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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Sunny
74°/62°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
74°/61°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
72°/61°



The LAX/Metro Transit Center Station is Now Officially Here



LAX and Metro Los Angeles celebrated the grand opening of the long-awaited station that connects Metro’s C and K Lines to LAX. As LAX and Metro Los Angeles continues work to deliver the LAX Automated People Mover train, they will operate a free shuttle service for guests and employees utilizing Metro. The LAX Metro Connector Shuttle will run every 10 minutes between the MTC and all LAX terminals. For details on public transportation to LAX, visit lax.to/PublicTransportation. Photo courtesy LAX Facebook page.

Mr. Hawthorne, I’m Named After You

By Ron Sokol

Lisa Catherine Harper is a high school English teacher in Silicon Valley. This is a renowned California region, up north a bit, including Mountain View, Cupertino, and Santa Clara, where technology has brought such truly remarkable advancements to the world. Now, indeed, we have the advent of Artificial Intelligence, or AI, as it is being abbreviated.

Ms. Harper authored an interesting analysis that some of the stories written long ago by esteemed American author Nathaniel Hawthorne are essential reading when it comes to “techno-optimism,” the belief that technology will advance if not save everything. Mr. Hawthorne, it seems, had serious reservations about that, even well before it came to be. Perhaps he was able to foresee things. After all, it is fair to ask if AI will spawn a painful amount of unemployment. Many also worry that AI could fall into the hands of those whose goals are sinister and destructive.

The City of Hawthorne is named after Nathaniel Hawthorne. Its moniker is the City of Good Neighbors. Hawthorne is a friendly place, with almost 90,000 strong. The City has very strong schools, a busy airport, diversified residents, the notable presence of Space X, substantial redevelopment projects, and a highly respected police department. It is the birthplace of the Beach Boys.

Well, Hawthorne can tout even more. Drum roll if you would be so kind.

Hawthorne now has its own AI, whose name is Nate, an AI-powered chatbot! Yes, that name is in honor of Nathaniel Hawthorne. A chatbot, by the way, is a computer program designed to stimulate conversation with human users, like you and me, over the internet.

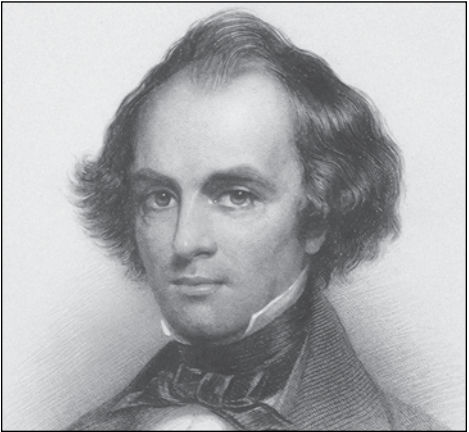
Ok, you probably already knew that, but for some of us, this is new-fangled.

Here is the official press release: “The City of Hawthorne’s Information Technology Services Department is proud to announce the successful launch of ‘Nate,’ an AI-powered chatbot now active on both the Hawthorne Police Department and City of Hawthorne websites. Developed in partnership with Citi-Bot.ai. Nate is a cutting-edge tool designed to streamline communication, improve resident engagement, and increase accessibility to city services and information.”

Phew! Got all that? Except, can I really find Nate? Not being tech savvy, I initially lacked confidence when I went online to see just where Nate is available, what it does, and what all the hoopla is about. It turns out Nate is very easy to find and equally easy to use. I typed “City of Hawthorne California services” in the web browser, then clicked “Community Services.” In the lower right corner, you will see the words “Let’s Chat,” which also will be shown in Spanish as Charlemos. Actually, though, there is a more direct way to find Nate by just typing CityofHawthorne.org in your web browser, click that, and there you are.

