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Congratulations Jason Crowe Jr.



Inglewood High School star and Missouri signee, Jason Crowe Jr., has been named a 2026 McDonald's All-American. A true representation of Inglewood Unified — grounded, focused, and driven. Ranked Top 5 in the nation while maintaining honor roll status, Jason proves that excellence isn't one-dimensional. It shows up in the classroom. It shows up when the lights are brightest. We are so proud of your accomplishments — and this is only the beginning. Photo courtesy of Inglewood Unified School District Facebook page.

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
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78°/59°



Saturday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
77°/57°



Sunday
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A Gentleman Who Also is a Prosecutor

By Ron Sokol

The City of Hawthorne recently approved David Caceres as its City Attorney. He has a wealth of experience in Municipal Law — including as an integral part of the City Attorney's offices in Torrance, Riverside, Simi Valley and now here — for over two decades.

You may not be aware that City Attorney's Office in Hawthorne handles criminal matters — a variety of misdemeanor offenses — and civil actions as well. Mr. Caceres also advises the City Council, is present at the Council meetings, and invariably is called upon to troubleshoot on legal issues and concerns as they arise.

We live in a very litigious society. On the civil side, the Hawthorne City Attorney's office deals with matters that include housing, parking, police-related actions, and constitutional law; on the criminal side, the tasks include prosecuting cases of domestic violence, driving under the influence, illegal gang activities, and child endangerment.

Here, then, a disclaimer: It is important to be objective as a columnist. Further, each column should be informative, which means I am going ask pertinent questions, and seek to uncover interesting details to share with the reader. A problem in this instance, however, is that I find Mr. Caceres to not simply be an outstanding lawyer, but a person for whom civility and diligence go hand-in-hand. In other words, I truly like the guy, and admire his tenacity. As a lawyer of over forty years, it is very encouraging to get to know a member of the Bar who is dedicated both to public good and to acting in a manner that is exemplary. We also share fondness for our respective dogs, both of whom we consider to be as wonderful if not more wonderful than any other dog on earth.

In sum, David Caceres is a real gentleman who also happens to be a lawyer. Over the years at any given time, he also happens to be a fierce prosecutor. That is a pretty interesting combination. And he does it, I have seen firsthand, with notable class.

Ok, then, back to the column stuff:

David's interest in becoming a public servant was inspired by his dad, who served as the Secretary of Education in Colombia. After immigrating to the United States, his dad worked at the United Nations in New York for five years. The family moved to the West Coast when David was quite young because he and his brother had very bad allergies; a doctor said they would fare better out this way.

This is how David Caceres came to grow up in Torrance. He decided he was going to become a professional baseball player. The "hot box", that is to say, third base, was his turf. Then reality hit when he went to college at California State University, Long Beach, and saw firsthand the competition. All of which will lead him to a law school that is not quite at the top of many people's choices, located in Michigan, named Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. He returned to the South Bay after graduating, passed the Bar the first time, and found his way to the Torrance City Attorney's Office as a law clerk.

"I was given four misdemeanor jury trials, and fortunately obtained a guilty verdict on each. No law clerk had ever done that. Lastly, now over 20 years later, it has crossed my mind to retire. But I like working, I like doing this, and I have a lot of energy to try to help the community. Hawthorne, in my view, is on a good path. There is a lot of promise and a great vision for economic development. Our City Manager, Von Norris,



David and his Mom. Photo courtesy of Ron Sokol. is top-notch. I'm just really encouraged about what the future here can be."

A bit of a funny coincidence is that at the present time, the Hawthorne City Attorney's office has four staff members, and so is one short. Just a few years ago, David bumped into his friend and colleague, attorney Robert Kim, then Hawthorne's City Attorney. Mr. Kim happened to mention that Hawthorne had four persons working, was one short of staff, which is how David came to be here. It was also a good choice because his mom lives in Torrance.

"I drive a bit of distance for work, and make sure to visit mom Lucia each week. His Dad passed away three years ago. I will say my mother is about the best cook of Colombian food you can imagine, and there is always a lot to talk about, or, maybe I should say, she always has a lot to talk about! I am going to eat, I am going to be very well fed, ok, overfed! By the way, one of my biggest passions is cycling. That's important for a lot of reasons, one of which is to try to stay at least somewhat slim. I am also glad to say

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Check It Out

Mona's Eyes by Thomas Schlessor

By Roz Templin, Library Assistant,
El Segundo Public Library

Mona's Eyes topped bestsellers lists for many weeks since its release at the end of August last year. Barnes & Noble selected it for its Book of the Year for 2025. It is an international number one bestseller, published in 38 languages (and in Braille!) ... and it's a fictional tale about art.

