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“Sing-Along and a Splash of Magic!” Features Award-Winning Singer



First 5 California featured award-winning singer Sheree Brown at the “Sing-Along and a Splash of Magic!” event held at the Inglewood Public Library as part of the *Talk. Read. Sing. It changes everything®* campaign. Dozens of preschoolers and their parents, teachers and caregivers participated in this melodious event that focused on the importance of the brain development that happens in the earliest days, months, and years of a child’s life through regular, ongoing talking and engaging with caring adults. Photo Credit: Foster A. Bertomen

City Moving Forward to Identify Community Development, Housing Needs

By Cristian Vasquez

After a public hearing before the City Council, the City of Inglewood decided to move forward with efforts to identify areas of priority for community development, as well as housing needs as required for the City’s consolidated plan and the 2017-2018 fiscal year annual action plan. “HUD [Housing and Urban Development] Title 24 of the code of the federal regulations requires that grant recipients to conduct public hearings to receive input on the use of grant funds,” said Acting HUD Programs Manager Harjinder Sinah. “In addition to this public hearing, staff has conducted six community meetings throughout the city to provide members of the community and opportunity to contribute input.”

HUD provides the City of Inglewood with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as well as HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds. Through the CDBG program, the federal government works with cities to ensure availability of decent affordable housing while providing services to a community’s most vulnerable demographic. These funds are also geared toward job creation by spawning business growth while retaining existing businesses. Localities throughout the country rely on CDBG funds to address issues like blight in the community caused by deterioration due to economic hardships (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) or natural disasters (Disaster Recovery Assistance).

“The list of priorities affect the following two funds: Community Development Block

Grant for \$1,386,743, which is a \$37,947 decrease from the prior year; and HOME Program Funds for \$672,045, which is an increase of \$47,889 from the prior year,” said Sinah. “The primary objective of these grant programs is to serve the needs of extremely low- to moderate-income households in the areas of housing, public services and public infrastructure.”

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides states and cities with formula-based grants, commonly used in partnership with local nonprofit groups,

which assist in the funding of a variety of activities. Among the uses for these funds are buying and, or, rehabilitating affordable housing (rent or homeownership) and providing low-income people with direct rental assistance. HOME gives states and localities the flexibility to use monies for grants, loan guarantees and direct loans, as well as other forms of credit enhancements, rental assistance or security deposits. As the largest federal block grant available for

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Community Briefs

LAX, Inglewood Public Library Community Meeting on Northside Plan and LAMP

The Los Angeles International Airport and the Inglewood Public Library are pleased to present a free community meeting on Monday, July 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Gladys Waddingham Lecture Hall at the Main Library, 101 West Manchester Boulevard.

This meeting will introduce the people of Inglewood to a pair of major construction projects approved for our neighbors at LAX. The meeting topics include:

- Landside Access Modernization Project (LAMP) - This program includes the LAX Train, Intermodal Transportation Facilities, a Consolidated Rent-a-Car Center, improvements to the Central Terminal Area and a connection to Metro Crenshaw Line. Together, these projects will transform LAX into a world-class airport, relieve traffic congestion and improve our travel experiences.

- Northside Plan - This is an opportunity to transform approximately 340 acres of under-utilized land north of the airport to better serve the people of Los Angeles County and LAX. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is preparing for current and future demand for use of the property. The updated LAX Northside Plan would complement community efforts to revitalize and support local businesses, provide more jobs, meet the needs of the airport and of local groups, and address the growing demand for open space for our communities.

Bring your questions! This free program is open to all. Parking is free after 4 p.m., or take Metro bus lines 40, 111, 115, 212, 312, 442, 607 and 740. For more information about this program call (310) 412-5380 or visit <http://library.cityofinglewood.org/>. Source: City of Inglewood

SBWIB Awarded Grant for Pre-Apprenticeship Development in Engineering

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded \$240,000 by the California Workforce Development Board to continue developing its new Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA), which creates a career pathway for engineering. The funding will be utilized to expand the pilot program; designed as an employer-driven earn and learn model that will build a workforce pipeline to help meet the needs of area aerospace employers.

The AFPA is a customizable program allowing each individual employer to design or "flex" the program's curriculum to meet the needs of industry and of each participating manufacturer. Program participants will gain career knowledge in engineering, gain valuable work experience, connect with top employers ready to hire, gain industry association membership and more. Partnering employers will be able to flex the curriculum to their needs, build their workforce pipeline, receive funding to support training and recruitment and have access to a pool of talented job seekers ready to work. The program timeframe is 6-12 weeks and consists of work readiness

training, industry specific occupational skills training and on-the-job work-based learning, provided by Aero-Flex member employers.

The AFPA provides an innovative and customizable framework that allows employers to easily invest in pre-apprentices with flexibility to respond to their priorities, labor market changes and innovations in the field. AFPA will be shared regionally throughout the Los Angeles Basin to bring together additional employers, workforce development partners, community colleges and others.

The SBWIB is expecting to enroll up to 100 Aero-flex Pre-Apprentices with this funding. Additionally, students will be provided \$500 stipends for their participation and successful completion of the program.

Current partners include El Camino College, West Los Angeles College, Tooling U-SME, Training Funding Partners and AMP So/Cal. Some of the employer partners include Northrop Grumman, L-3 Communications, Magnetika, Impresa Aerospace, Space Vector, Ten Tech, Space Vector, Verisurf and Zodiac Aerospace. • Source: SBWIB

Seniors

Too Many With Epilepsy Are Unaware Of This Uncommon But Fatal Threat



(BPT) - For people with epilepsy-and for those who care for them-the side effects of the condition are well known. They know all about the seizures and they also know how best to care for themselves or their loved ones should a seizure occur. While the persistent possibility of a seizure is well known, many people living with epilepsy are unaware of another threat that, while uncommon, is fatal. They are unaware of SUDEP.

What is SUDEP?