My first question for Nate: “What can I ask you?” Rather promptly, Nate responded: “You can ask me questions related to the services and resources provided by the City of Hawthorne, CA. This includes inquiries about the MyHawthorne311 service, community services, planning and development, and other city-related topics. If you have specific questions about how to submit service requests, city events, or resources available to residents, feel free to ask!”

Wow. I did not have to press 1 for this department, 2 for that person, 3 for the operator,



Nathaniel “Nate” Hawthorne. Image provided by Ron Sokol.

or 4 for all others. I was not waiting indefinitely, and did not have to listen to some strange music. Nor did I have to leave a message and ask for a call back. Quite the contrary, I asked several questions, and Nate responded with useful information in a very brief amount of time.

It is clear that the City of Hawthorne’s use of AI reflects an ongoing commitment to modernizing government services and making them more accessible to the community. Nate is free and does not require downloads or user registration. Bottom line, Nate is focused on answering pertinent questions about Hawthorne and related topics and connecting users with resources for permits, city programs, public works, and other services. Nate is available 24/7 and has real-time information.

While Nate is exciting in and of itself, this piece from the City’s press release is also encouraging: “Nate’s launch on the City’s websites is only the beginning. The next phase of development includes expanding its availability through additional platforms

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Entertainment

Film Review

We Were Dangerous Review: Resistance, Girlhood, and Sticking It to the Man

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

A trio of strong-willed, rebellious Māori girls are pushed to their breaking point in filmmaker Josephine Stewart-Te Whiu’s ensemble drama, *We Were Dangerous*. Set in 1950s New Zealand, *We Were Dangerous* charts the lives of a group of young women living in seclusion at a boarding school for delinquent girls. Whiu shows much wisdom and strength in her directorial debut, with New Zealand native and Oscar-nominee Taika Waititi (*Jojo Rabbit*) as executive producer. The film is currently available to watch on VOD.

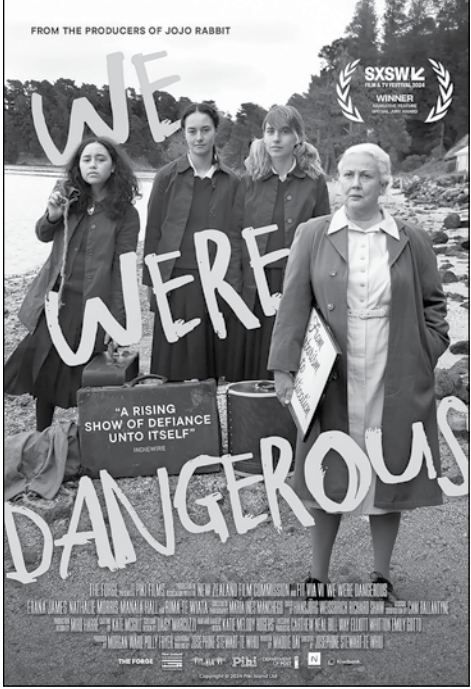
Nellie (Erana James), Daisy (Manaia Hall), and Louisa (Nathalie Morris) have found solace with each other as students and survivors of the Te Motu School for Incurable and Delinquent Girls. Having recently relocated to a remote island due to a failed attempt at escaping, the girls find that school is more than just a reformer for “troubled teens.” Most, if not all, of the girls

would equate their time here with being in prison. The headmaster (Rima Te Wiata) is a strict woman who preaches Christianity as the answer to their problems.

The teachings don’t sit right with the girls, who all feel unjustifiably vilified for just existing. After discovering the school’s plans to medically intervene in their fertility, the girls decide that enough is enough. Using their collective smarts, they concoct a plan that intends to send a message to the hierarchy of their abusive school system.

It’s exciting to see a new voice like director Josephine Stewart-Te Whiu’s in *We Were Dangerous*. Her direction and visual style feel like a breath of fresh air. There are some sartorial nods to the filmmaking of Wes Anderson, most notably, the use of monotone and witty voiceover narration. The score is another element that stands out, especially the use of choral vocals. It’s lively, electrifying, and the perfect complement to the New Zealand environment.

