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## Santa Claus is Coming to Town



It may be 70 degrees outside, but Santa still touched down at LAX. Next stop: your chimney. Happy Holidays. Photo courtesy LAX Facebook page.

## From the Shoreline to the Horizon

By Ron Sokol

In July 1896, the first public beach in America opened. This was not here, on the sunny West Coast, but in the town of Revere, Massachusetts. Over forty-five thousand people showed up on opening day. The Revere Beach included a bandstand, public bathhouses, shade pavilions, and was adjacent to a boulevard. Thinking about what folks wore to the beach then, compared to what they wear, or do not wear today, is a reminder that times change.

But how did they come up with the idea of beaches? That inquiry is not Jerry Seinfeld about to start a comedy routine. It is a real question.

We live in the South Bay, which is well known, if not revered, for several reasons, including the aerospace industry, SoFi Stadium, the horse trails on the proverbial hill, and a superb diversity of food from Mexican to Korean, from Chinese to American, from Japanese to Hawaiian. And let's not forget excellent schools, including excellent colleges. The South Bay also has the beach, the ocean, all those stretches of sand, and several historic piers.

So then, how did this happen? How did the beach come to be? After all, the beach is a kind of playground for anyone and everyone. Walking, surfing, sand-castling, fishing, volleyball, swings, sunning, taking-it-all-in, boogie boarding, kite flying, and picnicking, among the activities.

Beaches are not simply part of the South Bay. A beach is either in your hometown or your hometown is within a relatively short driving distance.

Hawthorne, for example, has no beach named after it, unlike Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. But that didn't stop Brian Wilson and the Beach Boys, born and raised in Hawthorne, from creating timeless music about surfing, California girls, the warmth of the sun, and that little surfer girl.

Worldwide, sandy beaches cover about one-third of global coastlines. Beaches themselves are the result of wave action – currents move sand and other sediment. The sand is then affected by saltation, which causes larger particles to bounce. All of this is pretty scientific, but interestingly, shorelines develop from the erosion of rocks and headlands. Today, beach sands are white, some are

simply light-colored, there is pink coral sand, red sand, black sand, orange sand, and even green sand.

Since the Earth is estimated to be about 4.5 billion years old, beaches have been around for a very long time. In the Roman era, wealthy persons built large villas with bathing facilities on the beaches. By the mid-19th century, beaches had become a popular leisure resort and part of tourism.

In the South Bay, we have Playa Del Rey, El Porto Beach, Manhattan County Beach, Redondo County Beach, South Redondo Beach, Torrance Beach, Bluff Cove Beach, and Malaga Cove, which sometimes is referred to as Rat Beach. The cities of Manhattan

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Redondo Beach Pier. Image provided by Ron Sokol.

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Showers  
62°/51°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
60°/49°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
64°/51°



# Entertainment

## Check It Out

### Blue Lock by Muneyuki Kaneshiro

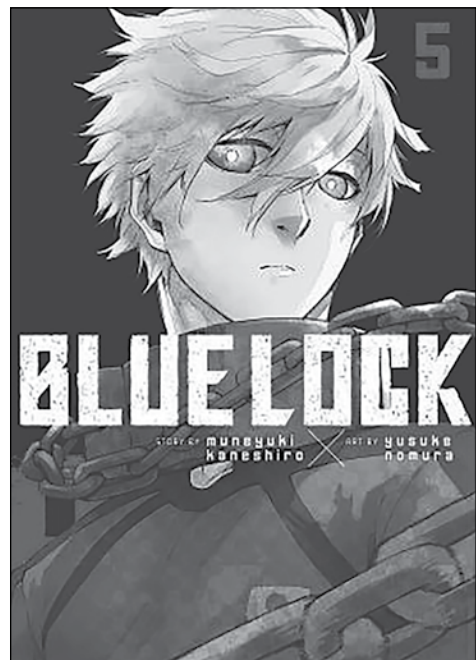
By Aaron Acuna, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

*Blue Lock*, created by Muneyuki Kaneshiro, is set in the aftermath of a disastrous showing by the Japan national team at the 2018 FIFA World Cup where the squad finished 16th. In response to this disappointing result, the eponymous Blue Lock, an extreme football training program, was created to forge the next Japanese superstar striker capable of turning the tide for the national team. Yoichi Isagi, the protagonist of the series, has entered this program to fulfill his dream of playing for Japan on the national stage. However, he quickly learns that hundreds of other aspiring forwards have entered as well. In order to prevail and become the best, he must throw aside all that he has learned from the past about teamwork and selflessness. Ego and ambition are the determining factors in *Blue Lock*, transforming the sport of football into something closer to a battle royale than a

team sport.