SUDEP stands for Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. It is an uncommon but fatal complication that kills one in 4,500 children with epilepsy and one in 1,000 adults with epilepsy each year. In many cases of SUDEP, an otherwise healthy person with epilepsy dies unexpectedly. And while SUDEP may seem to strike from nowhere, new research is available to help patients and their families reduce their risk.

The American Academy of Neurology and the American Epilepsy Society recently released a new guideline to help patients and their families better understand SUDEP and its risk factors. According to the guideline, the occurrence of generalized tonic-clonic seizures (GTCS), a type of seizure that involves the whole body, is one of the key risk factors for SUDEP. The guidelines also find that a patient's risk of SUDEP increases as GTCS increases in frequency.

Likewise, seizure freedom from GTCS decreases a person's risk of SUDEP.

Care guidelines for doctors, patients and caregivers

Given the clear connection that exists between the frequency of GTCS and their risk for SUDEP, reducing GTCS experiences remains the most effective way to reduce a person's SUDEP risk.

For neurologists-the doctors who treat patients with epilepsy-this means increasing patient knowledge of SUDEP and letting people know that while the condition is uncommon, it can be fatal. This conversation can be difficult, but it is essential so patients can better understand their risks and how to protect their health. Actively working with patients who experience GTCS to manage their epilepsy therapies is the best way to reduce their seizure risk. Neurologists should also inform patients that seizure freedom, particularly freedom from GTCS-which is more likely to occur by taking prescribed medication regularly-is strongly associated with a decreased risk of SUDEP.

For patients, this report makes the conversations they have with their neurologist regarding their epilepsy treatment more important than ever. Patients must speak with their neurologist about their experiences and carefully follow the treatments set in place. Failure to do so could not only be seizure inducing, but life threatening. For those living with epilepsy and their caregivers, sidestepping the treatment simply isn't worth the risk.

To learn more about SUDEP and the latest treatment guidelines available from the American Academy of Neurology and American Epilepsy Society, visit aan.com.

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Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors from an Old Guy named Norb Huber



DID YOU MISS ME?

I missed you guys. I'm sorry I didn't warn you that I would be leaving on my annual fishing trip and would not be around to fill you with words of off-beat wisdom and my usual random mental tips. I'm sure all of you know the solution to not having a weekly dose of HH to consume. The liquid consumption that I preach to you to solve all of your problems is much more enjoyable than a quick read of a long-winded, want-a-be preacher, semi-politician, who endorses a "gospel of cold ones". Anyway, I hope that all of you are doing well during these summer days. Our "men-only" fishing/camping/drinking/fellowshipping trip is going on 28 straight years. I refuse to tell you the name of the lake that we go to; we don't want anyone else to know about it. I raise the question of why did God create such a beautiful world that very few people get to see? In this urban setting, we see cars, more cars, streets and buildings. Out in "nature" we see butterflies, birds, German Brown Trout, water and more water, snow-capped mountains, sun and clouds during the day, and so many stars at night I could not count them even if I did have to get up out of my tent several times in the dark to relieve myself. I just can't believe all of this came together by chance. The earth is a result of a Big Bang? All of this beauty evolved? The evidence is overwhelming. There is a God Creator. There is a "big guy up there". And the good news is that He loves you and me. Humans are His crown jewel. No other species can cry and laugh like us. We're the only ones that can enjoy sipping on a cold one while watching the Dodgers win another game. So, stop your worry, the Dodgers will win the World Series some time in this century. Don't rely on yourself or you cold ones to get you through. Trust the Almighty One. When you look at life knowing who is in charge, everything seems to fit in place. You don't have to get right with God. He just wants you to trust Him. Okay, my sermon is getting too long; I'm making up for my two-week absence. Just forget the read, go enjoy life.

(If you do enjoy my weekly column, please shoot me an email. I love to hear from my readers. - norbhuber@gmail.com)

RAMONA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Hawthorne Police Chief Robert Fager will be the featured speaker at the Ramona Neighborhood Association meeting to be held this Thursday, July 6 beginning at 7 p.m. at Ramona Park. The HPD mobile substation will be on display and attendees are encouraged to bring lots of questions for the police representatives and a lawn chair to sit on. The HPD is installing video security cameras in many of our city's parks and also doing a lot of innovative things to keep our city safe. Even if you do not live in the Ramona Tract, you are very welcome to attend this informative meeting.

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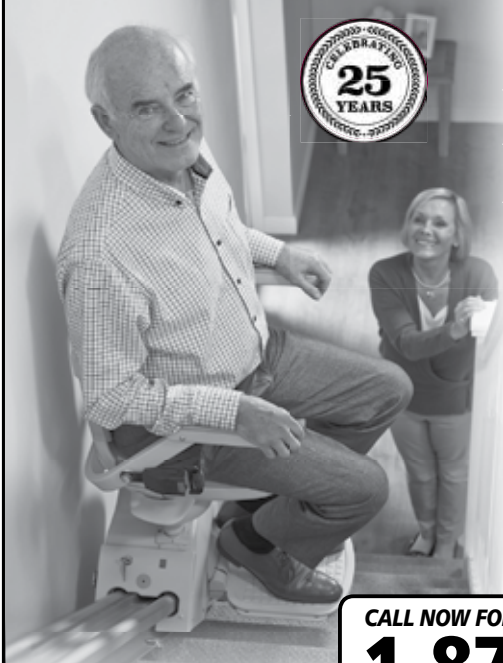
You are invited to the grand-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony to be held for the new Hawthorne Auto Square located at 11646 Prairie Avenue in Hawthorne. The ceremony will take place at 12 noon on Saturday, July 8th. The featured honored guest will be California State Treasurer John Chiang. There will be good food, a live broadcast by Power 106 radio and many local dignitaries to rub shoulders with. Drive North on Prairie Avenue until you get close to the 105 Freeway and you will see the large, two story structure on your right. The Awad family is proud to do business in Hawthorne and has invested heavily in our community. We congratulate them on their expansion.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

The next meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society will be held on Monday, July 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the new Hawthorne Museum located at 14100 S. Prairie Avenue. (It's at the south end of Jim Thorpe Park and parking is just south of the Museum.) Former Mayor Danny Juarez has been elected as our new Society president and has been diligently working to make the Museum happen. The first of many work days is scheduled for Saturday, July 22. Able bodies are needed to move furniture and lift boxes so that the history of our great city can go on display. Good Neighbors Day and the grand opening of the Museum are planned for Saturday, September 16 at the Jim Thorpe Park site. Call Danny at 310-643-6139 if you would like to get involved or with any questions. •

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 2144 ORDINANCE OF THE Council of the City of Hawthorne Enacting A TRANSACCIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY THE ELECTORATE

The City Council of the City of Hawthorne does ordain as follows:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "City of Hawthorne Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance of 2017." The City of Hawthorne hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

Section 2. OPERATIVE DATE. "Operative Date" means April 1, 2018.