Many films highlight the special bond of female friendship, but none quite capture the spirit that *We Were Dangerous* has. Equally comedic, heartfelt, and inspirational, *We Were Dangerous* proves that you can overcome anything with close confidants. •



We Were Dangerous, courtesy Madman Entertainment.



Morgan Rojas.

Check It Out

Bob the Boo-Boo by Melina Schoenborn, Illustrated by Sandra Dumais

By Kristina Kora-Beckman, Senior Librarian, El Segundo Public Library

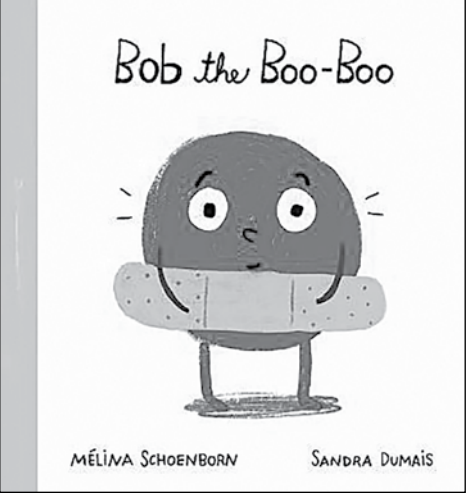
This week, I’m reviewing a sweet, funny book, *Bob the Boo-Boo* by Melina Schoenborn, illustrated by Sandra Dumais. Bob is an expressive, round, red boo-boo that’s just looking for a place to settle down.

As he searches, he finds many potential landing places including a girl skateboarding on the sidewalk, an old man that stubs his toe, and a baby whose cheek is being circled by a wasp. All reject Bob and he despairs of ever finding a home. But then he finds a boy who is also sad and the two connect. On the boy, Bob finds the comfortable, cozy

spot he has been looking for. Together, Bob and the boy go everywhere. With daily care and cleaning from the boy’s mom, Bob grows smaller and smaller until it’s time to say goodbye.

I liked the unusual premise and colorful illustrations. The story is relatable for both kids and their parents. The story helps normalize the healing process and soothe fears little ones may have when getting hurt.

Read this fun summer title and win prizes during our Summer Reading Program, going on now through August 9th. More information including sign up info is available on our website, www.elsegundolibrary.org. •



Bob the Boo-Boo by Melina Schoenborn, illustrated by Sandra Dumais.



Kristina Kora-Beckman.

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A Re-unveiling of The Beach Boys Historical Landmark



The Landmark sits at the site where Brian, Carl and Dennis Wilson of The Beach Boys used to live. And it is the place where they created some of their world famous tunes that can be heard today. The monument is located at: 3701 W. 119th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250. If you would like to see the entire unveiling from May 20, 2005 when the Beach Boys were here on site, go to: <https://youtu.be/4mRgYPLha4?si=apYVJhRsrSbKMSVs> Photo courtesy City of Hawthorne Facebook page.

Mr. Hawthorne

from front page

such as Twitter and Facebook.”

You might wonder, just how does AI work? I did some research and learned that there is a combination of algorithms, which are a set of rules utilized by the computer as part of dedicated software. In this way, a question can be understood, with an informative response made. Language processing tools are part of the artificial intelligence to draw from the database available and by which a pertinent response can be found. That is about as simple an explanation as I can provide, such that even I understand it. Bottom line is being able to go online, ask questions, and get quick answers is quite nice.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, were he to return to the present day and take a good look at the City named in his honor, would likely be astonished. He may well have a lot more stories and books to author. My prediction is they would be more inspired than not. True, Mr. Hawthorne’s new works might be tempered a bit because the City of Hawthorne has challenges. The world itself presents

uncertainties, but the landscape at hand – both physical and computer-based– is impressive.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, visiting our 21st-century city and taking in the City of Hawthorne, may still have qualms about AI. But I suspect he would write something along these lines: “This is a good place. I have a whole lot to get used to and get caught up. One thing is for sure, though: Nate is amazing!”•



Nate, I Have a Question.



