charging network in the U.S., with more than 640 charging stations and more than 2,860 individual chargers - offers the fastest available charging speeds today, allowing capable EVs to add up to 20 miles of range per minute.

Home Chargers

One perk of an EV is the ability to power up without even leaving the house. At home, drivers use either a Level 1 or Level 2 charger, with the difference being how long it takes to get the car's battery fully recharged.

Charging at Level 1 is most often used overnight, as these chargers usually add, on average, only 2-5 miles of range per 1 hour of charging to a depleted battery - meaning it will take about 8 hours to add 40 miles of range. Because Level 1 chargers expend less energy, they typically use a standard household outlet - like the one used to charge a smartphone or plug in a blender - and there's no special charging equipment installation required.

Level 2 charging is the faster charging option, which is commonly found in multi-unit dwellings. Examples include work offices, apartment complexes and hotels. This option also allows for drivers charging to fill up on more battery range in less time.

Level 2 charging requires the purchase of special charging equipment and uses the kind of outlet needed to run larger, more powerful household appliances like a washer or dryer. Depending on the vehicle's battery size, Level 2 charging will add, on average, about 10-20 miles of range per one hour of charging from a depleted battery.

Paying for Public Charging

When plugging into a public EV charger, drivers will pay one of two ways, depending on the state where they're charging - either by the number of minutes a car is plugged into the charger, or by the amount of energy the charger uses in one hour, known as kilowatt hour or kWh pricing.

Quality Charging Experience

Connected services are making the charging experience easier than ever. Electrify America's easy-to-use mobile app, for example, means customers can manage aspects of the charging session - such as payment and remote monitoring of the session status - directly from their smart phones. The company is also introducing solar-powered canopies at select station locations, providing customers with weather protection while potentially storing energy.

EVs are an exciting part of the future of transportation, and understanding the charging process is key as more drivers consider an EV lifestyle. As charging companies build more stations and apply new technologies to enhance the overall charging experience, the world moves even closer to making public EV charging as simple as filling up at a gas station - perhaps even easier. •

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE STURGIS Case No. 25STPB14075

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY LOUISE STURGIS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Anthony Derrell Sturgis (aka Anthony Sturgis) in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Anthony Derrell Sturgis be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 20, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) CITY OF HAWTHORNE PY26-27 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs

Program Description: The City of Hawthorne is pleased to announce the availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds for the 2026-2027 Program Year. These programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are administered locally by the City of Hawthorne to support the development of affordable housing, provision of public services, and other activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons and neighborhoods. This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) covers a one-year period for CDBG and HOME activities that will begin July 1, 2026.

Eligible Applicants: The City of Hawthorne invites eligible applicants, including nonprofit organizations, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), for-profit developers, and other entities, to submit applications for projects that meet the requirements of the CDBG and/or HOME programs. Priority for funding will be given to those applicants that address one of the Strategic Plan goals included in the City's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

How to Apply: As of the date of this publication, applications may be completed online at <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/MDG-HAWTHORNECA/Participant>. Applications must be submitted through the City's online submission portal, Neighborly, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The City has included an instructional guide for applicant registration and the submission process through the Neighborly system on the City's website <https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing/cdbg>. Applicants are advised to review the application carefully and contact the City's staff with any questions or technical issues before submitting their applications. The City reserves the right to modify the amount and allocation of funds, to reject any or all applications, to waive any minor irregularities or deficiencies in the applications, and to request additional information or clarification from the applicants.

NOFA Workshop: The City will be conducting a NOFA Technical Assistance Workshop on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, to provide information and guidance on the application process within the Neighborly system, eligibility criteria, evaluation factors, and reporting requirements. Attendance at the workshop is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory, for interested applicants. Please email rbridges@mdg-ldm.com to RSVP for the workshop and to ensure you receive the invitation to the meeting.

City Contact: Should you have any questions regarding this NOFA, please contact Kimberly Mack, Housing Director, via email at kmack@cityofhawthorne.org.

Language Access: Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este NOFA, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kimberly Mack, Directora de Programas de Vivienda, por correo electrónico en kmack@cityofhawthorne.org.