Section 3. PURPOSE. This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the State Board of Equalization in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the State Board of Equalization in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. CONTRACT WITH STATE. Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the State Board of Equalization prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Section 5. TRANSACCIONS TAX RATE. For

the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 0.75% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

Section 6. PLACE OF SALE. For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

Section 7. USE TAX RATE. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.75% of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Section 8. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

Section 9. LIMITATIONS ON ADOPTION OF STATE LAW AND COLLECTION OF USE TAXES. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code: A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, State Board of Equalization, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the State Board of Equalization, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property

which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. B. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

Section 10. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED. If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

Section 11. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, county and county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a

fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of

the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Section 12. AMENDMENTS TO STATE LAW. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

Section 13. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Section 14. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 15. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUBMISSION TO VOTERS. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately. However, no tax imposed by this ordinance shall be effective unless that tax has been approved by the voters of the City as required by Section 2(b) of Article XIII of the California Constitution and applicable law.

Section 16. AUDIT AND REVIEW. The proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to this Ordinance, as well as the expenditure thereof, shall be audited annually by an independent accounting firm. The City Council shall discuss the results of such audit at a meeting of the City Council that is open to the public. The report of such audit shall be posted on the City's website.

Section 17. CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. The City Council shall appoint

a Citizens Oversight Committee, which shall have five members. The Citizen's Oversight Committee shall review the audit prepared pursuant to Section 16, and may make such recommendations to the City Council as it deems necessary or useful. The Citizen's Oversight Committee may, by a majority vote of its membership, choose to publish an annual report, in which event such report, if approved by a majority of the members, shall be published on the City's internet page. Members of the Citizen's Oversight Committee shall be appointed to terms of a length set by the City Council, and any member may be removed from the Committee prior to the end of his or her term by a unanimous vote of the Council. In the event the City Council, the Citizen's Oversight Committee, the City, any employee of the City, or any member of the City Council or the Citizen's Oversight Committee fails to take an action required by this Section, any court of competent jurisdiction may order that the action be taken. However, such failure to act shall not invalidate the City's authority to levy any tax or in any way affect the ongoing collection of any tax pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 18. TERMINATION AND REPEAL. The authority to levy the taxes imposed by this ordinance shall continue indefinitely unless this ordinance is earlier repealed. This ordinance may be repealed by ordinance of the City Council.

Section 19. DECLARATION. The proceeds of the taxes imposed by this ordinance may be used for any lawful purpose of the City, as authorized by ordinance, resolution or action of the City Council or by Ordinance adopted by the electorate of the City. These taxes do not meet the criteria established by Section 1(d) of Article XIII of the California Constitution for special taxes, and are general taxes imposed for general government purposes.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2017.

ALEX VARGAS, MAYOR
City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:
NORBERT HUBER,
CITY CLERK

City of Hawthorne, California
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RUSSELL I. MIYAHARA,
CITY ATTORNEY

City of Hawthorne, California
I, Monica Diorsci, the duly appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance, No. 2144 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, at their regular meeting of the City Council held June 27, 2017, and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes, English, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 7/6/17
HH-25651

ORDINANCE NO. 2145 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.65 (AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION WITHIN TEN FEET OF ATMS) OF DIVISION VI (CONSUMER PROTECTION) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ("HMC")

WHEREAS, the maintenance and improvement of the quality of life and economic vitality of the City of Hawthorne are significant governmental interests;

WHEREAS, the protection of the residents of the City of Hawthorne from the danger of assault, battery, theft, and disturbances of the peace, as well as other crimes, is also a significant governmental interest;

WHEREAS, aggressive and abusive solicitations threaten these significant governmental interests by diminishing access to and enjoyment of public places, threatening the commercial wellbeing of local businesses, and creating an environment of fear, intimidation and confrontation;

WHEREAS, solicitations in certain sensitive places also threaten these significant governmental interests; such solicitations also diminish access to and enjoyment of public places, threaten the commercial wellbeing of local businesses, and create an environment of fear, intimidation and confrontation;

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Hawthorne are involuntarily subjected to aggressive and abusive solicitation for monetary or other donations, causing them to feel threatened, intimidated, and coerced; such conduct usually includes approaching and following persons, repeated requests for donations, unwanted physical contact, abusive language or threats, and obstruction of pedestrian vehicular traffic;

WHEREAS, residents of Hawthorne are involuntarily subjected to coercion, intimidation and fear in certain places, including public parking lots, ATMs, lines of people, outdoor dining areas, and other areas where they are a "captive audience" and thus feel less able to decline a solicitor's request;

WHEREAS, aggressive and abusive solicitations increase the risk of assault, battery, theft, disturbing the peace and other crimes; such solicitations can provoke confrontations due to the threatening and offensive nature of the conduct of the solicitor; these situations put not only the solicited person, but also the solicitor, at risk of being the victim of assaultive and

criminal conduct;