The plot is simple: Ten-year-old Mona experienced a terrifying 63 minutes of blindness while she was doing her homework one evening. She undergoes many tests, but the cause is unexplained. It is unknown whether she might lose her sight in the future. She continues to be monitored by doctors, and it's suggested that she see a pediatric psychiatrist to help her deal with this situation. Her grandfather has a better idea: instead of seeing the psychiatrist, he will take Mona to the grand museums in their city of Paris so she can see (and remember) 52 great art masterpieces in the coming year.

Mona and her grandfather have a very special relationship and their museum visits enhance that bond. Her grandfather is very knowledgeable, and he asks Mona to consider each artwork carefully before he begins their discussions about what she sees. There is an explication of each work and lively conversation between Mona and "Dade" follows.

Mona's parents are experiencing some difficulties in their relationship, exacerbated by their daughter's nebulous medical condition. But clearly, the grandfather's dedication to giving Mona a love and respect of art is the main point here.

I have been happily surprised by this book's positive reception by the public. My husband

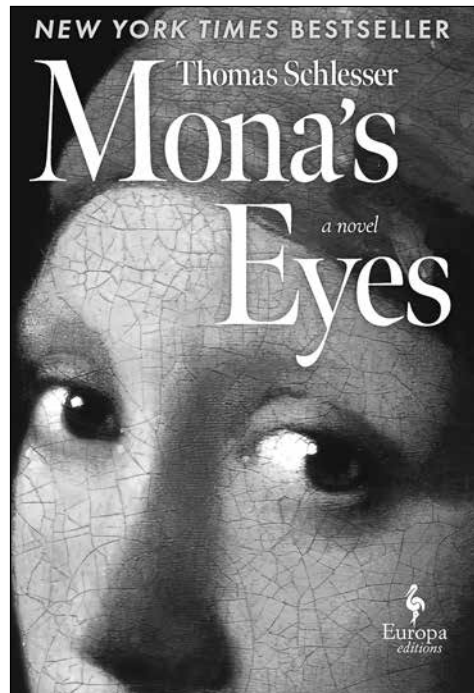
is an artist and he and I often talk about art's place within world culture, especially our own here in the USA. He is an art teacher as well, and he tells me that many of his adult students know next to nothing about art history and the great masters, nor about modern and/or contemporary art and artists. We can only speculate about whether these subjects are being taught in elementary and secondary schools, and in colleges and universities. We have a running conversation in which we bemoan the state of arts education and how great it would be if people could be informed how to enjoy and understand the treasures that are on display in our country's (and the world's) museums. So, I am just delighted that this book has found such a large audience.

Author Thomas Schlessor is a teacher of Art History at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris and has written several nonfiction books about art, artists and the relationship between art and politics. Commenting on the success of this novel he was quoted in a recent interview, "You know, *Mona's Eyes* is, in a way, a kind of pilgrimage through museums — the guiding idea being that art exists in the service of life."

A great description is on the website *Book-Trib.com*, which is a news source for people who love books, "It dazzles as a masterful work combining literary fiction and great storytelling while demonstrating a pathway to the study of art and art history which can serve to stimulate intellectual curiosity and critical thinking." I wholeheartedly agree!

If you decide to read this book, you will surely learn a lot. There's a quote by Picasso that is relevant: "Any form of art is a form of power; it has impact, it can affect change — it can not only move us, it makes us move."

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Mona's Eyes by Thomas Schlessor.



Roz Templin.

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Finance

Heavy Lifting: Moving the Needle without Doing Anything

By Geoff Sokol, Private Wealth Advisor

Sounds too good to be true, right? Imagine carrying five bags of groceries using only your toes. Awkward. Inefficient. If someone suggested using your hands instead, that would be a massive upgrade to your process.

While that is a ridiculous example and an uncomfortable visual, it captures a real issue. We often do things the hard way simply because no one ever showed us a better way. The absence of a rearview mirror in our financial lives leads to missed opportunities and unnecessary friction. Many successful people are still carrying the groceries with their toes. And yes, we are sticking with that analogy.