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A.P.N.: 4041-009-067 Trustee Sale No.:2023-2182 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 2/14/2024. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 1/29/2026 at 11:00 AM, S.B.S. Lien Services As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 2/21/2024 as Document No. 20240112781 Book Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. The original owner: YVONNE DONNELL AND RICHARD STEVENS The purported current owner: YVONNE DONNELL AND RICHARD STEVENS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of 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.: IN THE COURTYARD OF THE CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, as more fully described on the above referenced assessment lien. The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 4644 BROADWAY HAWTHORNE CA 90250 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 made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$28,679.18 accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, PLAZATOWNHOMES CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment 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 caused said

Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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 FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342 or visit this internet web-site www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-2182. 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: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342, or visit this

internet website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-2182 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE NINETY DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION CONTAINED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(b). Date: 12/22/2025 S.B.S LIEN SERVICES, 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362. By: Anniisa Young, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer (TS# 2023-2182 SDI-36074) Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub 1/8, 1/15, 1/22/26

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 24-20284-SP-CA Title No. 240555688-CA-VOI A.P.N. 4075-004-036 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/03/2006. 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) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, 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: Rafael Moreno Jr, a married man as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/09/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2495126 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: : 01/23/2026 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: At The Courtyard located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$332,270.78 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4171 West 170th Street, Lawndale, CA 90260 A.P.N.: 4075-004-036 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)(2)923.55(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

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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 24-20284-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: 12/17/2025 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 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4861116 12/25/2025, 01/01/2026, 01/08/2026 Lawndale Tribune 12/25/25; 1/11, 1/8/26 HL-29100

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT FOR HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM & ASSOCIATED GROUND WATER

1. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE:
The City of Hawthorne ("City") is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified firms to provide operations, maintenance, and management (O&M) services for the City's municipal potable water system. The Purpose of this RFQ is to:
• Identify highly qualified firms with demonstrated experience in municipal water system operations,
• Establish a shortlist of firms eligible for interviews,
• Select a preferred firm with whom the City may negotiate one or more agreements, which may include:
o Contract O&M services,
o A phased transition agreement,
o public-private partnership (PPP),
o A hybrid operating or management structure,
o Or other mutually acceptable delivery models. This RFQ is not a request for pricing and does not obligate the City to enter into a lease or long-term agreement.

2. CITY'S WATER SYSTEM (SUMMARY):
Providing a High-level description only :
• Approx. 6,000 connections
• Treatment plant, wells, reservoirs, booster stations
• Purchased water+ adjudicated groundwater
• Distribution system mileage
• Existing billing structure
• Regulatory oversight agencies (Detailed systems data will be made available during later negotiation phases.)
3.SCOPE OF SERVICES (QUALIFICATIONS-BASED)
Respondents must demonstrate qualifications to provide some or all of the following services:

- 3.1.Core Operations & Maintenance**
 - Day-to-day operations of treatment and distribution facilities
 - Preventative and corrective maintenance
 - Emergency response (24/7/365)
 - Water quality monitoring and compliance
 - SCADA and controls oversight
- 3.2.Regulatory & Compliance Management**
 - Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board / DDW requirements
 - Sampling programs and reporting
 - Response to inspections and violations
 - Recordkeeping and audit readiness
- 3.3.Staffing & Workforce Development**
 - Certified operators (treatment & distribution)
 - Sampling programs and reporting
 - Response to inspections and violations
 - Recordkeeping and audit readiness
- 3.4. Administrative, Billing & Customer Service Support**
 - Meter reading oversight
 - Billing system management or transition
 - Customer service support
 - Data management and reporting
 - Coordination with City finance staff
- 3.5. Capital Improvement & Asset Management Support**
 - Asset inventory and condition assessment
 - CIP development and prioritization
 - Coordination with City engineers
 - Construction oversight or self-performance
 - Grant and funding support (optional)
- 3.6. Construction & Field services (Preferred) Respondents may demonstrate:**
 - In-house construction capabilities
 - Class A or related contractor licensing
 - Ability to self-perform emergency or planned work
 - Experience coordinating capital projects in active systems
- 4.DELIVERY MODELS (INTENTIONALLY OPEN)**
Respondents shall describe their experience and capability under various