WHEREAS, solicitations in certain sensitive places also increase the risk of assault, battery, theft, disturbing the peace, and other crimes; such solicitations can provoke confrontations due to heightened sense of susceptibility of the person solicited; these situations put the solicited person and the solicitor at risk of being the victim of assaultive and criminal conduct;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the City of Hawthorne adopted Ordinance No. 2065 to prohibit aggressive solicitation within ten (10) feet of ATMs as a reasonable restriction upon the time, place and manner of solicitation, which served the City's interest in protecting residents from disturbing, disruptive and potentially dangerous situations while respecting the constitutional rights of free speech for all citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne wishes to amend Chapter 9.65 in order to address aggressive and abusive solicitation in public places as well as solicitation in certain places, including ATMs and other specified locations;

WHEREAS, the content-neutral time, place and manner restrictions on aggressive and abusive solicitations as narrowly tailored in this amended Chapter serve these government interests; such restrictions will lessen feelings of coercion, intimidation, fear and confrontation by prohibiting that conduct most likely to create such feelings;

WHEREAS, restricting all solicitations in certain sensitive areas will enhance the feeling of security and peace of mind of persons in those areas; the restrictions in this amended Chapter leave open ample alternative avenues of communication and these restrictions are not intended to diminish the freedom or liberty of speech guaranteed under the United States and California Constitutions;

WHEREAS, it is not the intent or purpose of this Council in amending Chapter 9.65 to eradicate or displace any individual or group of homeless or indigent persons, but rather to protect the public from those persons, indigent or otherwise, who engage in aggressive and abusive solicitations, and/or who solicit in certain narrowly defined areas of heightened sensitivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Hawthorne does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The facts set forth in the Recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Chapter 9.65 (Aggressive Solicitation Within Ten Feet of ATMS) of Division VI (Consumer Protection) of Title 9 (Public Peace,

Morals and Welfare) of the City of Hawthorne Municipal Code ("HMC") is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Chapter 9.65 AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION WITHIN TEN FEET OF ATMS AGGRESSIVE AND ABUSIVE SOLICITATIONS; SOLICITATIONS IN PROHIBITED PLACES

9.65.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

"Aggressive or abusive manner" means and includes solicitation via any of the following acts or conduct:

Intentionally coming within three feet of a solicited person unless and until that person has indicated, by word or conduct, he or she wishes to make a donation;

Intentionally blocking the path or impeding the passage of a solicited person;

Intentionally following behind, beside or in front of a solicited person after that person has indicated, by word or conduct, he or she does not wish to make a donation;

Continuing to request a donation from a solicited person after that person has indicated, by word or conduct, he or she does not wish to make a donation;

Approaching a solicited person when that person is entering or exiting a motor vehicle or assisting another in doing so;

Rendering any service to a motor vehicle, including but not limited to any cleaning, washing, protecting, guarding or repairing of said vehicle or any portion thereof, without the consent of the owner, operator or occupant of such vehicle, and thereafter requesting payment for the performance of such service, regardless of whether such vehicle is stopped, standing or parked;

Threatening a solicited person, by word or conduct, with physical harm or violence;

Using profane or abusive language towards a solicited person;

Intentionally touching or attempting to touch a solicited person without that person's consent;

Any other words or conduct that would cause a reasonable person, in the position of the solicited person, to fear for his or her safety, the safety of his or her property or the safety of another person accompanying the solicited person.

Intentionally or recklessly making any physical contact with or touching another person in the course of the solicitation without the person's consent;

Following the person being solicited, if that

conduct is:

Intended to or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear imminent bodily harm or the commission of a criminal act upon property in the person's possession; or

Is intended to or is reasonably likely to intimidate the person being solicited into responding affirmatively to the solicitation;

Continuing to solicit within five feet of the person being solicited after the person has made a negative response, if continuing the solicitation is intended to or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear imminent bodily harm or the commission of a criminal act upon property in the person's possession; or

Is intended to or is reasonably likely to intimidate the person being solicited into responding affirmatively to the solicitation;

Intentionally or recklessly blocking the safe or free passage of the persons being solicited or requiring the person, or the driver of the vehicle to take evasive action to avoid physical contact with the person making the solicitation. Acts authorized as an exercise of one's constitutional right to picket or legally protest shall not constitute obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;

Intentionally or recklessly using obscene or abusive language or gestures: (i) intended to or likely to cause a reasonable person to fear imminent bodily harm or the commission of a criminal act upon property in the person's possession; or

Words intended to or reasonably likely to intimidate the person into responding affirmatively to the solicitation; or

Approaching the person being solicited in a manner that is intended to or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear imminent harm or the commission of a criminal act upon property in the person's possession; or

Is intended to or is reasonably likely to intimidate the person being solicited into responding affirmatively to the solicitation.

"Automated teller machine" is a device linked to a financial institution's account records, which is able to carry out transactions, including, but not limited to, account transfers, deposits, cash withdrawals, balance inquiries and mortgage and loan payments.

"Automated teller machine facility" is the area comprised of one or more automatic teller machines and any adjacent space which is made available to banking customers after regular banking hours.

C. "Public place area" means any place

open to the public and includes, but is not limited to, any sidewalk, alley, street, highway, bridge, driveway, parking lot, parking structure, playground, park, plaza, mall, structure, building, doorway, entrance, lobby or hallway to or in a building, the grounds around or enclosed by a building, school, or place of amusement. Such a place is a "public place" regardless of whether it is publically or privately owned, an area to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access, and includes, but is not limited to, alleys, bridges, buildings, driveways, public parking garages, parking lots, parks, playgrounds, schools, plazas, sidewalks, and streets open to the general public, and the doorways and entrances to buildings and dwellings, and the grounds enclosing them.

"Prohibited place" means any:

Bus stop;

Public transportation vehicle or facility;

Public parking lot or structure;

An area within ten (10) feet of an automated teller machine (ATM);

A queue or line or two or more persons waiting to be admitted to a commercial establishment or waiting to purchase an item or tickets;

An outdoor dining area or motor vehicle drive-through lane or a restaurant or other dining establishment serving food for immediate consumption.