Coupled with its stunning visual artwork on each page, the story of *Blue Lock* transcends other sports manga series by diving fully into the psychological tension that unfolds when the stakes are at its highest. The series greatly balances the intense action of football matches with great character development, exploring that while ego is the most important to unlocking their potential, camaraderie has its place as well.

While the story is absolutely over-the-top, it has a certain charm to it that makes it hard to put down. Watching Isagi grow throughout the series as he sharpens his skills, awakens new abilities on the pitch, and challenges increasingly formidable rivals is deeply satisfying. The characters are funny, endearing, and easy to root for as they all try and make something of themselves in the football world. I wholeheartedly recommend this series to anyone looking for an intense and addictive new series to dive into, especially with its anime adaptation in full swing. Make sure to check them out at the El Segundo Public Library when you get the chance! •



Blue Lock by Muneyuki Kaneshiro.



Aaron Acuna

## Film Review

### Composer Emilie Levienaise-Farrouch Debuts Track from 'H is for Hawk'

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Emilie Levienaise-Farrouch's score took audiences on a journey through a tapestry of big emotions in the 2023 drama, *All of Us Strangers*. Using a mixture of synths and strings, she effortlessly evokes the "texture" of memory. Before that, she leaned into the traditional classical genre in *Living*, the 2022 drama starring Bill Nighy. Her most recent work soars once again in filmmaker Philippa Lowthorpe's *H is for Hawk*. Using a string ensemble, she crafts an expansive, yet unforced piece that acts as a sonic meditation on grief, nature, and the father-daughter bond. You can listen to the track 'Feathers' from *Roadside Attractions' H is for Hawk* now on Cinemacy.com.

Inspired by Helen Macdonald's beloved memoir, *H is for Hawk* stars Emmy, SAG, and Golden Globe award winner Claire Foy (*The Crown*) as a grieving woman who finds

renewed purpose through falconry. After the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), Helen (Foy) loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together. To navigate her profound loss, she turns to training a wild goshawk named Mabel. As she teaches Mabel to hunt and to fly, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions.

The Ivor Novello-nominated composer initially conceived the soundtrack as a small chamber piece. However, to match the film's emotional depth, the music grew into a 12-piece string ensemble. The result is what we hear in *Feathers*: an organic acoustic sound that embodies the film's exhilarating sense of emotional release. She uses techniques like heavy detuning, extended bowing, and abstract verbal direction to shape the music. This gives the sound an animalistic quality that almost feels as if it's breathing. Using minimalist instruments, Levienaise-Farrouch crafts a sound that is so wonderfully wild, strange, and alive.

*H is for Hawk* had a limited run in mid-December, and will open theatrically on January 23, 2026. •



H is for Hawk, courtesy of Roadside Attractions.



Morgan Rojas

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## Inspiration Leads to Opportunity, Hope and Generosity this Holiday Season



To celebrate his Apple Music Artist of the Year honors, Tyler, The Creator pulled up on his old high school to surprise Hawthorne High's class of 2026. At Tyler's request, Apple Music provided every Hawthorne HS senior with an iPad Pro and an Apple Pencil. Tyler attended Hawthorne high school from 2005-2008. Thank you Tyler for inspiring our Seniors to reach for the stars. Photo courtesy of Centinela Valley Union High School District Facebook page.

## All the Light We Can Certainly See: Citizen Scientist and the NASA Redshift Wrangler Project

By Tommy Vinh Bui, MLIS Youth Services Librarian, Los Angeles County Library

Science beckons and we spirited Citizen Scientists are reliably at the ready to answer the call. The skies above ceaselessly swirl with question marks and NASA scientists could use all the extra eyeballs they could muster to help shuffle loose those elusive answers.