Let's Chat! Images provided by Ron Sokol.



Artificial Intelligence.

Obituaries

Alice LaVonne Huhn

Alice LaVonne Huhn, age 90, passed away on June 20, 2025. She was born on January 16, 1935, in Alexandria, Minnesota. Alice and her husband Richard “Dick” were married for 70 years and moved to California in September 1957 and settled in Hawthorne, January 1960. They graduated from Alexandria High School in 1953.

Alice was a loving and devoted mother to Michael (Suzanne), Scott (Kathleen), Amy (Darren) and Gary (Portia). She was a cherished grandmother to Ryan, Kendall (Thomas), Ellery (Erich), Grant, Haden and Harrison and great-grandmother to Joy and Arlo. Alice is also survived by her sisters Rosemarie and Diane.

Alice worked for the Hawthorne School District for 25 years as a cook at York and Eucalyptus Schools and Health Clerk at Ramona and Eucalyptus Schools. Alice was known for her kindness, generosity, and her faith. She served as a member of the



Alter Guild of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for decades.

Her dedication to her family and her volunteer work was evident in everything she did. She supported the Hawthorne Community particularly the Kiwanis Club, Key Club, Historical Society, and Parks and Recreation Foundation. Alice’s dedication to Hawthorne and beautiful disposition earned her the title of Citizen of the Year in 2015 and a place in the hearts of all fortunate enough to know her. Alice and Dick were inducted to the Hawthorne Hall of Fame in September 2023.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 28 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Inglewood at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hawthorne Historical Society. Alice will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. •

“Those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity.”
– TERRI GUILLEMETS

ECC Journalism Students Are Recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists for Exemplary Work



A "Best Website" award was given to eccunion.com in the organization's Region 11 competition, which put El Camino up against university and community college journalism programs. The Union was also named one of three finalists for best all-around student newspaper on a large campus, while Editor-in-Chief Nikki Yunker was selected a finalist for best illustration for art that accompanied an opinion story in the fall 2024 Warrior Life magazine. Read more about the Union's top honors at bit.ly/StudentNewsECC. Photo courtesy El Camino College Facebook page.



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Tropical Mangonada

Provided by Campbells Soup Corp.

Orange Pineapple, then add pureed frozen mango, tequila or non-alcoholic tequila and lime juice. When learning how to make a mangonada, the secret ingredient is chamoy sauce. It's a popular Mexican sauce made with dried fruit and seasonings. Our mangonada is layered with the mango mixture and topped with mango chunks coated in chili-lime seasoning (which pairs great with fruit). You'll want to keep the ingredients for this Tropical Mangonada recipe on hand- it's going to be a huge hit at your summer gatherings.



Ingredients

- 4 cups frozen mango chunks (amount divided in recipe steps below)
- 1 teaspoon Tajín® Clásico seasoning
- 1 can (11.5 ounces) V8 +ENERGY® Sparkling Orange Pineapple
- 4 fluid ounces silver tequila or non-alcoholic tequila (about 1/2 cup)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons chamoy (Mexican fruit and chili sauce)

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We'd love to share it with the community. Send to: web@heraldpublications.com

Directions

- **Step 1:** Place 1 cup mango chunks into a bowl. Add the Tajín seasoning and toss to coat.
- **Step 2:** Place the remaining 3 cups mango chunks into a blender. Add the V8, tequila and lime juice. Cover and blend until smooth.
- **Step 3:** Divide the chamoy between 2 glasses and tilt the glasses to coat the bottoms. Spoon the blended mango into the glasses and top with the seasoned mango chunks. Serve immediately.

Tips

- **These are great rimmed with more Tajin** (dip the rims in additional chamoy, shake off excess then dip in the seasoning) and garnished with tamarind straws (sometimes called tamarind candy sticks)! You can find the tamarind straws in the specialty foods section or online.chunks.com. Serve immediately.

