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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
71°/62°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/62°



Sunday

Partly
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El Segundo Police Department Stands Behind Our Community



Happy International Surfing Day from ESPD. Our community is strong when we stand together. This photo was taken before social distancing. Photo courtesy El Segundo Police Department.

Don Brann: Still “Being Born” After All These Years

By Duane Plank

Don Brann, who has worked in the fields of education and community service for 50 years, took his first teaching job at El Segundo’s Center Street School in 1970. Did he enter the teaching profession because he had a passion for educating and inspiring young minds to help shape the future?

Not really. It turns out Brann had a less altruistic, very practical reason for entering the educational field. “I wanted my summer’s off,” he said. “I realized that if I entered the regular working world, I wouldn’t get my summers off anymore.” After graduating from the USC school of business, he took a job with the May Company department store chain, but soon realized working that gig entails showing-up all year, a scenario that did not appeal to Brann all that much. “Hey, what happened to summer?” he remembers thinking while working at May Company. He decided to return to school and earn a teaching credential. “Then I would get my summer’s off,” he said.

Brann moved to Hawthorne in 1953, where he started his local schooling as a third-grader in the Wiseburn School District. He graduated from Hawthorne High in 1963, attended El Camino College, left with an AA degree, and then matriculated to USC’s school of business, graduating in 1968. Brann continued his schooling at Cal State Los Angeles, receiving a master’s degree in Elementary Education, then later returned to USC, leaving with an Ed. D degree in Administration in 1982.

Brann, who has served the El Segundo and Wiseburn communities for more than four

decades, and is currently the president of the Da Vinci Charter School Board of Trustees, is slated to join the *Herald*, penning occasional columns that will mine his depth of experience in education, local governance, and local history. Brann said he anticipates opining on subjects ranging from residential living east of PCH, what he terms “ugly” El Segundo borders, Japanese families experiences in El Segundo in the ’30s and 40s, founding the Da Vinci Schools, and the Wiseburn Unified School District (WUSD) boundaries.

Brann has also served two stints on the El Segundo city council. At 74, Brann may have been the oldest person to serve on the council. Why did he decide to run for city council? “It is important for me to have meaning in my life, (hoping to) change the world, working through and with others.” There was an opening in the city council in 2008, after “retiring” from the neighboring Wiseburn school district, where he had served as superintendent since 1993. He ran for the council and won a seat, serving until 2012.

In 2010, Brann was nominated to become Mayor but lost to Eric Busch on a 3-2 vote. Ironically, Brann had the mayor post for the taking, but he decided to cast his vote for Busch, which tipped the scales, 3-2, in Busch’s favor. Do the math, right? Looking back, Brann says he “didn’t really need to be the Mayor, or care about it as much. “Eric Busch wanted to be the Mayor. I was content to just be a council member,” he said, adding that he “didn’t know when I went in that I would be a “maverick” council member, on the losing side, 4-1, of a majority of big votes

affecting the city. “I just (did) my thing,” he said of his council tenure, “disagreeing without being disagreeable.”

Said Brann: “People, especially those who built this town,” seemed to like his political stances, noting that when he left the council six months ago, the old-guard in El Segundo lost “their champion” who often based his decisions on long-term “life experiences.”

He returned to the El Segundo City Council in 2016. He served until the end of 2019, when he stepped down because of a new law that mandated that if you were serving on a charter school board like he is with Da Vinci, then you could not serve in another office that you were elected to, like the El Segundo city council. Although no conflicts had arisen with Brann serving both posts, he was forced to make a choice and decided to keep his position with Da Vinci.

“It was an easy decision for me,” Brann said. “I like working with teachers and kids. I think they are a better bet to change the future than being on a city council.”

After his first city council stint, Brann returned to working as a superintendent with the San Gabriel Unified School District. In 2013, he was placed by Gov. Jerry Brown as the school board trustee/superintendent of the embattled, tumultuous, financially tanking Inglewood Unified School District. “A remarkable assignment,” Brann remembered, noting that at times he was protected by members of the California Highway Patrol. Brann was so successful in his assignment with the IUSD that he was selected as the

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Finance

Focusing On Your Financial Health During Times Of Crisis

(BPT) - It will take some time to adjust and recover from the major disruption experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many consumers are figuring out how to cope with challenges when it comes to their financial health.