Let's start with an example I have seen more than once. Someone diligently maxed out IRA contributions for over a decade but never actually invested the money inside the account. It sat in cash, quietly losing to inflation. They believed "investing in an IRA" was the instruction itself and did not realize there was a second step. The hidden cost was substantial. Even at a conservative growth rate, they missed out on roughly \$50,000 over that period. Not because of bad investments, but because of inaction.

Once that problem is solved, another appears. Multiple accounts. A taxable brokerage account, a 401(k), or maybe a self-directed IRA. This is where asset location matters. A simple rule of thumb goes a long way: put tax-heavy income in tax-advantaged accounts, and put long-term growth assets in taxable accounts. Holding high-yield investments in a taxable account creates ongoing tax drag. Holding them in an IRA or 401(k) allows income and gains to compound without immediate taxation. You reduce taxes not by changing what you own, but by putting the same assets in better places.

When it comes to choosing investments, many people freeze. The options feel overwhelming, so nothing changes. But simplicity

works. If you want broad exposure to the S&P 500, there are funds with expense ratios close to zero. There are also funds with nearly identical exposure charging closer to one percent. That difference sounds small until you run the math. On a \$1 million portfolio earning 7 percent annually, a one percent fee costs more than \$660,000 over twenty years. That is the grocery bags on your toes.

There are plenty of honorable mentions. Using a 529 plan instead of a taxable savings account for education can mean tens of thousands of dollars in tax benefits. Proper beneficiary designations can allow assets to bypass probate and avoid unnecessary taxation. Proactive planning almost always beats deferred action.

For business owners, the list is even longer. Qualified business income deductions that go unused. Pass-through entity elections that are never evaluated. Retirement plans are far more powerful than an IRA that is ignored. Succession planning that never moves beyond vague intentions. None of these requires extraordinary effort. They require structure.

The title suggests doing nothing. A more

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Geoff Sokol

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Turning the Page Together: Thank You for Supporting Storytime with a Cop



Special thanks to the puppies in training from Canine Companions and Redondo Beach's K9 Cadbury for making a special appearance to the event. The kids were thrilled to meet the working dogs they read about in the book. Photo courtesy of Hawthorne Police Facebook page.

Seniors

5 Ways to Age-Proof Your Home: Easy Upgrades to Improve the Lives of Older Adults

(Family Features) - A home is more than four walls - it's where birthdays are celebrated, holiday dinners shared, illnesses weathered and losses mourned. Home is, as the saying goes, where the heart is.

It's little wonder then most people want to remain in their homes as they age, based on AARP research. Yet, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, less than half of U.S. houses are equipped with accessibility features for older adults.

It doesn't take a full remodel to make a home safer. Updates like installing handrails or improving hallway lighting can go a long way.

For those who need support in making these changes, programs like Helping Homebound Heroes, a partnership between Meals on Wheels America and The Home Depot Foundation, provide senior veterans with essential home modifications and repairs. This year, the initiative marked a milestone: 4,000 homes modified for seniors' safety.

"By improving safety and accessibility, we're helping senior veterans stay in the places they love," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. "Our work is about preserving independence and dignity - helping older adults live safely, confidently

and with connection to their communities."

These practical tips show how small fixes can add up to big peace of mind:

1. Create a Safer Entryway

For older adults, steps to the front door can be an obstacle. A ramp or zero-step entry allows for easier coming and going, and a covered porch or awning keeps walkways dry.

Path lights improve visibility at night, and a sturdy bench by the door provides a place to rest or put groceries.

2. Upgrade the Bathroom.

According to multiple studies, falls in the bathroom are more likely to cause injury than in other parts of the home.

If you're planning a bathroom project, start with small changes like raised toilet seats or toilet and shower grab bars. For a more extensive remodel, install non-slip flooring, replace traditional tubs with walk-in showers and add handheld showerheads.

3. Improve Flooring

The flooring in your home can have a big impact on safety. If you have thick or loose carpet, consider replacing it with a low-pile option.

Slip-resistant flooring, such as vinyl or cork, also provides good traction and can

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El Camino College Kicks Off Black History Month with Community Market and Festivities



El Camino College launched Black History Month with a vibrant celebration featuring a resource fair, local small business vendors at a Flea Market, and a performance by Daunte "King Toe" Fyall. Organized with the Social Justice Center, BSSC, and ASO, the event highlighted community and culture. Check out the upcoming events happening on campus at www.elcamino.edu/bhm. Photo courtesy of El Camino College Facebook page.