"Solicitation" means to any request, by words or physical gesture, made in person seeking an immediate donation or contribution of money or other thing of value. Purchase of an item for an amount far exceeding its value, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the purchase is in substance a donation or contribution, is a donation or contribution for purposes of this Chapter from another person, regardless of the solicitor's purpose or intended use of the money or other thing of value. The solicitation may be, without limitation, by the spoken, written, or printed word, or by other means of communication.

9.6574.020 Prohibition
It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in solicitation in an aggressive or abusive manner in any public place, solicit money or other things of value, or to solicit the sale of goods or services in an aggressive manner in a public area, while located within 10 feet of any automated teller machine; provided, however, that when an automated teller machine is located within an automated teller machine facility, such distance shall be measured from the entrance

or exit of the automated teller machine facility. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in solicitation while the solicited person is in a prohibited place.

9.65.030 Punishment.

A violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) or by both such fine and imprisonment.

9.74.030 Non-Exclusivity

Nothing in this chapter shall limit or preclude the enforcement of other applicable laws."

SECTION 3. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be posted and published by the City Clerk in accordance with State law and applicable City regulations.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force

and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 31st day after passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2017.

ALEX VARGAS, MAYOR
City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:
NORBERT HUBER,
CITY CLERK

City of Hawthorne, California
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RUSSELL I. MIYAHARA,
CITY ATTORNEY

City of Hawthorne, California
I, Monica Diorsci, the duly appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance, No. 2145 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, at their regular meeting of the City Council held June 27, 2017, and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes, English, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 7/6/17
HH-25650

PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Purrrfect Companions



Linzer

Every second of every minute of every day, a helpless animal is put to death just because no one was there to take them home. Give one of these kitties a second chance for a lifetime of love in a new forever home.

These four littermates, aka **the Pastry Kittens** – Linzer, Cannoli, Baklava, and Potica – were rescued from an LA city shelter when they were just one week old. They were bottle-fed, making them incredibly affectionate, outgoing and confident kittens. Being so playful and energetic, they must be adopted either with a playmate or to a home with a high-energy companion kitty. And of course, they would love to be adopted with one of their siblings!

Linzer is a boisterous little boy who loves to romp and wrestle just as much as he loves to cuddle. He is super adventurous, always racing from one end of the house to the other while checking out everything and anything he can get his face into. Linzer is a rough and tumble kitten who won't take no for an answer. When he wants to play, everyone else just has to put up with him. Linzer needs a high-energy playmate--he will play until he is panting. So if you are looking for a big, burly ball of energy, Linzer is your guy.

Cannoli is the princess of the group as she has no problem letting her brothers know if she isn't in the mood to be chewed on. Adventurous and confident, Cannoli is just as happy snuggling with her siblings as she is bouncing around the house with a toy. She can keep up with her brothers or settle down for some snuggling. Cannoli is super sweet and loving, always purring up a storm. If you are looking for a little girl to spice up your life, Cannoli can't wait to meet you.

Baklava is an energetic boy who loves to



The Pastry Kittens

run and play all day, but he's also a lover. He purrs up a storm and is always busy pouncing on his siblings! He can't get enough playtime, but if you manage to wear him out then he is all snuggles. Baklava needs a spirited feline friend and would love to be adopted with one of his siblings! If you're ready for fun and games, Baklava is ready and waiting to come home with you!

Potica can keep up with her brothers or settle down for a good cuddle session. She loves to snuggle, purring away while kneading on you. Potica is ready for fun at a moment's notice as she enjoys romping around with her siblings. She always wants to be where you are, hanging out and playing. Potica is so delightful and loving and she will bring instant joy to any family. If you are looking for a little darling who is sugar and spice and everything nice, Potica can't wait to meet you.

If you're looking for a teenage kitten that will play, play, play and then fall asleep on your lap and snuggle next to you all night long, **George** is your guy! Being hand-raised results in wonderfully outgoing, affectionate and cuddly kittens. George is no exception--"bottle babies" are the sweetest and most lovable kitties on earth. In his foster homes, George has spent time with three dogs, other adult kitties, other foster kitten siblings, and a young child. He did magnificently and has adjusted quickly. George is exceptionally intelligent, curious and quite talkative. George is now ready for his own family and forever home. Since he's so playful and energetic, he needs a home that already has another playful kitty or he could be adopted with another kitten.

Jesse is one of eight cats rescued from a demolition site in very dangerous conditions!

Jesse is a sweet, introspective and affectionate young cat. She is a rare ginger female like her sister, Conway. She loves to play her own imaginative games when her sister is napping, such as, "What is that under there?" and, "Maybe I should keep staring at it?" She is a little talkative with a small, creaky meow, but she doesn't meow as much as her sister. Jesse loves to play and will be the first to run to whatever toy you have. She loves pets and to sit quietly by you while you read or watch TV. Jesse is a treasure with an adorable sleepy little face. She would be best as part of a dual adoption with her sister Conway, but is very friendly with other cats. She has not met dogs yet, but her personality seems compatible with a calm dog, older children, or other cats.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue; and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •



Potica



George

*Be kind. Save a life.
Support animal rescue.*



Baklava



Cannoli



Jesse

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE
US STORAGE CENTERS
14680 AVIATION BLVD
HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250
(310) 536-7100**

In accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 21700, ET seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California the website the public auction will be listed on can be found at <https://www.usstoragecenters.com/auctions> and will close on JULY 19, 2017 at 3:00 PM. General household goods, electronics, tools, office & business equipment, furniture, instruments, appliances, clothing, collectibles & antiques, and or miscellaneous items stored at 14680 AVIATION BLVD, HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250, County of Los Angeles, by the following persons: HEATHER LEE ABBEY, SARA BETH HAPP, DANIEL STEVEN MCDARIS, DOMINIC BENJAMIN SALAZAR will be sold on an "AS IS BASIS". There is a refundable \$100 cleaning deposit on all units. Sale is subject to cancellation.
6/29, 7/6/17
CNS-3026660#
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 8296.20543 Title Order No. 8691559 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/02/2005. 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 drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustees: Astra Townley, an unmarried woman and Marco Antonio Cuelo, an unmarried man, as joint tenants Recorded: 03/31/05, as Instrument No. 05 0745866, of Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 07/12/17 at 11:30 AM Place of Sale: In the main dining room of the Pomona Masonic Temple, located at 395 South Thomas Street, Pomona, CA. The purported property address is: 15111 Freeman Avenue #72, Lawndale, CA 90260 Assessors