A lot of people are feeling the financial strain of not being able to go to work or operate their businesses normally, and many more have had to rethink personal plans and goals for the year.

But there are proactive steps you can take to stay focused on your long-term financial health. Consider these suggestions moving forward.

It is always important for consumers to be aware of the digital banking resources available to them, but now with social distancing measures in place across the country it is more important than ever to know how to use your bank's website or mobile app to manage your finances from home.

Generally speaking, financial technology can help you with managing your bills, set up direct deposits or make and receive payments from friends and family. Also, if you are still expecting a stimulus check, check your banking app for mobile deposit capabilities. Using QuickDepositSM through Chase, as an example, you can skip the trip to the ATM by taking a photo of the front and back of the check on your mobile device. If you use the Chase Mobile® app, an array of videos can help you make the most of these tools.

Experts suggest triple-checking your social messages, emails or other solicitations for potential fraud. For example, a scammer trying to steal your stimulus check may claim the IRS needs personal information such as your name, password, PIN or account information. Legitimate financial institutions will never ask for such confidential information when reaching out to you. Be especially alert to messaging that mentions COVID-19 and/or includes either an urgent call to action or contains suspicious links. If you are in doubt, check out official resources like the Federal Trade Commission's consumer website for information on common scams and how to report them. Also, be sure your financial

institution has your latest contact information so they can reach out to you if they detect any suspected fraud on your account.

Round up all your pending bills and make a list of when they're due. You can then check the websites listed on bills for utilities, auto loans, mortgages or credit cards to find out if the companies are allowing delayed payments and/or waiving late fees during the COVID crisis - and whether opting in on those options could adversely affect your credit score. If you must delay payments, contact the payees to discuss your payment plan; they may be able to negotiate better terms.

You're bound to feel more financially secure if you're aware of all sources of cash and credit you could draw upon to help you through difficult times.

Keep evaluating and changing your budget to account for income reductions and changes in expenses. Recording all purchases can help you pinpoint exactly where your money is going. You may find you're now spending significantly less on transportation, clothing and entertainment and can reallocate that money toward other essential needs. Don't have a budget currently built? The free Budget Builder template from Chase can help you get started.

Understand which of your financial actions can impact your credit score; that can be particularly important if you're applying for a loan or credit card or refinancing debt on your home loan. The free Chase Credit Journey tool can help you understand your overall credit health.

If you're using savings to help you right now, start to rebuild when you can, setting up a safety net to help you cover your everyday needs. If you are expecting or have received a lump sum or relief funds, think about setting some aside for savings if at all possible. Financial health is a journey, and Chase can help you deal with today's challenges while establishing a solid plan for the future.

Visit Chase.com/stayconnected for more financial resources to help you bolster your financial health or address issues related to COVID-19. •

Seniors

Arts Stimulation is Making a Difference for the Chronologically Gifted During Pandemic

"Adding beauty in a world for others to enjoy means even more for those that are chronologically gifted, who are on the cusp of cognitive decline. And, it's our job to see if we can make a difference in that way," as noted cognitive care educator, Lauren Mahakian, believes whole-heartedly.

In response to this belief, Mahakian is spearheading her innovative Live Love Art

Live Love Art involves a similar philosophy in celebrating people's gifts and talents, who otherwise might feel their best days were behind them. Live Love Art informs participants to live in the moment of now. Targeted at seniors and most even, those cognitively challenged, it has been proven, that people remember better when they are immersing themselves in the arts.

Live Love Art, a program incorporating stimuli, an approach created and trademarked by Mahkian is grounded on the benefits offered by the arts; a program fully embracing painting, poetry, literature, music, movement and classic film and involving participants on all levels with the intention to foster healing and well-being.