- delivery models, including:
 - Contract O&M services
 - Transitional or interim operations
 - Phased operational takeovers
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Hybrid management models
 - Lease or concession support (if applicable)
- Respondents are not required to propose a specific structure at this time.**
- 5. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS-REQUIRED CONTENT:**
Each SOQ shall include, at minimum:
5.1 Firm Background
 - Legal structure
 - Years in operation
 - Primary service lines
 - Municipal water experience
- 5.2 Relevant Project Experience**
 - Comparable municipal systems
 - Size, complexity, and services provide
 - Duration of engagements
 - Reference contacts (minimum 3)
- 5.3 Key Personnel**
 - Organizational chart
 - Resumes of key staff
 - Certifications and licenses
 - Local or regional staffing availability
- 5.4 Technical Capabilities**
 - Treatment and distribution expertise
 - SCADA and technology experience
 - Regulatory compliance track record
 - Emergency response capabilities
 - Distribution system mileage
 - Existing billing structure
 - Regulatory oversight agencies
- 5.5 Workforce & Training Programs**
 - Operator training programs
 - Apprenticeship or workforce development
 - Retention and recruitment strategies
- 5.6 Financial Capacity**
 - Evidence of financial stability
 - Ability to scale operations
 - Insurance and bonding capacity
- 5.7 Optional Enhancements**
 - Innovations, technology, or efficiency tools
 - Asset management systems
 - Sustainability initiatives
 - Grand or funding expertise
- 6.PROCURMENT PROCESS**
Step 1 – RFQ Issuance
City issues RFQ.

- Step 2 – Evaluation & Shortlisting**
RFQs evaluated based on qualifications only.
- Step 3 – Interviews**
Top-ranked firms invited for interviews and discussions.
- Step 4 – Negotiation**
City enters negotiations with selected firm(s) for:
 - Interim or transitional services
 - Long-term O&M agreement
 - PPP / hybrid structure
 - Lease or other arrangements (if desired)
- 7.EVALUTATION CRITERIA**
 - Relevant municipal water experience
 - Depth of operational and regulatory expertise
 - Staffing strength and certifications
 - Workforce development and training programs
- Ability to support transition and long-term needs

- Demonstrated reliability and performance
- Overall fit with City objectives
- 8.CITY RIGHTS**
The City reserves the right to:
 - Modify or cancel this RFQ
 - Request additional information
 - Conduct interviews
 - Negotiate scope and terms
 - Select one or more firms
 - Take no action
- SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:**
 - The successful proposer shall provide an up-front payment to the City in the amount of \$10,000,000. The timing and structure of this payment may be negotiated as part of contract execution.
- TERM OF CONTRACT:**
 - The term of the contract will be for ten (10) years, with an optional ten (10) year extension to the discretion of the City.

- PRE- SITE VISIT:**
 - A mandatory pre-bid site inspection of the water treatment and storage tank facilities as well as elevated water tank will be conducted at those facilities on January 13, 2026 at 9:30 A.M. at 12540 Ramona Avenue. All proposers shall execute a sign-in sheet at the Site visit. Proposers' questions will be answered at this time or later through email. Last day of accepting and processing questions is January 16, 2026. No more questions can be accepted and processed after this date.
 - **Mandatory Pre-Job Walk will be held on January 13, 2026 at 9:30 am at 12540 Ramona Ave. Hawthorne, CA 90250.**
 - ***Note: Contractors that do not attend the Mandatory Job Walk will be disqualified from bidding on the RFQ.**

RELEASE OF RFP	12/19/2025
MANDATORY JOB WALK	1/13/2026
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS	1/16/2026
DEADLINE FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED	1/22/2026

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Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

Spike is a beautiful one-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix with a striking brown-and-white coat. He's full of energy and absolutely loves playtime in the yard, especially when his favorite ball is involved! Spike is a big fan of water and has a blast splashing in the pool or chasing the hose. If you enjoy the outdoors and don't mind getting a little wet, Spike could be the perfect companion for you. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21326>

Ralphina is a 7-month-old kitten with a beautiful white and tabby coat. Though she can be a little shy at first, she absolutely loves to play and warms up to new people very quickly. Ralphina has a sweet backstory—she was found by a caring shopper after wandering into a local Ralphs grocery store. Thanks to that kindness, she was brought to spcaLA, where she's now safe and ready to find a loving home. Stop by the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center to meet this sweet girl today. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21259>

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Indigo is a sweet and affectionate 2-year-old female cat with a stunning black-and-white tuxedo coat. She has a laid-back, gentle personality and loves everyone she meets, including other cats! Her easygoing nature makes her a wonderful fit for just about any household. If you're looking for a loving companion who will settle right in, Indigo could be the perfect match. She's spayed, microchipped, fully vaccinated, and ready to go home today! <http://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21152>

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Meet **Kilo**, a handsome 5-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix with a soft white coat and an adorable heart-shaped patch around his eye. At 76 lbs, Kilo has a lot of energy and excitement and loves chasing tennis balls. After exploring the play yard, Kilo settles down and leans into you for pets. He would do best in a home with big breed experience. Stop by the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center to visit Kilo today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21222> •



Spike



Indigo



Ralphina



Kilo

“A dog wags its tail with its heart.”
— MARTIN BUXBAUM