Parcel No. 4076-009-091 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$306,160.35. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. **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 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com using the file number assigned to this case 8296.20543. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: June 15, 2017 NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Candice Yoo, Authorized Signatory 2121 Alton Parkway, Suite 110, Irvine, CA 92606 866-387-6987 Sale Info website: www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com Automated Sales Line: 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (866) 387-NMITS THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Townley, Astra and Cuelo, Marco Antonio ORDER # 8296.20543; 06/22/2017, 06/29/2017, 07/06/2017 Lawndale Tribune Pub. 6/22, 6/29, 7/6/17
HL-25629

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING ISSUANCE OF
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE
BONDS FOR
GOOD SHEPHERD HOMES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at the Council Chambers, One Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, California, the City Council of the City of Inglewood (the "City") will conduct a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, at which it will hear and consider information concerning a proposed plan of financing providing for the issuance by the California Public Finance Authority of multifamily housing revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such revenue bonds in one or more series from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$17,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount, to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 70-unit senior multifamily rental housing project located at 510 and 512 Centinela Avenue, Inglewood, California. The facilities are to be owned by Good Shepherd Homes Preservation, L.P. (the "Borrower") or a partnership created by BlueGreen Preservation and Development Company, LLC (the "Developer"), consisting at least of the Developer or a related person to the Developer and one or more limited partners, and are generally known as Good Shepherd Homes (the "Project"). Those wishing to comment on the proposed financing and the nature and location of the Project may either appear in person at the public hearing or submit written comments, which must be received by the City prior to the hearing. Written comments should be sent to City of Inglewood at One Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, California 90301, Attention: City Clerk. City Clerk CITY OF INGLEWOOD Dated: July 6, 2017 Inglewood Daily News Pub. 7/6/17
HI-25652

PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to remove an existing street light and replace it with a 28-foot street light telecommunications pole at 547 W. Kelso Street, Inglewood, CA, 90301. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6117002726-TC o/e EBI Consulting, 3703 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA, 90807 or via telephone at (339) 234-2597. Inglewood Daily News Pub. 7/6/17
HI-25645



PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install a 40-foot street wood monopole telecommunications tower at 4016 W. 105th St., Inglewood, CA, 90003. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6117002740-TC o/e EBI Consulting, 3703 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA, 90807 or via telephone at (339) 234-2597. Inglewood Daily News Pub. 7/6/17
HI-25646



PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a new telecommunications tower facility near 727 S Prairie Ave, Inglewood, CA. An existing light pole will be removed and a new 32.25-foot light pole with top-mounted antenna will be installed. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 6117002608-AKF o/e EBI Consulting, 3703 Long Beach Boulevard, Suite 421, 2nd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90807, or via telephone at 650-285-8856. Inglewood Daily News Pub. 7/6/17
HI-25647



PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct two wireless telecommunications facilities in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, CA. Two existing light poles will be removed and replaced, one with a 31.25-foot light pole telecommunication tower at 12893 Jefferson Ave and the other with a 55-foot light pole telecommunication tower at 13387 Yukon Ave. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 6117002595-MRG o/e EBI Consulting, 3703 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 421, 2nd Floor, Long Beach, CA, 90807, or via telephone at 339-234-3535. Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 7/6/17
HH-25649



PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct two new telecommunications tower facilities in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, CA. A 34'-6" replacement streetlight pole with a small cell antenna will be installed at 4733 El Segundo Boulevard and at 4359 W. El Segundo Boulevard. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6117002807-JLD o/e EBI Consulting, 3703 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA, 90807 or via telephone at 203-231-6643. Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 7/6/17
HH-25653



*My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.
- Henry Ford*

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California at the office of the City Clerk, located on the first floor in City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 25, 2017. 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 25, 2017 for the following:
LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2017 PROJECT (17-02)

SCOPE OF WORK

The work consists of grinding, excavation and removal of existing pavement, asphalt paving, traffic striping, adjustment of utility valves and manhole covers and all other work necessary to complete the improvements in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. CLASSIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS Contractors bidding this project must possess a valid State of California A Contractors' License. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS Proposals must be submitted on the blank forms prepared and furnished for that purpose, which may be obtained at the office of the Hawthorne City Engineer. Bidders may also obtain copies of the Plans and Specifications for the contemplated work. (See "NOTE" under Project Information section.)

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. 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 race, color, place of nation 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. WAGES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES This proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included

in the Specifications and Bid documents and are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, City of Hawthorne. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the City Council has obtained the general federal prevailing rate of per diem wages in accordance with the law to be paid for the construction of the above entitled Works and Improvements and General Prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in this locality for each craft. The schedule has been obtained from the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development for Community Block Grant Programs of the type and nature proposed by the City, and reference is hereby made to copies thereof on file in the Office of the City Engineer, which said copies are available to any interested party upon request. Further, a copy shall be posted at the job site during the course of construction. In addition to the Contractor's obligations as to minimum wages rates, the Contractor shall abide by all other provisions and requirements stipulated in Sections 1770-1780, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, including, but not limited to, those dealing with the employment of registered apprentices. The responsibility of compliance with Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code shall be with the prime contractor. PROJECT INFORMATION Plans and Specifications are available for purchase at Hawthorne City Hall, Department of Public Works, Engineering Division (second floor), located at: 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250, (310) 349-2980. NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: THE COST OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IS \$150.00 (non-refundable). AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED IF MAILING IS NECESSARY, OR \$50.00 IF FEDERAL EXPRESS MAILING OPTION IS REQUIRED. (There will be no fee required for mailing if prospective bidder prefers to have plans and specifications sent and billed via Bidder's FEDEX account number.) If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Akbar Farokhi, Senior Engineer, Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at telephone number (310) 349-2983. Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 6/29, 7/6/17
HH-25637