David Caceres

from front page

that my fiancé, our wedding is this spring, -- is a long-distance runner. So, along with now being the City Attorney, keeping tabs on quite a lot of cases, answering questions from the City Council, and checking in on mom, I also try to make sure to stay in good condition."

David and I got to a point where we compared notes about being a lawyer. Although we have taken different paths in the field, we share the same positive view about our profession. I have been in the private sector for the most part for many years. I also taught, wrote newspaper columns, and like to help people who have faced legal challenges. David Caceres is literally working to protect Hawthorne residents, protect Hawthorne's integrity, and seek sensible, constructive outcomes. Two guys, each with his own

agenda, his own style and characteristics, but with very much in common.

In closing, I see that I did not spend much time telling you about the large volumes of civil and criminal cases that are handled by Hawthorne's City Attorney's office each year. Here is one eye-opening statistic: About 1,500 to 2,000 criminal matters are brought in annually, which translates to five or more per day.

Mr. Caceres is an asset to the City of Good Neighbors. That viewpoint was not what I intended to write about when I sat down to prepare this column. But now you know at least a little more about him, and that counts as well. A genuine human being who spends a good part of the day and often into the evening is your City Attorney. •



The City Attorney's Office.



David's Great Dog Kiki. Photos courtesy of Ron Sokol.



Scales of Justice.

Torrance Tribune

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Torrance Unified School District Welcomes DA Nathan Hochman to Walteria Elementary



District Attorney Nathan Hochman joined our fifth graders for an engaging Project LEAD assembly, during which students asked thoughtful questions, explored the justice system, and learned how their choices shape their futures. We love seeing our students lead the conversation, think critically, and connect with community leaders who invest in their success. Thank you, District Attorney Hochman, for spending the morning with Torrance Unified. Photo courtesy of Torrance Unified School District Facebook page.

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Tate
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Opal is the tiny, yet mighty kitten whose gentle heart shines just as brightly as her name. Though she takes a little longer to warm up than her brother, Tate, once she feels safe, she blossoms into the sweetest little purr machine you will ever meet. Opal's cuddly nature and tender spirit make her an



Opal (Left) and Brother Tate
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Market Street Magic: Inglewood Shines at Black History Celebration



Last Saturday, the energy was absolutely amazing as our community took over Market Street for the City of Inglewood's Black History Celebration and Family Festival. A massive thank you to every vendor, performer, participant, and resident who showed up. Our stories matter, and while this event was a beautiful highlight, it's only one chapter of our history. Photo courtesy of City of Inglewood Facebook page.

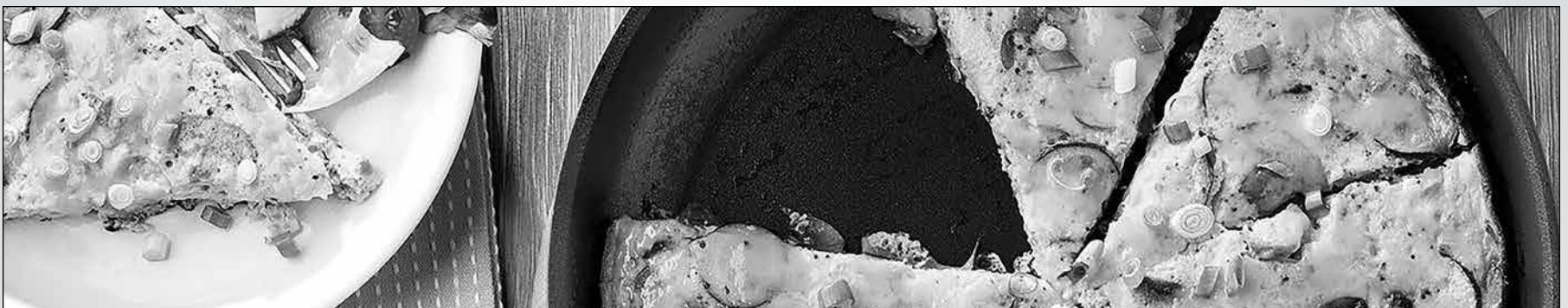


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Easy Frittata

Provided by Campbells Soup Corp.