With added stressors we are *now* coping with as relates to the historic pandemic and an ever-changing new world, cognition can decline and existing cognitive impairment can be exacerbated. Live Love Art is meant to provide personal arts moments to celebrate the arts and in the process of it all, just may serve to stave off further health declines. Mahakian believes, "Why not, in the middle of a crazy and chaotic world where the chronologically gifted are not at the top of the list and furthermore have been earmarked as the most vulnerable - it's time for us to offer a platform for them to celebrate who they are!"

Live Love Art is an 8-week program, meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am – 2 pm and early registration is required due to limited enrollment. Program Features Include: Wellness Distancing of 6 feet; Lunch; Certified Dementia Specialist-led activities; Special Accommodation such as handicap accessibility; food request; incontinence, etc. are available.

To register, please call Lauren at (310) 383-1877 or at lauren@familyconnectcare.com. •



What's Art Got To Do With It?: Everything for Chronologically Gifted with Cognitive Impairment.

program, which launches on July 7, 2020 in Southern California at the *Mary & Joseph Retreat Center* in Palos Verdes and is targeted at favorable arts intervention of cognitive decline and/or preventing its exacerbation.

This type of arts-driven approach has versions worldwide and most noted museums, hubs for the arts, have, for many years, opened their arts portals for seniors and the cognitively challenged. One most noted is at the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), with its "Meet Me at MOMA." Mahakian's



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Police Reports

Monday, June 15th

A grand theft auto report was taken at 1159 hours from the 800 block of Main Street. Taken was a 1994 Dodge van. Three additional supplementals were taken of additional property that was stolen.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1300 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. The suspect stole merchandise from the store

One female adult was arrested at 0223 hours from East El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street for possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, June 16th

A dead body report was taken at 1037 hours from the 600 block of East Holly Avenue. An elderly female adult passed away from natural causes.

An identity theft report was a taken at 1329 hours from the 800 block of Nash Street. Unknown suspect(s) made fraudulent transactions from the victim's bank account.

An online identity theft report was taken at 0400 hours from the 1500 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) fraudulently cashed checks in the victim's name.

Wednesday, June 17th

A vehicle was reported stolen at 0648 hours from the 900 block of Hornet Way. Taken was a 1996 Dodge Ram 1500.

A found property report was taken at 1002 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway. Found was a wallet.

An identity theft report was taken at 1400 hours from the 600 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Unknown suspect(s) made a fraudulent purchase from the victim's account

An identity theft report was taken at 1517 hours from the 400 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) made fraudulent transactions from the victim's bank account.

A felony evading report was taken at 0137 hours from Lomita Street and Pine Avenue.

Thursday, June 18th

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0606 hours from the 100 block of West Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole his property.

One female adult was detained at 0749 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway and taken to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0858 hours from the 500 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Taken was a 2012 Dodge Challenger.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 0957 hours from the 800 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole property from the victim's carport.

A grand theft report was taken at 1542 hours from the 2100 block of East Maple Avenue. Taken were vehicle keys.

A traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 1626 hours from the 300 block of North Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle

versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at Marine Avenue and Cedar Avenue for grand theft auto, shoplifting, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools and identity theft.

One female adult was arrested at 1933 hours from Marine Avenue and Cedar Street for possession of drug paraphernalia

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1753 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle versus vehicle

One male adult was arrested at 2208 hours from the 400 block of Maryland Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

A petty theft report was taken at 2214 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's backpack.

A burglary report was taken at 0010 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a printer from the business.

Friday, June 19th

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0711 hours from the 800 block of McCarthy Court. Stolen was a 1995 Chevy Suburban.

One male adult was cited and released at 0739 hours from the 1700 block of East Pine Avenue for trespassing

An attempt vehicle theft report was taken at 1155 hours from the 300 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) tampered with the victim's vehicle steering column and punched the ignition.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1903 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street, vehicle versus parked vehicle.

Saturday, June 20th

One male adult was arrested at 0707 hours from the 500 block of North Nash Street for one outstanding felony parole warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1004 hours from the 100 block of West Mariposa Avenue for driving a stolen vehicle, giving a false name, driving while unlicensed, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1434 hours from the 1000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard.

A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1511 hours in the 600 block of Vista Del Mar, three vehicles were involved.