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Item	Description	Units	Approximate Quantities
1	Clearing and Grubbing / Implementation of BMPs/ SWPPP	LS	1
2	Excavation (unclassified).	CY	4,800
3	Cold Milling Asphalt Pavement (0" to 2").	SF	200,000
4	Edge Milling Asphalt Pavement (0" to 2").	SF	331,450
5	Asphalt Concrete -B & D PG 64-16	TON	8,200
6	Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM)	TON	4,500
7	Install ADA detectable warning surface per Caltrans std. plan A88A at specified locations per project plans.	EA	52
8	Crushed Miscellaneous Base (CMB) for Street and Alley Reconstruction.	CY	700
9	Adjust Utility cover to grade.	EA	15
10	Adjust Manhole Frame and Cover to grade.	EA	45
11	Traffic Signing, Striping, Markings and Pavement Markers per Table A.	LS	1
12	Implementing Traffic Control (Message Boards and Arrow Boards).	LS	1
13	Surveying.	LS	1
14	Project Construction Signs.	EA	4
15	Install Induction Detector Loops (Type "D")	EA	12
16	Install Induction Detector Loops (Type "E")	EA	12
17	Remove and excavate existing ADA curb ramp and construct new ADA curb ramp over 4" CMB per SPPWC Std. 111-5	SF	15,600

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIFIC PLAN 2016SP03, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2017GP01, CHANGE OF ZONE 2017CZ01, ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2017ZA06, CERTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND ADOPTION OF FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matters: Specific Plan 2016SP03, the Greenline Mixed Use Specific Plan (GLMUSP) would govern the development of a mixed-use project consisting

of 274 residential rental units and 2,600 square feet of restaurant space. General Plan Amendment 2017GP01 would: (1) create a new Specific Plan Overlay land use designation in the General Plan text and map; (2) change the General Plan Land Use Map for the subject property from General Industrial (GI) to General Industrial with a Specific Plan Overlay (GI-SPO). Change of Zone 2017CZ01 would change the zoning map for the subject property from General Industrial (M-2) to General Industrial with the Specific Plan Overlay (M-2-SP). Zone Text Amendment 2017ZA06 would create references in the Municipal Code to incorporate the GLMUSP. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH

No. 2016061043), which was prepared to assess potential environmental impacts of the GLMUSP. The Draft EIR was made available and circulated for public review and comment, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Mitigation and Monitoring Program, which contains a program for monitoring adherence to adopted mitigation measures for the GLMUSP EIR. Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is a statement indicating that environmental factors identified in the EIR have been evaluated and judged not to outweigh the project's benefits for the for the GLMUSP EIR. PROJECT LOCATION: 12540 Cren-

shaw Blvd. (APNs: 4056-032-044, 4056-032-021 and 4056-032-018) MEETING DETAILS: Date: Wednesday July 19, 2017 Time: 6:00 p.m. 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 5:30 PM July 18, 2017, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to cpalmer@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional

information, you may contact Christopher Palmer at (310) 349-2973 or at the email noted above. 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. Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 7/6/2017
HH-25656

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017138265

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GENESIS GIFTS & MORE 1) 11946 INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) 11942 1/2 INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ERIKA S. VILLEGAS-HERRERA, 11942 1/2 INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250 This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/2017. Signed: ERIKA S VILLEGAS-HERRERA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MAY 30, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MAY 30, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MAY 30, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE TRIBUNE Pub. 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6/2017 **HH-1648**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017147528

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EDOCTORS, 909 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD., 11TH FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): INTERNET BRANDS, INC., 909 N SEPULVEDA BLVD., 11TH FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, DE. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/2012. Signed: INTERNET BRANDS, INC., SECRETARY, B. LYNN WALSH. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JUNE 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JUNE 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JUNE 7, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13/2017 **H-1649**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017158952

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CA'D'ORO BAKERY, 504 N OAK ST, INGLEWOOD CA, 90302, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI#ON: C2349367 Registered Owner(s): 1) CHRISTOPHER R. RYAN, 504 N OAK ST, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90302 2) JEAN LEON, 504 N OAK ST, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302 3) CA'D'ORO BAKERY, INC, 504 N OAK ST, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302, CA. This business is being conducted by A JOINT VENTURE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2000. Signed: CAD'ORO BAKERY, INC, PRESIDENT, CHRISTOPHER RYAN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JUNE 20, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JUNE 20, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JUNE 20, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD TRIBUNE: Pub. 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20/2017 **HI-1650**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017151039

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHADES AND STROKES 1) 2746 PACIFIC COAST HWY UNIT #15, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) 2577 PLAZA DEL AMO UNIT 730, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): VANESSA DOCTORA TANAKA, 2577 PLAZA DEL AMO UNIT 730, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: VANESSA DOCTORA TANAKA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JUNE 12, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JUNE 12, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JUNE 12, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20/2017 **HT-1651**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017161936

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4LIVE SCAN & FINGERPRINTING SERVICES, 3530 W. CENTURY BLVD, STE #103, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90303, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MICHAEL TOMAKILI, 3530 W CENTURY BLVD, STE #103, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90303. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: MICHAEL TOMAKILI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JUNE 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JUNE 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JUNE 22, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD TRIBUNE: Pub. 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20/2017 **HI-1652**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017163765

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 10 WATT STUDIO 1) 421 E 98TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90003, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) PO BOX 1290, HAWTHORNE, CA 90251. Registered Owner(s): JUAN GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ, 421 E 98TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2017. Signed: JUAN GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JUNE 23, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JUNE 23, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JUNE 23, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27/2017 **H-1653**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2017147225

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIT 4 HIS USE, 23330 ARLINGTON AVE 21, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SABRINA CARY, 23330 ARLINGTON AVE #21 21, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2017. Signed: SABRINA CARY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JUNE 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JUNE 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JUNE 7, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27/2017 **HT-1654**

City Council

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state and local governments, the program is tailored to create affordable housing specifically for low-income households. HOME allows communities to design and implement strategies that will address their specific needs and set their own priorities.

