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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/57°



Saturday

Mostly
Cloudy
76°/58°



Sunday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
73°/56°



South Bay Women in Business Connect on Resilience and Creativity



The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce’s Women in Business program brought professionals together for a discussion on Recess to Real Life: What Play Taught Us About Work. The conversation explored how lessons from play — creativity, collaboration, resilience, and growth — continue to influence how women lead and succeed in their careers. Thank you to co-chairs Francesca Renderos of PEL Manufacturing and Brenda Hidalgo of State Farm. And a special thank you to sponsor, Athena Paquette Mortgage Advisor, for supporting this program, and to Crystal McGinnis of Dig It for hosting. Photo courtesy of Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Taxes Just Are Not Much Fun

By Ron Sokol

I shuddered slightly before my accountant spoke: “Well, now having gone over things, you underpaid by a lot. Not sure how that will parse out, but by April 15, here is what you owe the IRS and here is what you owe the State of California... You owe each a ton!”

Then I woke up. “Oh, thank goodness,” I murmured to myself, “just a bad dream...” That bad dream, however, may not be all that unusual for any number of people across our great country.

Even accountants seem to have a level of dread for tax season. My CPA friend told me, “I got some sleep this week, a little bit, but now with texting and emails, clients are hounding me day and night! It’s 24/7 this time of year! 24/7!”

Well, I think to myself, at least his business is good, but the poor guy sure seems way stressed. Perhaps what we need – and maybe Artificial Intelligence could figure it out – are tax preparers who are magicians. “Look, I just made that amount much smaller!” Or hey, watch this – you’re going to get a refund!”

Gallup polling indicates 59 to 60% feel their federal taxes are “too high”. Only 46% indicate that taxes are fair, which is near historic lows.

A few questions come to mind: Most of us pay taxes, right? Whether we pay in a lump sum, by estimate, or in installments, we seem to have a “begrudging acceptance” of paying. So, then, is paying taxes like having to stand in the corner when you were a little kid and did a no-no? You deserve to be punished so you take your medicine, as it were?

Here in California, a whopping 70% say state and local taxes are too high. Only some 26% feel taxes are about right. Even more telling, just 4% say taxes are too low.

Fact is, I have never met anyone who said, “Oh gosh, no biggie, taxes are too low... I have no problem with ‘em!” If someone said that to me, I might actually call 9-1-1. In fact, I would blurt out: “Gotta report a crazy person, send someone over right away!”

On the other hand, government services are so important, in fact vital to our lives. This includes protection by law enforcement, maintaining roads, building highways, overseeing businesses to protect consumers, appointing judges, operating the courts, maintaining national parks, and funding the military, among just a few of the ways tax dollars are spent that typically benefit us.

Yet, another question arises, no matter how hard I try to suppress it, a question slips out from under all the paperwork, all

the calculations, all the analyses of what to include on the return, what to deduct, and how it all plays out. A question that seems to blast into the stratosphere: “*The Internal Revenue Service processes 160 million plus returns each year, which means about 110 million households pay federal income tax. How then can our national debt presently be \$38.9 to 39 trillion?!?!?!?*”

The following statistic is at least a little encouraging: about 31% of tax filers paid no federal income tax recently. In fact, about half of the top earners in our country pay roughly 97% of federal income taxes. If this data is correct, most revenue does emanate from higher-income households. Do you feel any better? Me either!

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So Much To Do! Image provided by Ron Sokol.