Torrance Tribune

The Weekly Newspaper of Torrance

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Welcome to Torrance, Pho Hue Oi



This family-owned Vietnamese restaurant serves up authentic family recipes and is proudly owned by a Torrance native. Stop by Pho Hue Oi for a delicious taste of Vietnam—right here in our city. Please support our local businesses. Photo courtesy Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

California Credit Union Foundation Awards Scholarships to Three Torrance Students

California Credit Union Foundation has awarded scholarships to three Torrance students as part of its College Scholarship Program, recognizing exceptional students for their school and community activities. Through the annual program, the Foundation provides 20 scholarships of \$1,000 each to college-bound

students across Southern California.

Torrance recipients include: Natalie Ai-ling Ou, West High School, who will attend Tulane University in the fall; Gavin Herbers, West High School, who plans to study at University of Michigan; and Joaquin Cervantes, North High School, who will attend University of

California, Berkeley.

"We are proud to recognize this year's outstanding scholarship recipients, whose hard work, determination and commitment to their education truly set them apart," said California Credit Union Foundation President Marvel Ford. "These students represent the

bright future of our communities, and we're honored to support them as they take the next steps in their academic journeys. We believe in the power of education to transform lives, and through these scholarships, we're investing in the potential of tomorrow's leaders."

— Provided by California Credit Union •



L/R California Credit Union Vice President, Torrance Branch Manager Andrew Uyttingco presents a 2025 California Credit Union Foundation Scholarship to West High School Senior Gavin Herbers, who plans to study Political Science at University of Michigan.



L/R California Credit Union Vice President, Torrance Branch Manager Andrew Uyttingco presents a 2025 California Credit Union Foundation Scholarship to West High School Senior Natalie Ai-ling Ou, who will attend Tulane University in the fall majoring in International Studies.



California Credit Union Vice President, Torrance Branch Manager Andrew Uyttingco (right) presents a 2025 California Credit Union Foundation Scholarship to North High School Senior Joaquin Cervantes, who will attend University of California, Berkeley studying Electrical Engineering.

A stylized illustration of two men in traditional attire holding up a banner that reads "Daily". The men are wearing head coverings and patterned tunics. The banner is held high above their heads, and the word "Daily" is written in a decorative, cursive font. The background features a cityscape with buildings and a large, stylized sun or moon with rays emanating from it. The overall style is reminiscent of early 20th-century graphic design.

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Inglewood Senior Center is Recognized for Its Vital Contributions to the Well-being of Our Senior Community



The Inglewood Senior Center, its exceptional staff, and the City of Inglewood have been honored with the Resilient Space Provider Award. The Senior Center continues to stand out for its amazing facilities and the delivery of over forty diverse programs and services, including social activities, educational opportunities, health and wellness classes, support services, transportation, and nutrition programs. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and compassion of the Inglewood Senior Center team. Our staff's ongoing commitment ensures that our senior residents remain connected, supported, and cared for. Congratulations Inglewood. Photo courtesy City of Inglewood Facebook page.

PUBLIC NOTICES



**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
THERESA ROSEANNA CABAN
CASE NO. 25STPB02867**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of THERESA ROSEANNA CABAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANETTE MARIE WEISBERG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANETTE MARIE WEISBERG 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: 07/11/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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



**CITATION FOR PUBLICATION
UNDER WELFARE AND
INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
CASE NUMBER:
24JV00405**

1. To (names of persons to be notified, If known, including names on birth certificate): **LORIE DENISE STANSBURY** and anyone claiming to be a parent of (child's name): **AMIAH MONIQUE STANSBURY** born on (date): **September 29TH, 2008** at (name of hospital or other place of birth and city and state):
Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys, California.

2. A hearing will be held on (date): **8/14/2025** at (time): **01:30 PM**
In Dept.: **SMJ 1 Room: [X]** Located at court address above

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SANTA MARIA JUVENILE DIVISION**

3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.