Why do we never think frittata when we think one-dish meal? It cooks quickly, it's budget-friendly and easily customizable. This Cheddar Broccoli Frittata tastes great and is easy, too! Just saute some veggies, then pour a mixture of condensed broccoli cheese soup and eggs over the top. Let it cook for a minute or two, then quickly broil- 25 minutes, start to finish! You can also use whatever vegetables you have on hand, just keep the amounts and cut sizes the same so they cook in the same amount of time. You can also bake the mixture in a mini muffin-pan, for egg bites that look great on a brunch board! Or make a batch to freeze for a prep-ahead breakfast!



Ingredients

- 9 egg
- 1 can (10.5 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Broccoli Cheese Soup or (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed 98% Fat Free Broccoli Cheese Soup
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 ounces mushrooms, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 small zucchini, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 green onion (scallion), chopped

Directions

- **Step 1:** Beat the eggs and soup in a medium bowl with a fork or whisk. Season with salt and pepper.
- **Step 2:** Heat the butter in a 12-inch ovenproof nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the mushrooms, yellow onion and zucchini and cook until tender. Stir in the egg mixture. Reduce the heat to low. Cook for 5 minutes or until the egg mixture is almost set but still moist.
- **Step 3:** Heat the broiler. Sprinkle the cheese over the egg mixture. Broil the frittata with the top 4 inches from the heat for 2 minutes or until the top is golden brown. Sprinkle with the green onions before serving.

Send us a photo and recipe of your favorite dish. We'd love to share it with the community. Send to: web@heraldpublications.com

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Common Designation: 923 Holly Street, Inglewood, California
 Legal Description: THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 50 OF TRACT NO. 7560, IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 79 PAGES 68 AND 69 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. (assessor's parcel number 4023-05-019)

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT:

This is an action to quiet title to the above-described property. Plaintiff seeks a judgment determining that Plaintiff is the fee simple owner of the property and that defendants have no interest therein.

COURT INFORMATION:

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 1 Regent Way
 Inglewood, California 90301

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

Inglewood Daily News Pub 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26/26

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T.S. No.: 25-16370 Loan No.: *3679
 APN: 4030-027-010 Order Number: 2698591CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES) DATED 9/24/2024. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/18/2026 at 11:00 AM, Prestige Default Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant that certain DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING (WITH ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES) dated 9/24/2024 ("Deed of Trust") recorded on 10/10/2024, as Instrument No. 20240693012,, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by AY 10525 S 5TH STREET, LLC , A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("Trustor"), as trustor, to secure obligations in favor of Center Street Lending VII SPE, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company, as beneficiary. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by Cash, a Cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 25STCV31618

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ROSEMARIE MARTINEZ, an individual; EDWARD ARNOLD MARTINEZ, an individual; PHILLIP MICHAEL MARTINEZ, an individual; STEVEN JOHN MARTINEZ, an individual; JAMES MARTINEZ, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): ROBERT MARTINEZ, an individual

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 26TRCP00050

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

RUIYU YE
 to :
 KERRY RUIYU YE

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: April 3, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: E Room: 500
 The address of the court is:

825 MAPLE AVE
 TORRANCE, CA 90503

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:

Lawndale Tribune
 Date: February 13, 2026
 ALAN B. HONEYCUTT
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Lawndale Tribune: 2/9, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12/26

HL-29128

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 26TRCP00032

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

RASHAWN LAMAR SHEFFIELD
 to
 RASHAWN LAMAR

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: March 20, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: B
 The address of the court is:

825 MAPLE AVE
 TORRANCE, CA 90503

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:

Hawthorne Press Tribune
 Date: January 27, 2026
 JUDGE PATRICIA A. YOUNG
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12/26

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHELLE ELIZABETH JOHNSON CASE NO. 26STPB01771

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MICHELLE ELIZABETH JOHNSON.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LOGAN JOHNSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LOGAN JOHNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/24/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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
 PAUL KELLY, ESQ. - SBN 282324
 THE KELLY LAW FIRM
 4014 LONG BEACH BLVD
 LONG BEACH CA 90807
 Telephone (562) 548-7500
 BSC 228097
 2/26, 3/5, 3/12/26
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Hawthorne Public Housing Agency
 The draft Housing Authority Annual Plan and Administrative Plan for 2026 are available for review.
 Questions and written comments regarding the draft PHA Plans may be submitted during the public review and comment period commencing February 26, 2026 and concluding April 14, 2026 during a public hearing at 6PM in the Hawthorne City Council Chamber and should be addressed to Kimberly Mack, Director of Housing and CDBG, at 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250. You may also call (310) 349-1603 with any questions concerning the draft PHA Plans or the hearing.
 The publication of this notice begins a 45-day public review period. Copies of the draft PHA Plans will be available during the public review and comment period at the sites below and will run in the Harold Press Tribune 2/26, 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/02 and 4/09.