Check It Out

Perfect Cover by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

By Kim Harris, Library Assistant,
El Segundo Middle School

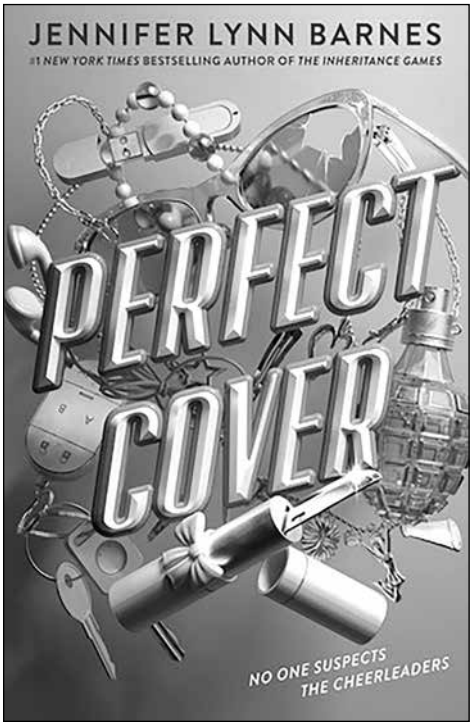
Perfect Cover by Jennifer Lynn Barnes is book one of the duology *The Squad* series. It was written before the *Inheritance Games* series. I really like her other series so when this book was re-released, I decided to read it. It is a YA book that is both a mystery and an adventure book. Bayport High is a typical high school: jocks and cheerleaders at the top, outsiders at the bottom and everyone else is in between. Toby Klein is a sophomore with no social skills, few friends, a very cynical attitude and an adorkable younger brother. She is also a skilled computer hacker and a third-degree black belt in tai kwan do. When Toby receives an invitation to join the cheerleading squad, also known as The God Squad, she thinks it's a joke and declines the offer. A second invitation comes, and this time is encrypted, which intrigues Toby and makes her go to the meeting and become the antithesis of all that she believes in, a cheerleader.

The God Squad at Bayport High is not just a bunch of cheerleaders with fake smiles, fake tans and hot bodies. They are an undercover group of highly trained underage government operatives who, if they make it to graduation, will have a job in the CIA. All the cheerleaders are extremely athletic, exceptionally smart, deceptively gorgeous and can command and manipulate any situation. There are ten members on the team, and each

specializes in a certain area. Brooke is the leader and a master of all weapons. Chloes is second in command and can decode any program. She also holds a patent. Brittany and Tiffany are identical twins who are the best in misdirection and styling. Tara is an exchange student and can manipulate any situation. Lucy is a weapons expert. Zee has a PhD in psychology and Bubbles is a contortionist. Toby and April are the newest members of the squad and specialize in computer hacking and lock picking.

After Toby gets a makeover because she wasn't pink and cheery enough, the Squad goes on a mission to intercept a list of all the spies in the world from the law firm Peyton, Kaufman and Gray. The actor Heath Shannon is trying to sell the information and the Squad needs to stop the sale. The Squad also has another duty to divert suspicion from themselves and throw a party. Toby's job is to get information from Jack Peyton, the most eligible football player at school and plant a bug in his fathers' office. His father is the archnemesis of the Squad and the President of the law firm. Will Toby succeed? Is the mission a success? How does she interact and react to Jack? Does Toby lose her cynical attitude and accept that she is now a cheerleader and cheerleaders are smart and compassionate? Read the book to find out!

I really enjoyed reading this book! It was fast paced and full of humor, a perfect book for vacation (Spring or Summer!) reading. It is a little dated with the pop culture references because it was originally written in 2008 but was fun to read about cheerleaders who also happen to be spies. To read this book and others at ESMS or the Public Library, please visit elsegundolibrary.gov.



Perfect Cover by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



Kim Harris

*"It's never too late to start.
It's always too late to wait."
— JEFF OLSON*

Head in the Clouds: NASA's Cloudspotting on Mars

By Tommy Vinh Bui, MLIS

Ever catch yourself just gazing out the window and zoning out, watching clouds languidly glide by all afternoon? That homework is piling up, and those chores are getting more and more neglected with every tick of the minute hand. Well, now you can perform your favorite inadvertent pastime in the service of science with this NASA-sponsored Citizen Scientist opportunity. Let's get those vigilant peepers peeping and forging ahead a new path for science and interplanetary curiosity.

Researchers need your weather eyes to scan the skies once again for, well, weather. Akin to Earth, clouds on Mars regulate the climate on the red planet. But many unanswered questions remain, such as what are the seasonal patterns of Martian clouds? And how do the shapes and cloud distributions influence wind patterns? These questions could provide further significant insights into the potential similarities between Earth's and Mars's clouds.

And you, citizen scientist, can help researchers answer these noodle-scratching questions befuddling NASA today. Train your eagle eyes on some amorphous stratospheric shapes and help map Martian clouds in data collected by the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution spacecraft to create a comprehensive database that will help scientists better understand atmospheric composition and planetary climate mechanisms. The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter is an instrument that peers at the planet's horizon using infrared to measure temperatures, water, ice, and atmospheric dust content.