We're being asked to don our astrophysicist caps to help examine data on the Redshift Wrangler project. We're given an opportunity to help by peering back into the early rumblings of the universe using light from distant galaxies. It's truly the stuff of science-fiction and the closest we'll get to time travel seemingly. As a Citizen Scientist, we'll scrutinize data from the Keck Observatory and ever stalwart Hubble Space Telescope focusing on wayward bumps and wiggles that might appear in the tickertape of our cosmic history.

Using the tools of spectroscopy which is the study of light and how it travels across the universe and reacts across varying and different wavelengths. These significant bumps and wiggles will be used to measure how big the universe was way back when the light was first initially released. This data would comprise what scientists call the cosmological redshift of a galaxy which reveals how they were created and evolved over vast swathes of time.

And that's where you come in, intrepid Citizen Scientists. You'll use those eagle eyes to identify these bumps and dips in galaxy spectra that will in turn reveal the redshifts and help scientists determine the distances between galaxies. This is crucial information that will help inform how galaxies have changed since the first ones were formed nearly fourteen billion years ago. Studying these far off and bygone systems can provide a fuller understanding of the chemical composition of the early universe

and our place within the larger cosmic timeline.

Pursuing and deciphering a better picture of the characteristic patterns of the spectral features of our cosmic history is a boon to science and provides a nuanced picture of the very molecules careening in your body. From the oxygen you breathe to the carbon that comprises your bones to the iron that courses through your veins. These are all fabricated from the fundamental elements in space that are part of the larger cosmic narrative of stars forming and dying in distant galaxies. Consequently, our deep-diving into the elemental makeup of early galaxies allows astronomers to gain new insights about where we came from and our place in the yawning abyss that is the cosmos.

So strap on those bifocals and start straining those pupils at an ever expanding universe. And help make a meaningful and sustaining contribution to science this winter. And who knows, maybe you'll espy a certain red-hued object streaking across the sky with a merry band of reindeer in tow too this holiday season.

Tally-ho. •



Tommy Vinh Bui

happy holidays!

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## Winter Wonderland at CVUHSD



Wishing all our Centinela Valley Union High School District Families a wonderful Holiday Season. Photo courtesy of Centinela Valley Union High School District Facebook page.

### Shoreline

from front page

Beach, Redondo Beach, and Hermosa Beach all have their own piers. People fish off the piers. The Manhattan Beach pier has a well-known Aquarium. The Redondo Beach pier has a variety of restaurants and shops. Hermosa Beach – who can forget the dance scene from the film *La La Land* – has historic landmarks and a walkable path to venerable restaurants, bars, and stores.

El Porto Beach has an excellent café smack dab on the sand, open just about every day of the year, with an extensive menu from breakfast to lunch to dinner. You sit at a table, under a shady umbrella. You can eat, relax, watch the waves in front of you, turn to your left to see kids on swings, and others playing catch or frisbee. Or you can get it to go. Rental items are available for beach use as well. You can even rent the facility for a party (hmm).

Torrance Beach is popular for windsurfing. The nearby bluffs are being restored and serve as a haven for native plants. And, very importantly, the wonderful bike path winds its way from Torrance to Playa Del Rey to Santa Monica. The beaches are connected, each with its own uniqueness and sense of place.

There is a constant to the beach. Most go to enjoy. Many find the beach a comfortable place to relax, read, play, be active, or take a little snooze. Some businesses thrive because of the beach, such as swimwear, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, towels, umbrellas, surfboards, paddle boards, fins, watermarks, and fishing poles. You will see at least a few hopefuls fishing right at the shoreline, not just from the piers. Some will carefully walk out on a rock jetty and try their luck there, making quite an image against a big sky on a windy day.