One male adult was cited and released at 1818 hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue for possession of stolen property.

One male adult was cited and released at 1832 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for petty theft.

Sunday, June 21st

An identity report was taken at 1512 hours from the 300 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained access of the victim's bank account.

One female adult was detained at 1546 hours and transported to Exodus medical center for a psychiatric evaluation. •

Letters

Black Lives Matter

There was a strong showing by residents at the El Segundo city council meeting on June 16 bringing local attention to Black Lives Matter and the future of our policing policy. More than 20 people submitted written comments to the city and a great number spoke out during public comment supporting community dialogue and reform. El Segundo is well known for its racist and bigoted past that people are inspired to change and I'm glad so many residents chose to participate and take action.

Having watched the meeting live, I thought it was very insensitive and embarrassing that Mayor Drew Boyles initially did not want the public comments to be read aloud but those in the audience insisted and he changed his mind. That should be noted. Thanks for all the El Segundo Herald does for our town.

– Danielle Harris

Support of Chief Whalen

I laud Chief Whalen for posing in a picture on 6/3/20 with the student 'protesters'—better characterized as apolitical, peaceful activists holding Black Lives Matter signs. A former police captain criticized Chief Whalen and framed these actions as, pardon the pun, a black and white violation of "department policy" regarding a political rally. One of BLM's published tenets is "combating and

countering acts of violence"—certainly not political. The former officer's response perpetuates a stark narrative and public division. Racial injustice and police issues have erroneously morphed to become political. Chief Whalen aptly understands critical nonpolitical concepts in their proper context: ethical, philosophical, institutional and generational. He exemplified an empathetic attitude for our community. Posing with the students was a common-sense gesture of humanity. Chief Whalen demonstrated positive reinforcement of universal values in uniform as a respected civic leader, which many communities lack and continue to misconstrue as 'politics.' The numerous videos of visible collaborative gestures, such as law enforcement hugging activists, taking knees or the National Guard dancing the macarena with peaceful demonstrators, break down barriers and foster positive dialog to reform injustice and divisiveness. As an El Segundo resident of many decades, I'm proud of and support ESPD. I've been on multiple ride-a-longs and through their community police academy. I'm aware of their bravery and challenges. I'm also biracial (black/white) so I have an acute understanding of racial matters. Let's collaborate to create community unity and not add divisiveness or sling petty critiques at our chief.

– Keith Covington •

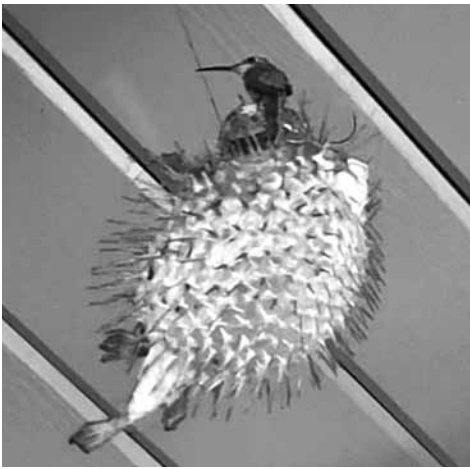
Community Briefs

An Old Puffer Fish Protects New Life

A spiky hanging puffer fish seems an odd nest location. But that's where a beautiful red-throated hummingbird is raising her

young on a balcony here on Sierra Place in El Segundo.

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Across

1. "___ questions?"

4. Link

7. Cloud

11. Like a billionaire's pockets

13. Guess

15. Squander

16. Have the lead

17. Place for a bracelet

18. Kitchen feature

19. Safeguard

21. Money to show good faith

23. Drew out

25. Deliberate

27. Skill

28. Unhearing

31. Kitchen closet

33. Sleep (slang)

35. Pouter

37. Was

39. Street drug

42. Trading place

43. Brit. title

45. Bundle

46. Snafu

49. Close-mouthed

51. Fostered

52. At the very least

55. Nelson Mandela, e.g.

58. Rates of return

61. Give

62. Specialty

64. Pressing need

66. Spots

67. Volcanic residue

68. Approach

69. Merlots and cabernets

70. "Get ___!"