Certain clouds on Mars look strikingly similar to the clouds wafting around here on Earth. Clouds of all shapes and sizes, from thin and wispy to thick and puffy. But others are quite unique to Mars alone. This cloud-spotting project will teach students about the wide variety of common and exotic cloud types that exist high in the Martian atmosphere and how to best identify them accurately.

Through technological advances in telescopes, orbiters, and rovers, scientists have

been able to survey Martian clouds for several years and draw conclusions about Martian weather patterns. Scientists are also gaining a better understanding of how Martian clouds can reflect incoming sunlight whilst also absorbing the outgoing infrared radiation. Researchers hope to learn more about the crucial role clouds play in sustaining a warm atmosphere during the early development of Mars that enabled liquid water to flow and carve out intricate channels on the planet's topography. It's understood that billions of years ago, prodigious lakes and mighty rivers once covered the surface of Mars suggesting that the atmosphere must have been much denser at an earlier point.

Stark differences have been identified between Earth clouds and Martian clouds. Unlike Earth clouds, which are largely composed of liquid water, Martian clouds are formed by water ice and carbon dioxide due to the cold temperatures and low atmospheric pressure. Scientists can make these observations from altitudes as high as thirty miles from the planet's surface, called the mesosphere, using instrumentation on the Mars Climate Sounder spacecraft. Studying Martian clouds is unique because Mars is a dry planet yet water vapors can still form water-ice mesospheric clouds in the atmosphere. Mapping these clouds and creating a detailed database of planetary cloud formations will have a meaningful impact on our understanding of our planet's origins and meteorological history.

So, your diligence and attention to detail are sorely needed, citizen scientists. This can't be trusted with some silly algorithm. Your enthusiasm for collecting rich, useful data will be supremely helpful in this endeavor and make all the difference. So stop procrastinating, cloudgazing, and start astronomically cloudgazing for the benefit of science straightaway. Because blink and you'll miss all the groundbreaking discoveries.

— Tommy Bui is a Youth Services Librarian at the Los Angeles County Library •



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A Powerful Moment for Hawthorne



Hawthorne School District proudly celebrated the opening of the new Health and Wellness Center at Zela Davis School, expanding access to care for our students, families, and community. From music, games, and hands-on activities to a meaningful ribbon-cutting ceremony, the day was filled with joy, connection, and purpose. This new school-based health center will provide vaccinations, school physicals, mental health services, and more, bringing care closer to home where it matters most. We are grateful to our partners, staff, and community for making this milestone possible. Together, we are building a healthier future for Hawthorne. Photos courtesy of Hawthorne School District Facebook page.

“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.”
— STACIA TAUSCHER

Finance

Driving Habits May Cost More Than You Think: Data-Backed Driving Techniques to Reduce Fuel Costs and Vehicle Wear

(Feature Impact) - If you’re feeling pain at the pump, you’re not alone. However, it’s not just rising gas prices that can impact your wallet - it might be your own habits on the road that negatively impact fuel efficiency and add extra strain to your vehicle.

With gas prices fluctuating by more than \$1 per gallon nationally in recent years, Mercury Insurance is highlighting how driver behavior can significantly influence fuel costs.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, aggressive driving - rapid acceleration and hard braking - can reduce fuel economy by up to 40% in city driving and 30% on highways, increasing annual fuel expenses by hundreds of dollars.

For the average American driver, that inefficiency adds up quickly. AAA estimates that annual fuel costs can exceed \$2,000 depending on vehicle type and region. A 30-40% reduction in fuel economy can translate into hundreds of dollars in additional fuel expenses each year - before factoring in the added wear on key vehicle components.

“Most drivers think of aggressive driving as a safety issue, but it’s also a cost issue,” said John Dicken, director, material damage claims at Mercury Insurance. “From a claims standpoint, we see how habits like hard braking and rapid acceleration accelerate wear on brakes, tires and suspension components.



Photos courtesy of Shutterstock.

Smoother driving isn’t just more efficient - it helps reduce preventable damage over time.”

The Hidden Cost of Driving Aggressively

Fuel is only part of the equation.

Brake replacement can range from \$300-800 per axle, depending on the vehicle.

A new set of tires can cost \$600-1,200 or more.

Poorly maintained or underinflated tires can lower gas mileage by roughly 0.2% for every 1 PSI drop in pressure, according to federal transportation data.

Over time, inconsistent maintenance and aggressive driving habits compound these costs.