City of Hawthorne City Hall – Housing Department
 4455 W. 126th Street
 Hawthorne, CA 90250
 Business hours: 7:30am -5:30pm (Mon –Thursday and every other Friday)

City of Hawthorne City Hall – Office of the Clerk
 4455 W. 126th Street
 Hawthorne, CA 90250
 Business hours: 7:30am -5:30pm (Mon –Thursday and every other Friday)

City Website
 www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing

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NOTICIA PUBLICA
Agencia de Vivienda Pública de Hawthorne

El borrador del Plan anual de la Autoridad de Vivienda y el Plan Administrativo para 2026 están disponibles para su revisión.

Las preguntas y los comentarios escritos sobre los borradores de los Planes PHA pueden enviarse durante el período de revisión y comentarios públicos, el cual inicia el 26 de febrero de 2026 y concluye el 14 de abril de 2026, fecha en la que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública a las 6:00 p.m. en la Cámara del Concejo Municipal de Hawthorne. Los comentarios deben dirigirse a Kimberly Mack, Directora de Vivienda y CDBG, en 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Si tiene preguntas sobre los planes preliminares de la PHA o sobre la audiencia, también puede comunicarse al (310) 349-1603. La publicación de este aviso marca el inicio de un período de revisión pública de 45 días. Las copias de los borradores de los Planes PHA estarán disponibles durante todo el período de revisión y comentarios públicos en los sitios indicados a continuación, y se publicarán en el Harold Press Tribune en las siguientes fechas: 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03, 02/04 y 09/04.

Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Hawthorne - Departamento de Vivienda
 4455 W. 126th Street
 Hawthorne, CA 90250
 Horas de trabajo: 7:30am -5:30pm (Lunes–Jueves y cada otro Viernes)

Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Hawthorne - Oficina del Secretario
 4455 W. 126th Street
 Hawthorne, CA 90250
 Horas de trabajo: 7:30am -5:30pm (Lunes–Jueves y cada otro Viernes)

Sitio web de la ciudad
 www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing

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you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
 Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito

en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
 Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California,

(www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
 The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Scott Talkov and Greg Brown, 4000 MacArthur Blvd Ste 655, Newport Beach, CA 92660, (877) 727-8484
 DATE (Fecha): 10/30/25
 DAVID W. SLAYTON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK OF COURT, Clerk (Secretario), by E. GALICIA, Deputy (Adjunto)
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“Just don’t give up trying

to do what you really want

to do. Where there is love

and inspiration, I don’t think

you can go wrong.”

— Ella Fitzgerald

Seniors

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be more forgiving than hardwood or tile. Simple visual cues can help, too. Transition strips between rooms or on stair edges make changes in floor level easier to see.

4. Brighten Up Rooms

Brighter overhead fixtures improve visibility, making it easier to spot steps, furniture and other obstacles. At night, motion-sensor lights brighten bathrooms and hallways so it's easier to move around safely.

Lighting can also support overall well-being. Bulbs mimicking natural daylight help regulate the body's circadian rhythm, boosting energy during the day. In the evening, switching to softer, warmer light signals the body to wind down.

5. Keep Essentials Within Reach

Storing everyday items at waist or shoulder height reduces the need for stretching, bending and climbing, all of which can increase the likelihood of falls. Sometimes a simple

cabinet reorganization is enough but features like pull-down shelving can make storage more accessible.

Extender rods or remote controls let you adjust ceiling fans and lights from the ground, while motorized window shades can be raised or lowered with the push of a button.

For more resources and support for seniors, visit mealsonwheelsamerica.org.

A Milestone Makeover

Juan Lopez, a 63-year-old U.S. Army and Air Force veteran, has always been a do-it-yourselfer. When an ice storm sent a tree limb crashing through his roof, the damage was more than he could handle. Water seeped inside and mold quickly affected his wife's health.

Through Helping Homebound Heroes, Lopez received critical support. Crews completed nearly \$40,000 in upgrades, from replacing his roof to installing new windows,

a furnace and walk-in showers with grab bars. "I don't know what I would've done if they had not stepped in," Lopez said. "It's been such a blessing in our lives."