71. Nave bench

Down

1. Freeway distractions

2. Puck catchers

3. Sure

4. Toyota pickup

5. Media attention

6. Varied

7. Joke subject

8. Score before 15

9. Purposes

10. Landlord's due

12. Clergymen

13. Sentry's cry

14. What mobsters pack

20. Struggle

22. Roulette play

24. "Raiders of the Lost ___"

25. GQ competitor

26. Wed

29. Having a close resemblance

30. Penalized

31. Vigor

32. Cry of success

34. Kind of art

36. Family pooch, for example

38. Decrease

40. Type of TV service

41. Paint type

44. Fermented sugar-cane

47. Says "Cheese!"

48. Attack word

50. Tumult

53. Family nickname

54. "Hogwash!"

55. Long way off

56. Model's asset

57. Peel

59. Stock decline

60. "___ Kind of Wonderful": 1987 film

63. Taoist energy

65. Unprecedented

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Don Brann

from front page

Superintendent of the Year by Pepperdine University in 2014.

Brann has served as a school district superintendent an incredible six times, a career spanning 35 years. You might think that, at 74, Brann has had his fill of running school districts. But you would be wrong. “I don’t know if I will do another one (serve as a superintendent),” he said, keeping the door open to that, saying he wants to maintain meaning in his life. “I don’t want to be bored. I like the work; it is really challenging.”

Matt Wonder, chief executive officer of the Da Vinci schools, knows why Brann has been so sought after as a superintendent



by multiple school districts. “Don Brann is a genius,” he said. “He can see a better future, and he can then create a tactical plan to execute it, then he can garner all the resources to enact that plan. At every moment, he cares deeply about people, and he has a great sense of how people fit into an organization. He is also crazy smart and has darn close to a photographic memory. He can use history to inform the future. He also has a beautiful heart.”

Like many people today, Brann is slogging through Zoom virtual meetings to fulfill his DaVinci school board commitments. He recently participated via Zoom in a search committee to select a new superintendent for the Hermosa Beach School District.

“Not my best world,” he said of holding meetings on Zoom. “I like handshakes and hugs, but we are persevering through it,” though he did acknowledge that Zoom meetings are time-savers because you don’t have to get dressed for them,” he quipped.

But he admits that he misses the human element of face-to-face meetings. “I want to get back to the boardroom and to the people,” he said.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still lurking ominously, Brann knows we have entered a brave-new-world. “I think the COVID-19 virus’s impact is going to change many facets of American life,” he said, noting trends such as online shopping, distance schooling, and telecommuting, had already gained footholds in society pre-pandemic. He expects a ten-year acceleration in many social and work-place trends. One positive: He sees an easing of traffic, with more people working from home, and therefore leaving their cars in their driving, lessening freeway gridlock and air pollution.

He notes that at Da Vinci, they were able to seamlessly transition to distance learning over that weekend in mid-March when the schools were mandated to shut down. He said that as technologically based schools, DaVinci was “built for” distance learning, with teachers and students well-equipped with mobile devices and digital connectivity. “We are thriving in this type of environment,” he said, adding that schools that will initially do the best are the ones that quickly have adapted to the new educational realities and offer relevant educational “products.”

Brann said the COVID-19 pandemic had scuttled planned summer excursions to attend a Texas Rangers baseball game and a European cruise. “Everything we planned has been crossed-out on our calendar because they have been canceled. We are rolling with it pretty well,” he said.

Brann, who lives in El Segundo with wife Sari, is a USC football fan, and devoted walker, who at one point said he walked for 1,500 straight days, his streak finally being derailed because of a surgery. He has competed in three half-marathons, calling them “a really long walk.”