“Driving behavior directly impacts how



often certain parts need to be replaced,” Dicken said. “When drivers anticipate traffic, maintain steady speeds and keep up with routine maintenance, they reduce strain on their vehicle and potentially avoid unnecessary repair expenses.”

Practical Eco-Driving Tips That Make a Measurable Difference

Consider these strategies recommended by Mercury Insurance to improve efficiency and reduce vehicle wear:

Accelerate gradually: Avoid rapid starts and jackrabbit acceleration, which significantly reduce fuel economy.

Brake smoothly and anticipate stops: Looking ahead and easing into stops reduces

stress on brake systems.

Maintain consistent speeds: Using cruise control on highways can help improve fuel efficiency.

Keep tires properly inflated: Check tire pressure monthly and before long trips. If you’re unsure what your vehicle’s tires should be inflated to, locate the sticker inside the driver’s side door jamb for the proper PSI inflation or refer to the owner’s manual.

Remove excess weight: Extra cargo and unused roof racks reduce efficiency and increase drag.

Efficiency, Safety and Sustainability

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that transportation accounts for roughly 28% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. While vehicle technology continues to improve, individual driving behavior remains one of the most immediate ways drivers can reduce both fuel consumption and environmental impact.

“Small, consistent changes in how we drive can produce meaningful savings over time,” Dicken said. “It’s one of the simplest ways drivers can protect both their budget and their investment.”

For more information about efficient driving and other cost saving measures, visit MercuryInsurance.com/Resources.

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Autism Awareness and Parent/Guardian Resource Workshop at Mark Twain Elementary School



Thank you to Lisette and Elise Duarte for the beautiful presentation that was so inspiring. April is Autism Acceptance Month. Students on the autism spectrum bring unique strengths, perspectives, and talents to our schools. We also want to thank the educators and staff who work tirelessly to create inclusive, nurturing environments for all students. Photo courtesy of Mark Twain Elementary School Facebook page.

Taxes

from front page

April 15 is what it is – not a guillotine, even if it might have felt like it. The reality is, we pay other taxes as well, including property, sales, and payroll taxes. But, where did this word “tax” even come from? The Latin verb *taxare* translates “to evaluate, estimate, or assess.” This derives from the Latin word *tangere*, meaning “to touch”; bottom line, then, combining these descriptions, you have “touching an amount”, or “fixing an amount”. Eventually, the word tax was adopted in Middle English around the 13th to 14th centuries, signifying a compulsory contribution imposed by an authority. A tax, not just money being taken, but an “assessed amount” imposed by “an authority.”

Who the heck is this authority? How did he, she, or they come up with that amount? This person, this group, surely is not my friend! The Beatles sang a well-known, catchy song aptly entitled *Taxman* which includes these lyrics:

“Let me tell you how it will be/There’s one for you, nineteen for me/Should five percent appear too small/Be thankful, I don’t take it all/‘Cause I’m the taxman/Yeah, I’m the taxman/If you drive a car, I’ll tax the street/If you try to sit, I’ll tax your seat/If you get too cold, I’ll tax the heat/If you take a walk, I’ll tax your feet/Taxman!”

Well, I just paid my accountant’s bill, and carefully placed the returns in a large file folder in case ever needed. We sought to provide

the right information carefully, to cross the t’s and dot the I’s, and then -- trembling a bit -- wrote each check.

There is, however, a lot of good stuff going on at tax season: After all, it is Spring. Baseball is back. Kids are playing safely at the nearby park. The stove works, and I can cook some good grub.

Today, I just have to take time and have a little chat with my wallet. He’s feeling kind of bummed, “kind of thin,” he tells me. I am going to work hard to hopefully fatten him up by Summer or Fall. It may be taxing to get there, oh, I do not want to use that word! It may be *challenging* to get there, but he deserves it. My wallet deserves some tender loving care. Yours too? •



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North High Saxons Attend the CNH District Convention in Sacramento



A huge shoutout to our incredible Key Club members Ivan, Sophie, Jayla, and Emi for representing North High with excellence and heart. Together, they brought home some amazing recognitions such as the District Tree Award, the Increased Membership Award and the Early Bird Award. And a very special congratulations to Emi for her outstanding achievement as our Kiwanis Family & Foundation Chair and for earning a well-deserved scholarship. Photo courtesy of North High Saxons Facebook page.