Since 2015, The Home Depot Foundation

has contributed more than \$21 million to Meals on Wheels programs, helping veterans like Lopez remain safely and comfortably in their homes as they age.

— Source: Meals on Wheels •

Finance

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accurate phrase might be doing very little. The point is not effort, it is design. Systems beat hustle. Better tools beat longer hours. You might be one or two structural shifts away from making more money, paying less tax, and gaining clarity that has nothing to do with working harder.

Financial planning is rarely exciting. It ranks somewhere near dental work, no offense to dentists. That is why the heavy lifting should be done through better architecture, not more sweat. I am a financial planner, and I stand by that.

If you want to start today, start small. Take 5 minutes to look up the expense ratio for one investment account. That single step is often the beginning of a much larger improvement.

Geoff Sokol is a financial advisor and investment banker who works with entrepreneurs on exit planning, capital strategy, and building durable wealth outside their business. His work sits at the intersection of finance, strategy, and life design. This article is for thoughtful reflection, not personalized financial advice. (310) 947-4353, geoff.sokol@gtria.com •

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California at the office of the City Clerk, located on the first floor in City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Proposals will be publicly opened and recorded on a Bid List at 4:15 P.M. of the same day in the City Clerk's Office. Bidders, as well as the general public, are invited to view the proceedings. Proposals will be read at a meeting of the City Council at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 for the

MONETA GARDEN MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Project# 22-08)

SCOPE OF WORK
The work consists of construction of ADA ramps, traffic striping including parking Ts, regrading of street surface,

illuminated flashing stop signs, street storm water BMPs system, Traffic Signal upgrades and all other work necessary to complete the improvements in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY
1	Surveying	LS	1
2	Excavation (unclassified) for soft subgrade only when occurs.	CY	1,000
3	Cold Milling Asphalt Pavement (0" to 2").	SF	550,000
4	Asphalt Concrete (C or D mix, PG 64-10).	TON	3,100
5	Excavate, Remove and Reconstruct pavement structural section per detail 2, sheet 17 at various locations shown on plans or City engineer's directed locations including B-mix AC (2" thick. ARHM is not included).	SF	10,000
6	Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM).	TON	6,200
7	Remove and Reconstruct 4" PCC sidewalk with 4" CMB.	SF	10,000
8	Construct New, Retrofit or Remove and Reconstruct 4" thick. PCC ADA curb ramp over 4" CMB per Caltrans Std. Plan A88A.	SF	8,500
9	Remove existing driveway and construct new PCC driveway over 6" CMB per Caltrans Std. Plan A87A.	SF	4,000
10	Crushed Miscellaneous Base (CMB) for Excess Backfill only when occurs.	CY	1,000
11	Adjust Utility cover to grade.	EA	115
12	Adjust Manhole Frame and Cover to grade.	EA	80
13	Traffic Control.	LS	1
14	Project Construction Signs.	EA	6
15	Traffic Signal Detectors Loop (Type "D").	EA	10
16	Traffic Signal Detectors Bicycle Loop (Type "E").	EA	14
17	Speed Hump per City Detail.	EA	2
18	Remove and reconstruct PCC curb and gutter per SPPWC Std. 120-3 type A2-8(200) over 8" CMB.	LF	500
19	Remove and excavate Hardscape or Landscape parkway and install 3' TO 5' Width Parkway Retention Bioswale per detail 1, sheet 17.	LF	250
20	Construct PCC Inlet basin per detail 1, sheet 17.	EA	14
21	Striping, signs and pavement markings per sheet 18 to 32.	LS	1
22	Plant 15 gallon Liquidambar Styraciflua (American sweetgum) including root barrier per detail 4, sheet 17.	EA	10
23	Traffic Signal Modification at Imperial Hwy. and Inglewood Ave.	LS	1
24	Traffic Signal Modification at Imperial Hwy. and Ramona Ave.	LS	1
25	Traffic Signal Modification at Imperial Hwy. and Freeman Ave.	LS	1
26	Supply and install Digital Billboard with hardware and appurtenances at specified locations per plans and specifications.	LS	2

concerning any aspect of the job or the site.

BIDS WILL BE NULL AND VOIDED IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT ATTEND THIS PRE-BID JOB WALK.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted on the blank forms, specifications and plans prepared and furnished for that purpose, which may be obtained through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen self-service: <http://hawthorneca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#home> No bid will be considered unless it conforms to the Proposal Requirements and Conditions. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, also referred to as the City, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any irregularity, to accept any bid or portion thereof, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the bid opening date. Bids must be returned in the special envelopes provided, marked "SEALED BIDS", and addressed to the City Clerk. Each proposal shall be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, cashier's check, certified check, or bidder's bond, equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid price. A list of subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid on the form provided by the City.