Brann said his life philosophy comes in part from one of the lyrics that struck a chord with him from a 1965 Bob Dylan song. Dylan penned and sang, “He not busy being born is busy dying.” Brann tries to follow that mantra as he continues to face life’s challenges and serve his community. “I try to live my life being born,” he said while noting, “people don’t care how much you know until they find out how much you care.” After 74 years, Brann is still “busy being born.” •

Entertainment

Film Review

Aviva Breaks – No, Smashes – All Conventions Through the Beauty of Dance

By Morgan Rojas for cinemacy.com

In a word: Groundbreaking. In two words: Must Watch. *Aviva* is a surreal, dance-driven fever dream set against a Jewish-Israeli NYC backdrop of love, loneliness, and the yearning for growth. Breaking the fourth

as the director of the Denzel Washington football drama *Remember The Titans*, or the Brittany Murphy/Dakota Fanning comedy *Uptown Girls*. *Aviva* is nothing – *nothing* – like his previous work. In fact, I had to do a double-take when I saw his name in



Aviva, courtesy of Outsider Pictures.

wall immediately and casually addressing this loose and transparent structure with confidence and ease, *Aviva* shouldn’t work. But it does, and wonderfully.

What starts out as a promising long-distance relationship becomes much more complex when European-living Aviva – played by both Zina Zinchenko (and at times by Or Schraiber) – moves to New York City to be with the man she loves, Eden (played by Tyler Phillips, and at times Bobbie Jene Smith). The protagonists, at times, are played by both a man and a woman, interchangeably swapping genders in the middle of scenes. The masculine and feminine qualities within every person are given a physical body here, showing how we all are gender-fluid when it comes to expressing emotions and navigating through life. The rest of the film is just as poignant, including entire scene-long monologues, naked contemporary dance, and beautiful cinematography.

Aviva is a groundbreaking production from Boaz Yakin, who is probably better known

the credits. The choreography from former Batsheva Dance Company member and co-star Bobbi Jene Smith is a visionary feat, making the arthouse *Aviva* - available to rent at www.outsiderpictures.us - one of my favorite films of 2020. •



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EA 1273 – 140 Sheldon St. Smoky Hollow Community Benefits Plan

Project Address: 140 Sheldon Street

Project Description: The project involves a 912 square-foot internal addition to a two-story, 5,534 square-foot office/warehouse building in the Smoky Hollow-West (SH-W) district. The request includes a deviation from the permitted floor area ratio (FAR) standard, which requires review and approval of a Community Benefits Plan pursuant to the Smoky Hollow Specific Plan.

Applicant: Scott Fishfader

Hearing: Thursday July 9, 2020, 5:30pm
City Council Chambers
350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

El Segundo Herald Pub. 6/25/20
H-26808

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 ("CEQA guidelines") Section 15301 as a Class 1 exemption (Existing Facilities)

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PROJECT NO.: PW 20-01

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TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020

at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of traffic control, centerline tie surveys, asphalt cold milling, hot mix asphalt paving, manhole adjusting, valve cover adjusting, striping and pavement markings, and related work. The construction shall take place between August 24 and October 16, 2020.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. PW 20-01 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on June 16, 2020 which is filed with the Public Works Department. Contractors bidding the project shall provide a minimum of five government agency references, preferably municipal, for building similar projects (in terms of scope, size, type, magnitude and complexity), as the prime contractor in the past five (5) years. Bidders shall include references, etc. to demonstrate qualifications. Copies of the Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents and Engineer's estimate are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans And Specifications are alternately available electronically via <https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/public-works/request-public-works-bid>

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29, at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the northwest corner of the E. Imperial Avenue/California Street intersection in El Segundo, CA 90245. Failure to attend the mandatory meeting will disqualify your bid. Appendix 5 shows the project streets. All questions regarding the project are due to <https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/public-works/request-public-works-bid> by Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 3:00 pm. The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions. This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir.ca.gov. Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4 to be nonresponsive. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375. Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of

Industrial Relations will be required. Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required. The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract. Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at Contractor's own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request. In entering into a Public Works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the Contractor, or Sub-Contractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the Contractor,

without further acknowledgment by the parties. Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside: FY 19/20 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT "SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO.: PW 20-01 IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL" The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base contract. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A" and "C-12". The successful Contractor and his Sub-Contractors will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo. The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days. Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El Segundo. DATED this 18th day of June, 2020. CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA Tracy Weaver, City Clerk El Segundo Herald Pub. 6/18, 6/25/20 H-26803

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