South Bay Workforce Investment Board Facilitates Field Trip for High School Aero-Flex Pre-Apprentices to FlightWave Aerospace in Torrance

Thirty-two Aero-Flex Pre-Apprentices from South and Torrance High Schools were hosted by FlightWave Aerospace in Torrance to gain firsthand exposure to the fast-growing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) industry. The field trip, coordinated by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), provided students with an immersive look into one of the region's most innovative aerospace companies.

Founded in Torrance, FlightWave Aerospace has established itself as a leader in advanced unmanned aerial systems, specializing in long-endurance drones designed for defense, intelligence, surveillance, and commercial applications. Its platforms are known for their hybrid propulsion systems, vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) capabilities, and rugged design, allowing them to operate in challenging environments where traditional aircraft may not be practical. The company's work spans mission-critical operations, from border surveillance and disaster response to infrastructure inspection and mapping, placing it at the forefront of next-generation aerospace technology.

During the day-long visit, the junior and senior students were welcomed by FlightWave President Shawn Webb, who also serves on the SBWIB Board of Directors. Webb detailed how advanced drone technology is conceived, engineered, tested, and deployed, emphasizing the collaborative nature of aerospace innovation across mechanical, electrical, and software engineering disciplines. Students rotated through multiple technical stations, observing real-world workflows such as New Product Introduction (NPI), prototype assembly, avionics integration, and live flight testing.

FlightWave engineers and technical staff provided hands-on demonstrations and candid insights into their career journeys, offering students a clear understanding of how classroom learning translates into real-world applications. Students explored drone components up close, examined infrared imaging systems, and observed how modeling software evolves into fully functional prototypes. The experience highlighted not only the complexity of aerospace systems, but also the accessibility of career pathways for motivated students.

"These kinds of opportunities that we provide for students enrolled in our pre-apprenticeship programs help them bring their classroom learning to life in a meaningful and inspiring way," noted Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director. "As they engage with

professionals in high-demand industries, they are inspired to explore future career pathways in aerospace and advanced manufacturing."

Student reflections underscored the impact of the experience. Many described the visit as eye-opening and influential in shaping their future goals:

"I really enjoyed seeing a more intimately sized aerospace company and getting an in-depth understanding of all the little aspects. I hope to be able to intern at your company one day," wrote Lilly Mueck.

Adrian Luna highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of the work: "I really enjoyed talking to your team and gained valuable insight on how to apply computer science to aerospace engineering, alongside tips on how to build my resume and pursue an internship at FlightWave."

Hands-on exposure stood out as a key takeaway for several students. "My favorite part was the drone testing and how the infrared cameras worked," shared Jonah Kim, while Andrew Dysim noted, "Seeing firsthand how employees flight test and manufacture new drone prototypes was very interesting to see each individual's specific job."

Others emphasized the broader learning environment and company culture. "The atmosphere and people were amazing, and we noticed how FlightWave seems like a healthy and supportive work environment," wrote one student group. Another added, "The presenters were passionate and open to our questions, which made it a safe and engaging place to learn."

The overwhelmingly positive feedback highlighted not only student enthusiasm for aerospace careers, but also the importance of industry partnerships in workforce development. By opening its doors, FlightWave Aerospace provided students with a rare, behind-the-scenes look at cutting-edge innovation—bridging the gap between education and industry.

SBWIB's sector-focused Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship pathways were established to respond to employer demand and evolving labor market needs. Current offerings include Aero-Flex/Sky-Flex (aerospace and aviation), Space-Flex (space economy careers), Bio-Flex (biotechnology and life sciences), Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Pathways, and Water-Flex (water utilities and infrastructure careers).

For further information about apprenticeships and the no-cost services and programs provided by SBWIB for individuals and businesses, visit www.sbwib.org.

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Thirty-two Aero-Flex Pre-Apprentices from South and Torrance High Schools explore the future of aerospace during an immersive, hands-on visit to FlightWave Aerospace field trip, facilitated by South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

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Congratulations to the Centinela Bears for becoming the champions of Inglewood Unified's first inaugural ASES Basketball Premier League. Your teamwork, determination, and Bear pride made history. We are proud to celebrate this amazing accomplishment. Photo courtesy of Inglewood Unified School District Facebook page.