4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.

7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
Date: **6/12/2025**
Clerk, by Katherine Escobar-Jaskulsky
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION
NO. CU-2024-0008 and
Design Review Application No. DR-
2025-0004

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter:

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION NO. CU-2024-0008: Conditional Use Permit Application NO. CU-2024-0008 is a request for a drive-thru at a new building to house the existing KFC fast food restaurant - The KFC restaurant currently shares the same building as that of the existing Taco Bell restaurant. The Hawthorne Municipal Code permits drive-thru restaurants as an approved land use in the Regional Commercial (CR) zone with the issuance of an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) per HMC Section 17.25.020.

DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION NO. DR-2025-0004: Design Review Application NO. DR-2025-0004 is a request for design approval of a new KFC restaurant. The scope of the work includes the construction of a new restaurant with drive-thru, parking, and landscaping.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
(A Cash Contract)

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, CA 90250 until **4:00 P.M. on TUESDAY, JULY 22ND, 2025.** 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, JULY 22ND, 2025** for the following:

**EUCALYPTUS PARK AND RAMONA
PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(Project #24-07)**

PROJECT LOCATION:

11523 Hawthorne Boulevard,
Hawthorne, CA 90250

MEETING DETAILS:

Day: Wednesday
Date: July 16, 2025
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 must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to 5:00 PM July 16, 2025, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to mmajcherek@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact Maria Majcherek at (310) 349-2970 or at the email noted above.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Conditional Use Permit CU-2024-0008 and Design Review DR-2025-0004 are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. Class 32 exempts in-fill development projects such as these due to the following

SCOPE OF WORK

Eucalyptus Park, this project will remove and replace the existing play equipment, remove and replace play area rubber base along with construction of perimeter curb, installation of 3 water fountains, improve lighting around play area, refresh the restroom building exterior and interior, refresh the paint for the wading pool, installation of closed circuit security system cameras and associated poles, and the construction of a new recreational soccer field including, all grading and associated earthwork, field lighting, solar powered scoreboard and associated structural mount and wiring, relocation of existing utility boxes within soccer field area, security fencing that includes ADA accessible gate and a maintenance gate, and 4 in-ground mounted benches (1 will be ADA accessible).

conditions. The proposed establishment will be located within city limits on a lot of approximately 30,792.57 sq. ft. The project does not conflict with the General Plan and zoning designation for the site. Nor does the project site serve as a habitat for rare species as the site was previously disturbed and filled with non-native plants and hardscape, and is surrounded by urban uses. Further, the site is located in an area already served by utility service providers and public services. Finally, there are no unusual circumstances or issues that would constitute an exception to the categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

PLEASE NOTE that pursuant to Government Code Section 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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Ramona Park, this project will remove and replace the existing play equipment, remove and replace play area rubber base and construction of perimeter curb, remove and replace barbecue grills, refresh the paint for the wading pool, refresh restroom building interior and exterior, refresh horseshoe/bocce play area by replacing wooden backboards, adding sand, and repairing the chain-link fence as necessary, installing new shade structure to picnic area per plan and specifications, refresh fitness area floor (i.e. remove existing dirt floor and trash and add decomposed granite), installation of closed circuit security system cameras and associated poles, and re-strap the existing basketball/pickleball court.