The Consolidated Citizen Participation process includes a series of community meetings (six total prior to this public hearing), written surveys and citywide mailings. The information gathered allowed the City to determine the types of eligible activities under each program, as well as the types of activities that have been undertaken in the past. HUD income limits, as of April 2017, identified a one-person home earning \$18,950 as extremely low income; \$31,550 as very low income, and low income at \$50,500.

One resident spoke during the public hearing about the brevity of the public hearings and the disservice to the community. "Having listened to this report that is very brief, I have to compare it to the ones that we used to get when we were receiving \$6

million a year; and how then there was at least a math presented before this [city] council so that then the people from this audience could get up and address that," said Inglewood resident Diane Sambrano. "Not too long ago, you said things have changed in 10 years absolutely. Failure to receive public input because of the staff reports are so short."

All input from the public and research from City staff will be combined into the final consolidated plan, which will be presented to the Mayor and City Council on July 11. "First let me thank Mr. Harjinder and staff because you did give the public notification--not one, but six locations on which we could give public input," District No. 4 Councilman Ralph L. Franklin said. "We seized that moment in particular in District 4 and conducted a series of email blasts. It was also on the City's website and those that expressed strong interest were in attendance. We had a great audience and were able to put our input on this." •



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Sports

It's Chip(ped) City After Chris Paul Departure

By Adam Serrao

Fans can now safely say that they have witnessed the Los Angeles Clippers play the best brand of basketball that their team will ever play. That's assuming that there will be any Clippers fans left after the midway point of next season. When Chris Paul was traded to the Houston Rockets last Wednesday morning, the Clippers and their fans traded in six years of bravado that they had built up--which, even still, couldn't get them past the second round of the playoffs. Now, with Paul gone and Jerry West in as a new team advisor, the Clippers will begin the long process of rebuilding with the sole hope of becoming the team that they used to be just two months ago.

Chris Paul was the one shining hope of the Los Angeles Clippers that really the team should have never had in the first place. Once the league and ex-NBA commissioner David Stern stepped in and pried Paul away from the Lakers and stuck him in the Clippers locker room, though, the Clippers immediately had hope like they had never had before. A team that has never made it past the second round of the playoffs, the Clippers' best record before Paul arrived was a 47-win season in 2005-06. That is, unless you count the 1974-75 Buffalo Braves team that won 49 games before they moved to San Diego and then ultimately to Los Angeles.

Unless you're a huge fan of Elton Brand, Cuttino Mobley, Sam Cassell and the rest of the Clippers that lost in the Western Conference semis to the Phoenix Suns, you can say that Chris Paul brought the best basketball that the Clippers have ever played to the city of Los Angeles. In the six seasons that he was with the team, the Clippers won under 50 games just once (in his first year in L.A.) and made the playoffs every single year.

With the best player in Clippers history now calling Houston home, the team that used to be called "Chip City" by its fans has virtually zero shot at winning a "chip" at any point in the near (or far) future. Even with Paul, there was always a sense surrounding the team that they just weren't good enough to beat the other squads forming the Western Conference elite--whether it was Golden State, San Antonio, or

even Houston in the past. Now, without Paul, the Clippers have immediately regressed into the team that they used to be in what seems to be the blink of an eye--or maybe even the clip of a pair of scissors--despite what team executives will tell you about the five-year, \$173 million contract that they just foolishly handed over to Blake Griffin (who has missed a total of 83 games due to injury over the past three seasons).

Diehard fans, if they truly exist and haven't already strengthened Golden State's numbers, will tell you that everything will be okay. Jerry West is there now. The team will rebuild, sign free agents, and be even better in the coming years. The fact remains, however, that anyone wishing to go to Los Angeles to play professional basketball in the NBA isn't going to choose to play for the Clippers over the team that occupies the neighboring locker room in the Staples Center. Even though the Clippers have outplayed the Lakers over the last six seasons, they still are--and always have been--the Lakers' little brothers. The Lakers have a certain appeal and a certain aura about them, and the Clippers simply can't compete with that. Los Angeles is about Hollywood and the bright lights. It's about winning championships. The Lakers have those banners. Meanwhile, the Clippers have drama between a head coach/president of basketball operations and the favoritism that he showed toward his son that forced one of the best players in the league to take a pay cut to play deep in the heart of Texas instead of alongside the glitz, glamour and ocean breezes of Southern California.

"We were knocking on the door of being very successful, and we just didn't get it done," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said when speaking about the Paul trade. Rivers is right. The Clippers tried, and tried their best, but still couldn't get past the second round of the playoffs. Paul hasn't gotten past the second round once in his entire career and there were no indications that next year would be any different. "That part is over. And that bugs me," Rivers continued. "But we're not done trying to reach our goal. Sometimes you gotta do it a different way. Because the way we

tried to do it didn't work." Once again, Doc is right. But the new way in which the Clippers will attempt to approach success won't be any different than the previous way that featured players like Paul, Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan. The Clippers roster will crumble sooner, rather than later, and Jerry West will find that the challenge he so longed for will be much harder than "The Logo" originally anticipated it to be.

The Clippers have had their chance at reaching greatness. Fans of the team were able to witness Paul and the rest of the roster play a level of basketball that the Clippers

franchise has never played before. Even still, it wasn't good enough to get anything more than a divisional championship banner up in the rafters. Clipper fans can put all of the hope that they can into Jerry West as a new team advisor because hope is all that they have. Paul's departure has slammed the door shut on any optimism for the Clippers in L.A. The point guard's exit to Houston has lifted the veil on a franchise that, despite its win totals over the past six seasons, has been just as dysfunctional as it has always been and now shows no signs of changing. •
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