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Lemon Bundt Cake

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- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel

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Directions

- **Step 1:** Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Bundt pan with baking spray.
- **Step 2:** Beat lemon cake mix, water, eggs, oil and pudding mix in a large bowl with electric mixer on low speed until moistened, about 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes. Batter will be thick.
- **Step 3:** Pour batter into pan, spreading evenly across the top. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan, cool completely.
- **Step 4:** Whisk together confectioners' sugar, lemon juice and lemon zest in a small bowl. Transfer lemon Bundt cake to serving platter or cake stand and drizzle lemon glaze over cake. Slice and serve.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hawthorne (City) has prepared the draft 2026-2027 Action Plan to guide the investment of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds. As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Action Plan identifies the specific projects and activities that will be implemented during the upcoming program year with CDBG and HOME funds to address the priority needs and goals established in the Consolidated Plan. For the 2026-2027 program year, the City anticipates receiving \$1,149,498 of CDBG funds and \$492,254.25 of HOME funds. These funding estimates are based on anticipated federal allocations and are subject to change based on congressional appropriations and HUD formula adjustments. In addition, the City is proposing a Substantial Amendment to the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan related to the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) program. The proposed amendment to the 25-29 Consolidated Plan includes the addition of a new Economic Development goal. The proposed amendment to the 20-21 Action Plan updates the use of previously allocated CDBG-CV funds to ensure the funds are utilized effectively to address community needs and priorities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD Copies of the draft 2026-2027 Action Plan and draft Substantial Amendments to the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 CDBG-CV Action Plan will be available for public review and comment from March 27, 2026 to April 28, 2026. During this period, the draft plans will be available at the following locations:
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Katina Logan
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Property to be sold: misc. household goods, furniture, tools, clothes, boxes, toys, electronics, sporting goods, and personal content. Auction Company: www.StorageTreasures.com. The sale ends at 11:00 a.m., April 24, 2026, at the property where said property has been stored and which is located at StorQuest Self Storage 4959 W 147th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Goods must be paid in cash and removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
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W. 126th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250
Hawthorne Public Library: 12700 Grevillea Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
The City welcomes and encourages residents, community organizations, and stakeholders to provide written comments on the draft plans. Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on April 28, 2026, and may be submitted via:
Email: kmack@cityofhawthorne.org
Mail: Housing Department, 4455 W. 126th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN the City Council will conduct a public hearing to provide an opportunity for residents to present oral comments or questions related to the citizen participation process, priority housing and community development needs, activities identified in the draft Action Plans, and proposed strategies for affirmatively furthering fair housing. When: April 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Where: City Hall – Council Chambers, 4455 W. 126th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250
ADA COMPLIANCE
It is the intention of the City to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as a participant and observer at this meeting, you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Residents in need of accommodation should contact the City Clerk's office at (310) 349-2915. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. LAP COMPLIANCE
Si necesita más información sobre este aviso o la traducción de documentos en español, comuníquese con Dayna Williams-Hunter al (310) 349-2915. CITY CONTACT
Questions and written comments may be addressed to Kimberly Mack, Housing Director, by email at: kmack@cityofhawthorne.org
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EMILY MARIE MAGRI
Case No. 26STPB03499

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EMILY MARIE MAGRI
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Joseph Edward Magri in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Joseph Edward Magri 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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BRIAN DENNIS DERIEUX
CASE NO. 26STPB03180

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BRIAN DENNIS DERIEUX
A Petition for Probate has been filed by KEVIN B. DERIEUX in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
The Petition for Probate requests that KEVIN B. DERIEUX 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:
a. Date: 4-23-2026 Time: 8:30 am Dept. 99
b. Address of court: 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the

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 April 30, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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

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.
Petitioner: CRAIG P. KEUP, ESQ.
Address: 9740 CUYAMACA STREET, SUITE M, SANTEE, CA 92071
Telephone: 619-569-1835
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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: KEVIN W HARRINGTON ESQ SBN272978
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Text Amendment No. ZA-2026-0001

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter:
Project Title: Zoning Text Amendment No. ZA-2026-0001 – Zoning Code Reorganization
Project Description: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, reorganizing the chapters of Title 17 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code, adding statutory language related to affordable housing, deleting several obsolete chapters, and editing the text but not changing the regulations contained therein.
MEETING DETAILS:
Day: Wednesday
Date: May 6, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250
Those interested in this item may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments. Written information pertaining to this item