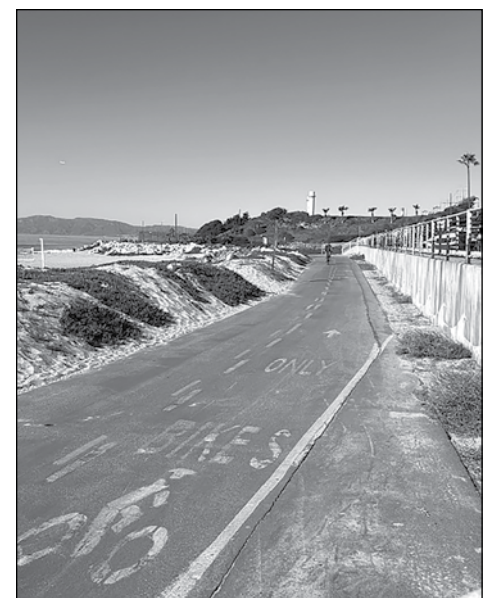
During this holiday season, we have much

to celebrate. Gift giving is part of the dynamic. The beaches, on the other hand, are open all year round. The waves come in and then go out. The seagulls soar overhead, or some will land and group together along the shoreline. Dolphins saunter by, at times looking quite majestic as they maneuver through the waves. The sunsets at the end of the day are part of a very notable vision, the myriad colors in the sky, the simple majesty of our day transforming into night, while the world wakes on the other side of the globe.

We all know not to take the beach for granted. Indeed, the beach can provide solace, inspiration, and a sense of harmony.

We are fortunate here in the South Bay. Maybe that's where the expression "Go West, young man!" came from, but I would tweak it just a little bit:

"Go to the beach, everybody!" •



Bike Path.



Beach Café. Images provided by Ron Sokol.



Sea Gulls.

# Torrance Tribune

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## The Torrance Unified Elves Have Been Hard at Work this Holiday Season



A generous outpouring of wrapped gifts created moments of joy for families supported through our McKinney-Vento program, including families experiencing homelessness and those caring for students in foster care. Through our Sponsor a Family program, Torrance Unified employees, community partners, and local companies came together to support families across our community. We are grateful to Community's Child, Lomita Target, YMCA, Local Anchor, and the many individual donors, including employees and community members, whose generosity made this effort possible. We also truly appreciate the Family Engagement team, counseling teams, and social work interns who put so much heart, time, and teamwork into organizing and sharing these gifts. Happy Holidays. Photo courtesy of Torrance Unified School District Facebook page.

## Seniors

### Tips And Tactics From Financial Advisors to Prepare for Retirement

(BPT) - You're 10 years or less away from retirement. You can clearly see the next phase of your life down the road and it's coming up fast. Are you ready for it? Do you have a comprehensive plan in place so you don't outlive your savings?

If you're not as prepared for retirement as you should be, you're not alone. The Federal Reserve did a study and found that one-fourth of Americans have no retirement savings or pension. And a Money article reports 56 percent of Americans have less than \$10,000 saved.

Why aren't more people prepared? There are myriad reasons. Some people are stretched thin. Credit card debt, student loans, rising mortgage and interest rates all conspire to make it difficult for them to save. Others may lack information on the importance of retirement savings, or lack the financial savvy to be comfortable managing their own investments. And then there's the gap between men and women. The Federal Reserve's study found that among women with any level of education, investment comfort is lower than among similarly educated men.

That's why the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA), a national organization representing Fee-Only financial advisors, conducted a poll of its members to get their top tips and advice for people who are nearing retirement. They want to raise consumer awareness about the urgency of preparing for retirement and the importance

of having a comprehensive plan in place.

Here are the best tips, advice and tactics for retirement planning from the top financial advisors in the business.

1. Make a list of retirement "needs" and "wants." If you do not have enough savings for all of your "needs," make a ten-year plan to increase your funds.

2. Take a hard look at any major debts you have and develop a plan to eliminate them.

3. Brainstorm any "big ticket" financial commitments (caretaking for a family member, etc.) for the next 10 years and consider how

these items might affect your ability to save for retirement.

4. Continually monitor and analyze your asset allocation to make sure it is the right one for you. Understand whether you should move to a more conservative asset allocation or continue investing for growth.

5. Be tax efficient with your investments. For example, you should defer as much of your salary as you can to your defined contribution plans.

6. Save to an emergency fund and stay aware of your company's financial situation.

Companies are prone to reorganizations and layoffs, and older workers can be vulnerable.

7. Ask your HR department about the relationship between your current health insurance and Medicare, as well as what your options are when you reach age 65. Get information about any pension or defined contribution options and any other retiree benefits.

8. Research when stock-based compensation might expire and what stock awards you can retain after retirement.

9. Double check your reported Social Security earnings and resolve any discrepancies now. Explore your Social Security claiming options and make sure you understand the timing of applying for benefits.