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ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXI- MATE QUANTITY
1	Clearing and Grubbing/Implementation of BMPS/SWPP (Both Parks)	LS	1
2	Excavation (unclassified) (Eucalyptus)	CY	477
3	Soccer field - grading per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
4	Soccer field fill – gravel per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	TON	3,532
5	Soccer field fill - sand per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	TON	1,913
6	Soccer field fill - dirt per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	CY	2,004
7	Soccer field fill – Bermuda grass seed per plans and specs or approved equal (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
8	Soccer field - 60 MIL polyvinyl liner per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
9	Soccer field - non-woven geotextile fabric per plans and specs (Eucalyp- tus)	LS	1
10	Soccer field – catch basins per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	EA	5
11	Soccer field – 4” PVC pipe per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LF	550
12	Soccer field – 8” PVC pipe per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LF	260
13	Soccer field – 1” perforated flat drains, AdvanEdge Drain Pipe per plans and specs or approved equal (Eucalyptus)	LF	900
14	Soccer field – irrigation system including valves, sprinkler heads, pipes, etc. per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
15	Soccer field – lighting, four poles per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
16	Soccer field – solar scoreboard and mount per plans and specs (Eucalyp- tus)	LS	1
17	Soccer field accessories including goal posts, striping, and (3) in-ground 15’ long aluminum benches and (1) in-ground 15’ long aluminum ADA ac- cessible bench per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
18	Soccer field – 8’ tall security fence with (1) 4’ wide pedestrian/ADA gate along with their ramps and (1) 6’ wide field maintenance gate per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
19	Soccer field – 6” perimeter curb per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
20	Soccer field – sump pump, pumps, and associated plumbing per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
21	Soccer field – relocate all existing utility boxes within soccer field area i.e. water, electric, irrigation, etc. per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
22	Drinking fountains and installation per plans and specs (Eucalyptus)	EA	3
23	Project Construction Signs (Both Parks)	EA	2
24	Removal and disposal of existing play equipment, together with their as- sociated footings, rubber and sand (Both Parks)	LS	1
25	Installation of new play equipment or approved equal and performing all aspects of the work to complete this project in accordance with these plans and specifications or equivalent. (Both Parks)	LS	1
26	Installation of rubberized mat and its perimeter curb installation (Eucalyp- tus)	SF	10,000
27	Installation of rubberized mat and its perimeter curb installation (Ramona)	SF	13,000
28	Remove existing paint and crack seal, epoxy, and paint existing wading pool (Both Parks)	LS	1
29	Refurnish existing bathroom building, including removing and replacing wooden rafters, painting interior and exterior, changing toilet seats, replacing doors, repainting stalls and installing new automatic hand dryers, soap dispensers and baby changing stations (Eucalyptus)	LS	1
30	Refurnish existing restrooms – this includes painting interior and exterior, changing toilet seats, replacing entrance doors, replacing stall doors, repainting stalls and installing baby changing stations (Ramona)	LS	1
31	Remove and replace trash cans (Eucalyptus)	EA	10
32	New lighting around play equipment (Eucalyptus)	EA	3
33	Closed circuit security system including but not limited to cameras, poles, etc. (Both Parks)	LS	1
34	Install shaded canopy in proposed shaded picnic area per plans and specs (Ramona)	LS	1
35	Install concrete identification markers for each picnic table area -5 total per plans and specs (Ramona)	LS	1
36	Repair existing Decomposed Granite (D.G.) in the Fitness Area, remove all trash, tree roots, etc. and replace with 4” D.G. (Ramona)	LS	1
37	Refresh horseshoe/bocce play area – including removal and replacement of existing 4’ chain-link fence, (8) horseshoe backboards, and D.G./sand with sand (Ramona)	LS	1
38	Basketball and pickleball court restoration – removal of existing court paint, new floor paint, and basketball and pickleball striping (Ramona Park)	LS	1
39	Brick Wall Restoration including cracked concrete (Ramona Park)	LS	1
40	Removal, disposal, and replacement of BBQ grills including clean-up per specs or approved equal (Ramona Park)	EA	5

ENGINEERING ESTIMATE

The approximate cost for this project is \$2.1M.

CLASSIFICATION / EXPERIENCE OF CONTRACTORS

Contractors bidding this project must possess a valid State of California A, B and/or C 27 Contractors' License. The Contractor must be able to document five (5) years of satisfactory experience on projects of similar complexity and dollar value.