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: THE COST OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IS \$100.00 (non-refundable).

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

CERTIFICATION OF OFFERER/ BIDDER REGARDING DEBARMENT

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

CERTIFICATION OF LOWER TIER CONTRACTORS REGARDING DEBARMENT

The successful bidder, by administering each lower tier subcontract that exceeds \$25,000 as a "covered transaction", must verify each lower tier participant of a "covered transaction" under the project is not presently debarred or otherwise disqualified from participation in this assisted project. The bidder is to provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The bidder will accomplish this by:

1. Checking the System for Award Management at website: <http://www.sam.gov>
2. Collecting a certification statement similar to the Certification of Offeror/ Bidder Regarding Debarment, above.
3. Inserting a clause or condition in the covered transaction with the lower tier contract.

If the City of Hawthorne later determines that a lower tier participation failed to disclose to a higher tier participant that it was excluded or disqualified at the time it entered the covered transaction, the City of Hawthorne may pursue any available remedies, including suspension and debarments of the non-compliant participant.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Labor Code Section 1735 requires that no discrimination be made in the employment of persons upon public works because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.

PERFORMANCE RETENTIONS

The successful bidder will be required to provide for performance security as provided by law. Requirements for performance retentions may be satisfied by deposit or securities specified in Section 16430 of the Government Code

and in accordance with Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. An unregistered contractor may only submit a bid if authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work at the time the contract is awarded.

WAGES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications and Bid documents and are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, City of Hawthorne.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the City Council has obtained the general federal prevailing rate of per diem wages in accordance with the law to be paid for the construction of the above entitled Works and Improvements and General Prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in this locality for each craft. The schedule has been obtained from the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development for Community Block Grant Programs of the type and nature proposed by the City, and reference is hereby made to copies thereof on file in the Office of the City Engineer, which said copies are available to any interested party upon request. Further, a copy shall be posted at the job site during the course of construction. All Contractors submitting bids must conform to current federal minimum prevailing wages.

In addition to the Contractor's obligations as to minimum wages rates, the Contractor shall abide by all other provisions and requirements stipulated in Sections 1770-1780, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, including, but not limited to, those dealing with the employment of registered apprentices. The responsibility of compliance with Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code shall be with the prime contractor.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Plans and Specifications are available digitally through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen Self Service portal:

<http://hawthorneca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#home>
All contractors will need to create a free account. Once they have created an account then they will need to apply for the **Public Works Bid Plans and Specifications**. Fill in all necessary information and once the application is submitted the Contractor will receive an invoice (see project information section above for price). Once all fees have been paid the Contractor will then receive three (3) PDFs: 1) general information/provisions PDF, 2) bid proposal forms (see SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS section below for instructions on how to submit all proposals) and 3) specifications/plans PDF.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact **Jesus Velazquez**, Associate Engineer, Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at jvelazquez@cityofhawthorne.org.

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TIME OF COMPLETION

Time of completion for this project will be 90 working days.

ENGINEERING ESTIMATE

The engineering estimate for this project is \$5,000,000

PREVAILING WAGE STATEMENT

This contract will be funded in whole or in part with federal and state funds. The Federal Labor Standards Provisions, including prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be enforced. A copy of the Federal Wage Decision applicable to this project

is included in the Bid Document. This is project is a public work in the State of California, funded in whole or in part with public funds. Therefore, the higher of the two applicable prevailing wage rates, federal or state, will be enforced. The Contractor's duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages and to employ apprentices, including forfeitures and debarment. The State Wage Decision

is available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/> or by contacting the Awarding Body for this contract.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

Contractors bidding this project must possess a valid State of California A Contractors' License and must meet minimum requirements set forth in the Specifications. The Contractor must be able to document five (5) years of satisfactory experience on project of similar complexity and dollar value.

PRE-BID JOB WALK

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting/job walk will be conducted at the Hawthorne City Hall, Department of Public Works, Engineering Division (second floor), 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250 on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. All Bidders shall sign in on the Sign-In sheet at the job walk. All Bidders questions will be answered at this time or by addenda. In addition, Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the proposed improvement and have an opportunity to talk to the City's staff