10. Make sure that all of your estate documents are up-to-date. Verify that your named executors and proxies know your wishes and are willing to act on them if needed.

If you think you'll need help creating and sticking to a financial plan, NAPFA recommends working with a Fee-Only financial advisor who adheres to a strict fiduciary standard. These advisors are required to put your best interest first and don't accept commissions on the products they recommend, which reduces potential conflicts of interest. For more information and resources on retirement planning, check out NAPFA's infographic about the poll. To find a Fee-Only financial advisor in your area, visit the NAPFA website at [www.napfa.org](http://www.napfa.org) and NAPFA's "Find an Advisor" search engine. •



# Inglewood News

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## Holiday Magic Came to Inglewood Public Library



IPL staff brought holiday cheer to the library with festive decor. From hand-painted backdrops to sparkling trees and cozy displays... the team transformed the space with creativity and imagination. Thank you for always bringing joy and inspiration to our library. Photo courtesy of Inglewood Public Library Facebook page.



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### Chocolate Bundt Cake with Peppermint Glaze

Provided by Brandpoint

Prep Time: 20 Minutes • Cook Time: 65 Minutes • Servings: 16



#### Ingredients

##### Cake:

- Softened butter for greasing pan
- 2 cups Sugar In The Raw, plus more for sprinkling in cake pan
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup Dutch process cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup strong brewed coffee
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

##### Glaze:

- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup white chocolate chips or 6 ounces white chocolate, chopped
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- Crushed peppermint candies (optional)

#### Directions

- **Step 1:** Preheat oven to 350 F. Liberally butter a 10" Bundt pan. Place some sugar inside pan and rotate to coat evenly. Shake out excess.
- **Step 2:** In large bowl, whisk to combine sugar, flour, cocoa powder, salt, baking powder and baking soda.
- **Step 3:** Add coffee, sour cream, oil, eggs and vanilla. Whisk to combine.
- **Step 4:** Scrape batter into prepared pan and bake until toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean or with moist crumbs attached, 50-60 minutes.
- **Step 5:** Let cake cool in pan 15 minutes, then invert onto rack, removing pan. Let cake cool completely.
- **Step 6:** In small saucepan bring cream to a boil. Take off heat, add white chocolate, cover and let sit 5 minutes.
- **Step 7:** Stir until smooth, then stir in peppermint extract. Let cool 15 minutes.
- **Step 8:** Pour glaze over cake, letting it drip down sides. If desired, sprinkle cake with peppermint candies.

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

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In favor of JESSE FRANKLIN ESPHORST, JULIE A. ESPHORST and against TUNG MING showing a net balance of \$52,930,342.47 actually due on said judgment. (Amount subject to revision)

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Attn: Aneska I. Kekula  
13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250

Proposal & Contract Documents Available at: <https://www.hawthornesd.org/departments/purchasing/bids>  
Tentative Evaluation Period:  
January 12, 2026 through January 14, 2026

Tentative Board Approval Date:  
February 11, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hawthorne School District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter called the "District" will receive up to, but no later than the above-stated date and time, sealed Request for Proposals from qualified and experienced companies capable of providing the District with art education programs generally described as: **RFP No. R25-26-9 Art Education Programs.**

All proposals shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the Owner. RFPs shall be received in the Office of the **Hawthorne School District, Purchasing Department at**

**13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, California 90250**, at the above-stated time and place, and there will be no formal bid opening. Any proposal received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

For questions regarding the Request for Proposal, please contact the Hawthorne School District's Purchasing Department at 310-676-2276 or you may visit the District's website at <https://www.hawthornesd.org/departments/purchasing/bids>.

Each Service Provider shall be licensed pursuant to State of California Regulations, California Business and Professions Code, and have the necessary license to perform the work called for in this request for proposal. Copies of all licenses must be included with their proposal. No Proposal will be considered from a Bidder who, at the time the Proposals are opened, is not licensed.

No Service Provider shall withdraw its Proposal for ninety (90) days after the District's Board of Trustees awards the contract. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee the prices quoted in their respective proposals.