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name
Case No. 26TRCP00103
Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: VOLODYMYR VOLODYMYROVICH TSVANG for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VOLODYMYR VOLODYMYROVICH TSVANG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
VOLODYMYR VOLODYMYROVICH TSVANG to VOLODYMYR TSVANG
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: MAY 8, Time: 9:30 AM., Dept.: 5
The address of the court is: INGLEWOOD COURTHOUSE
ONE REGENT STREET
INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301
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: TORRANCE TRIBUNE
Date: March 26, 2026
JUDGE TAMARA HALL
Judge of the Superior Court
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must be submitted to the Planning Department prior to the meeting at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250 or emailed to gmcclain@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact Planning Director Gregg McClain at 310-349-2970 or at the email noted above.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: This zone text amendment reorganizes chapters of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code and deletes five obsolete chapters. This is determined not to be a project under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21065).
PLEASE NOTE that pursuant to Government Code § 65009: In an action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul a finding, determination or decision of the Planning Commission or City Council, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised at the public hearing in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or City Council at or prior to the public hearing.
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City of Hawthorne
Request for Proposal (RFP)
FY2026-2032 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program

PROPOSALS DUE JUNE 1, 2026

the City of Hawthorne Housing Department is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide services required for implementing, administering, and providing technical assistance for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and all other programs that fall under the umbrella of this funding source and additional funding tied to these programs. The City is seeking a multi-year agreement for the fiscal years of 2026-2032. Funding for this Request for Proposal (RFP) is made available pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS: Firms must thoroughly demonstrate the ability to carry out the Guidelines and Requirements as well as the General Program Services and the Special Provisions of the RFP.
HOW TO APPLY: As of the date of this publication, the RFP may be obtained

online at <https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing/cdbg>, or from the Housing Department and City Clerk's Office. Proposals shall only be accepted via certified or express mail or at the Housing Department. Documents should be mailed to:

City of Hawthorne Housing Departmen
Attn: Kimberly Mack
4455 West 126th St
Hawthorne, CA 90250

The required postmark date and the deadline for submitting proposals is 4:00 PM on Monday, June 1, 2026. Any bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned via mail. Interested firms are encouraged to submit their proposals well in advance of this deadline to ensure confirmation of receipt prior to the deadline.
LEP COMPLIANCE
Si necesita más información sobre este aviso o la traducción de documentos en español, comuníquese con Dayna Williams-Hunter al (310) 349-1600.
Should you have any questions regarding this RFP, please contact Kimberly Mack, Housing Director, at (310) 349-1603 or by email at kmack@cityofhawthorne.org.
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*“A perfect summer day
is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing,
and the lawnmower is broken.”*

— James Dent

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Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

Johnny Utah is a handsome and dapper Belgian Malinois mix who sports a striking grey and black coat. Johnny can be a bit shy when first meeting new people, but don't let that fool you. Give him about 10 minutes in the yard and a few hot dog treats, and he'll quickly warm up and show his true colors. Once he feels comfortable, Johnny becomes a loyal and devoted companion who's eager to bond with his person. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-22215>

Phoenix is a stunning young tabby who is as charming as he is handsome. Phoenix has never met a person—or treat—he didn't like. Friendly and easygoing, he enjoys attention and will happily soak up affection from anyone willing to give it. One of his favorite pastimes is lounging on a windowsill, watching the birds and taking in the outside world. If you're looking for a sweet, social companion with a relaxed personality, Phoenix is ready to win your heart. Come meet him today—you won't be disappointed. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-22211>

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Chica is a beautiful Chow Chow mix with a calm and gentle personality. She loves being brushed and enjoys spending quiet time in the play yard, making her a wonderful companion for a relaxed home environment. With her stunning, fluffy copper coat, Chica is as striking as she is sweet. She is ready to find her new family--is it with you? <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-22085>

Parmesan is a pretty cat with a fluffy, velvet-soft black coat that makes her truly

stand out. Parmesan arrived with her siblings and gets along well with other cats, making her a great possible addition to a multi-cat home. She has a mild-mannered, laid-back personality and enjoys a calm, easygoing lifestyle. With her gentle nature and adaptable temperament, Parmesan would fit in beautifully with just about any home or routine. If you're looking for a sweet, low-key companion, Parmesan may be the perfect match. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-22089> •



Johnny Utah



Chica



Phoenix



Parmesan

“One small cat changes coming home to an empty house to coming home.”
— PAM BROWN