PRE-BID JOB WALK

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING/ JOB WALK WILL BE CONDUCTED BEGINNING AT EUCALYTPUS PARK, 12011 S INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, AND THEN RAMONA PARK, 4617 W 136TH ST, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND, 2025 AT 10:00AM. At this time, contractors will have an opportunity to talk to the City's Consultant and the Engineer and Public Works Inspector concerning any aspect of the job or job site. BIDS WILL BE NULL AND VOID IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT ATTEND THIS PRE-BID WALK.

CERTIFICATION OF OFFEROR/ 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 administrating 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

The Contractor is required to obtain an "Active Status". If the City of Hawthorne later determines that a lower tier participation failed to disclose 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.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Original proposals must be submitted on the blank forms prepared and furnished for that purpose, which may be obtained at the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division (2nd Floor), Hawthorne City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Bidders may also obtain copies of the Plans and Specifications for the contemplated work at this same location.

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. 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 \$150.00 (non-refundable).**

WAGES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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 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. The schedule has been obtain from the U.S. Department of 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.

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In addition to the Contractor's obligations as to minimum wage 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.

DBE REQUIREMENTS

The bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, and the State of California, Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Plan.

The City of Hawthorne established an AADPL of 8.2%. The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of

this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as recipient deems appropriate.

NONDISCRIMINATION

In performance of the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall not engage in, nor permit such subcontractors as he may employ from engaging in, discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, color, place of national origin or ancestry, sex, age or religion of such persons.

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.

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 below 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 the Project Engineer, **Itzel Estrada** in the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at **(310) 349-2980**, or via email at iestrada@cityofhawthorne.org.

EXHIBIT 1

Summary of Contract Provisions for Inclusion in the Notice Inviting Bids

Prevailing Wage Statement: This contract will be funded in whole or in part with federal housing and community development 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 on file at the City Clerk's office, and is also available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/>.

Apprenticeship Program: Attention is directed to Sections 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 of the California Labor Code and Title 8, California Administrative code, Section 200 et seq. to ensure compliance and complete understanding of the law regarding apprentices.

Minority and Women Owned Business: Bidders will be required to document their status as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), a Women-owned Business Enterprise (MBE) or a non-MBE/WBE firm. Bidders that are not MBE/WBE firms will be required to make a good faith effort, and to document their efforts to include firms as part of the contract bid.

Section 3 Statement: This is a HUD Section 3 construction contract. Contractors and subcontractors must address the Section 3 employment work hours benchmarks for Section 3 Workers and Targeted Section 3 Workers as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 CFR Part 75.

Conflict of Interest: In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services, the conflict of interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.318 shall apply. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or

parties to subcontracts.

Build America, Buy America: The construction services performed pursuant to this contract are subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, April 18, 2022. By submitting a bid, Contractor hereby certifies they are familiar with all laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the work, including BABA requirements. A copy of the contractor self-certification form is included in the Bid Document.

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Sofia is a beautiful 2-year-old female Husky Lab mix with stunning blue eyes. Sofia is very friendly and has had many positive experiences with other dogs. Her favorite activities are playing in the kiddie swimming pool or being brushed by staff and volunteers. Could Sofia be your new Friend for Life? [https://](https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-19213)

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Twinkle is a 2-month-old male domestic short hair kitten with a stunning smooth orange coat. This energetic kitten loves to play with his siblings and their abundance of toys. After a morning full of play, Twinkle can be found curled up taking a long midafternoon cat nap in the sun. Come meet this sweet



Cairo
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Cairo is a lovable and highly social 2-month-old bundle of fun and puppy energy. This female Chihuahua Terrier mix loves everyone she meets as long as there are cuddles and treats involved. She is eager to find her Friends for Life - could it be you? <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-19150>

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Fiona is a gorgeous 2-month-old female domestic short hair kitten with a glorious fluffy black and white coat. She enjoys being petted and loves everyone she meets. Could this cute kitten be the newest addition to your family? <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-19171> •



Twinkle



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