Waiver of Irregularities: The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, make multiple awards, or waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposal or in the RFP process. The Contract for the work, if awarded, will be by the action of the District's Board of Trustees to the Bidder that meets the qualifications established by the RFP documents.

Inquiries and Clarifications: The Service

Provider is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the RFP shall be submitted to the district in writing prior to the Question Deadline for RFI's noted above. The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this RFP is invalid. Inquiries shall be sent in writing to Aneska I. Kekula at [ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us](mailto:ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us) or mailed to Aneska I. Kekula, at Hawthorne School District, 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. Service Providers are solely responsible for ensuring their written inquiry is received prior to this deadline and the District is not responsible for any delays or errors in delivery. Service Providers are responsible for reviewing the district's website and incorporating any and all clarifications provided therein into their proposals.

It is each Service Provider's sole responsibility to ensure its proposal is timely delivered and received at the designated location as specified above. Any proposal received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals shall be returned to the Bidders unopened.

Publications:  
District Website at <https://www.hawthornesd.org/departments/purchasing/bids>  
Herald Publication: 1st Publication: December 18, 2025  
2nd Publication: December 25, 2026  
Hawthorne Press Tribune pub 12/18, 12/25/25

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
T.S. No. 24-20284-SP-CA Title No. 240555688-CA-VOI A.P.N. 4075-004-036 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or

implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Rafael Moreno Jr, a married man as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/09/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2495126 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 01/23/2026 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: At The Courtyard located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$332,270.78 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4171 West 170th Street, Lawndale, CA 90260 A.P.N.: 4075-004-036 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address

or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned

off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this internet website [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 24-20284-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in

duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-20284-SP-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15

days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. \*Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 12/17/2025 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4861116 12/25/2025, 01/01/2026, 01/08/2026 Lawndale Tribune 12/25/25; 1/11, 1/8/26

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

**1. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE:**

The City of Hawthorne ("City") is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified firms to provide operations, maintenance, and management (O&M) services for the City's municipal potable water system. The Purpose of this RFQ is to:

- Identify highly qualified firms with demonstrated experience in municipal water system operations,
- Establish a shortlist of firms eligible for interviews,
- Select a preferred firm with whom the City may negotiate one or more agreements, which may include:
  - Contract O&M services,
  - A phased transition agreement,
  - public-private partnership (PPP),
  - A hybrid operating or management structure,
  - Or other mutually acceptable delivery models.

This RFQ is not a request for pricing and does not obligate the City to enter into a lease or long-term agreement.

**2. CITY'S WATER SYSTEM (SUMMARY):**

Providing a High-level description only :

- Approx. 6,000 connections
- Treatment plant, wells, reservoirs, booster stations
- Purchased water+ adjudicated groundwater
- Distribution system mileage
- Existing billing structure
- Regulatory oversight agencies (Detailed systems data will be made available during later negotiation phases.)

**3.SCOPE OF SERVICES (QUALIFICATIONS-BASED)**

Respondents must demonstrate qualifications to provide some or all of the following services:

**3.1.Core Operations & Maintenance**

- Day-to-day operations of treatment and distribution facilities
- Preventative and corrective maintenance
- Emergency response (24/7/365)
- Water quality monitoring and compliance
- SCADA and controls oversight

**3.2.Regulatory & Compliance Management**

- Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board / DDW requirements
- Sampling programs and reporting
- Response to inspections and violations
- Recordkeeping and audit readiness

**3.3.Staffing & Workforce Development**

- Certified operators (treatment & distribution)
- Sampling programs and reporting
- Response to inspections and violations
- Recordkeeping and audit readiness

**3.4. Administrative, Billing & Customer Service Support**

- Meter reading oversight
- Billing system management or transition
- Customer service support
- Data management and reporting
- Coordination with City finance staff

**3.5. Capital Improvement & Asset Management Support**

- Asset inventory and condition assessment
- CIP development and prioritization
- Coordination with City engineers
- Construction oversight or self-performance
- Grant and funding support (optional)

**3.6. Construction & Field services (Preferred) Respondents may demonstrate:**

- In-house construction capabilities
- Class A or related contractor licensing
- Ability to self-perform emergency or planned work
- Experience coordinating capital projects in active systems

**4.DELIVERY MODELS (INTENTIONALLY OPEN)**

Respondents shall describe their experience and capability under various

delivery models, including:

- Contract O&M services
- Transitional or interim operations
- Phased operational takeovers
- Public-private partnerships
- Hybrid management models
- Lease or concession support (if applicable)

**Respondents are not required to propose a specific structure at this time.**

**5. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS-REQUIRED CONTENT:**

Each SOQ shall include, at minimum:

**5.1 Firm Background**

- Legal structure
- Years in operation
- Primary service lines
- Municipal water experience

**5.2 Relevant Project Experience**

- Comparable municipal systems
- Size, complexity, and services provide
- Duration of engagements
- Reference contacts (minimum 3)

**5.3 Key Personnel**

- Organizational chart
- Resumes of key staff
- Certifications and licenses
- Local or regional staffing availability

**5.4 Technical Capabilities**

- Treatment and distribution expertise
- SCADA and technology experience
- Regulatory compliance track record
- Emergency response capabilities
- Distribution system mileage
- Existing billing structure
- Regulatory oversight agencies

**5.5 Workforce & Training Programs**

- Operator training programs
- Apprenticeship or workforce development
- Retention and recruitment strategies

**5.6 Financial Capacity**

- Evidence of financial stability
- Ability to scale operations
- Insurance and bonding capacity

**5.7 Optional Enhancements**

- Innovations, technology, or efficiency tools
- Asset management systems
- Sustainability initiatives
- Grant or funding expertise

**6.PROCURMENT PROCESS**

**Step 1 – RFQ Issuance**

City issues RFQ.

**Step 2 – Evaluation & Shortlisting**

RFQs evaluated based on qualifications only.

**Step 3 – Interviews**

Top-ranked firms invited for interviews and discussions.

**Step 4 – Negotiation**

City enters negotiations with selected firm(s) for:

- Interim or transitional services
- Long-term O&M agreement
- PPP / hybrid structure
- Lease or other arrangements (if desired)

**7.EVALUTATION CRITERIA**

- Relevant municipal water experience
- Depth of operational and regulatory expertise
- Staffing strength and certifications
- Workforce development and training programs

\*Ability to support transition and long-term needs

\*mDemonstrated reliability and performance

- Overall fit with City objectives

**8.CITY RIGHTS**

The City reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFQ
- Request additional information
- Conduct interviews
- Negotiate scope and terms
- Select one or more firms
- Take no action

**SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:**

The successful proposer shall provide an up-front payment to the City in the amount of \$10,000,000. The timing and structure of this payment may be negotiated as part of contract execution.

**TERM OF CONTRACT:**

- The term of the contract will be for ten (10) years, with an optional ten (10) year extension to the discretion of the City.

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

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# PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

## Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

Introducing **Acorn**! This one-year-old Shepherd mix adores playtime with staff and volunteers and is always ready for a game, a walk, or a cuddle session. Acorn is extremely treat-motivated, which makes training fun. His ideal home will appreciate his gentle nature, playful spirit, and big, expressive eyes. If you're ready to welcome a loyal companion into your life, stop by spcaLA South Bay to meet Acorn

today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-20988>

**Nala** is a three-year-old Cane Corso Mastiff mix who weighs about 104 lbs. She was a little timid when she first arrived at spcaLA, but has since opened up. She takes treats gently and enjoys affection from staff and volunteers. Nala's ideal home is an adult-only home with someone with experience with big-breed dogs. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-20864>

**Sapphire** is an energetic three-month-old domestic shorthair kitten full of curiosity and playfulness. She loves exploring her surroundings and playing with wand and feather toys. Sapphire is excited to find a family to share love, cuddles, and playful moments with! Stop by spcaLA South Bay to meet this sweet kitten today. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21166>

**Aurora** is a graceful young kitten with a gentle personality. She loves calm, cozy spaces where she can nap or watch the world go by from a safe perch. Once she feels comfortable, Aurora's playful side shines through. She enjoys chasing feather toys with dainty enthusiasm. Because she can be shy at first, Aurora would do best in a peaceful home where she can build trust at her own pace and blossom into the affectionate, loyal companion she is. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-20560> •



Acorn



Sapphire



Nala



Aurora

*"A dog is the most joyful friend that you can have."  
— DEBASISH MRIDHA*