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El Segundo Rotary Club Donates \$5,000 To Old Town Music Hall



Pictured above, left to right, are Val Smith, Maura Slavens, Randy Waltz (House Organist) Shiela Fowler, Julie Stalnack, Meredith Beachly, Shannon Magid, Frank Glynn, Maxine Walsleben, current Rotary President, Melissa Albers, James King, Michele Rogers, Executive Director of Old Town Music Hall, Angie Hougen, Chris Powell, Elyse Beardsley, Gilda Dyckman and Lily Craig. "The funds will go towards the installation of new seats which will honor the theater's vintage character while providing comfort and accessibility", said James Moll, President of the non-profit venue. Melissa said, "this is a little gem in our community and our Rotarians are proud to be able to support this effort and we encourage others to donate to the cause as well". Photo provided by Lily Craig.

Pandemic Didn't Slow Learning in Middle Grades

By Rob McCarthy

When schools closed in March 2020 and switched to distance learning, parents worried their children's educations would suffer being away from normal school-day routines. Parents had good reason to be concerned, according to a newly released comparison of school test scores before and after the pandemic.

The Education Recovery Scorecard released on February 11 showed a regression in math or reading in most California districts in the fourth through eighth graders. Teams from Stanford and Harvard universities compiled test scores from 2019 and tracked them through the pandemic — except for 2020, when testing wasn't done — and up to last year.

The interruptions didn't seem to affect the El Segundo Unified School District. Fourth through eighth graders made small gains in reading, and by June 2022, their test scores were the equivalent of two years above their grade levels. The middle grades did even better at math, and the improvement continued during and after school closures in March 2020, the university teams found.

At the end of last school year, the middle grades were equivalent to seven months ahead of where fourth- through eighth-graders in the El Segundo district ranked in math in 2019 compared to the national average, according to the Recovery Scorecard. Few districts in California matched the district's achievement.

"El Segundo did not experience loss between 2019 and 2022, but rather gained one-half grade levels relative to its own 2019 performance," said Rachel Tropp with Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University, one of the participants in the project looking for any changes in school performance.

The district's middle graders made so much progress in math, they were the equivalent of 2.4 academic years ahead of their peers

nationwide at the end of the 2024 term, according to the Stanford and Harvard teams that used data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

Retired Superintendent Melissa Moore says \$6.6 million received in state and federal pandemic grants allowed the district to reduce class size in the fourth and fifth grades, which raises academic achievement. The class-size reductions extended to the middle and high schools in English and math, where possible, and the government funding allowed the district to hire a faculty coach to work with elementary school teachers on their math lessons. Funding also paid for after-school tutoring and summer school sessions.

Air-conditioning at some schools was upgraded, too, Moore said, who retired last year

after a decade at the helm. She credits the teachers and the district's classified employees for the professionalism and resilience they demonstrated throughout the 2020-2022 period.

"I feel very fortunate to have served for 10 years. We just had a great team," Moore said. "In partnership with the Board of Education and our teacher's union, we were able to bring back our primary-grade students (K-2) for hybrid instruction by December 2020. El Segundo was only of five districts in Los Angeles County out of 80 that jumped in and did that."

California schools ranked 11th in math recovery, almost three months behind their grade levels, though there were some bright spots locally in the Los Angeles Unified and Compton school districts. Palos Verdes Peninsula

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Council Discusses Housing Parking Requirement Updates; Hears Update on Hyperion Plant

By Liz Spear

The City of El Segundo officially moved closer to achieving compliance with California's Housing Element Law Tuesday night, opting to continue the Public Hearing on updating El Segundo Municipal Code Title 15, which affects "Parking Requirements for Multiple-Family Residential Development" in the city. City staff had recommended holding a Public Hearing Tuesday night (which was done) and then moving forward with adopting the updates at the next City Council meeting. Instead, council asked to hold another Public Hearing at its regularly scheduled Tuesday, March 18th meeting so that the city attorney and city staff could have time to research

adding a mechanism "to defend ourselves against abuse" of the new modified parking requirements per Mayor Chris Pimentel, whose main issue was that people who were allotted x number of parking spaces on their property or in their development might use those space(s) for storage, etc. and then park their vehicles on the street, thereby impacting parking in the neighborhood. Current requirements are for two parking spaces plus one guest parking space per three units, regardless of unit size.

One of the discussions the City Council had Tuesday night during the Public Hearing covered tandem parking and its efficacy since city staff was proposing

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
60°/45°



Saturday
Sunny
63°/47°



Sunday
Sunny
67°/48°



Correction

In last week's sport's column, we mistakenly called Marilyn McCaverty, a sophomore

catcher on the Eagles Varsity, Melissa. We regret the error. •

Police Reports

Monday, Feb 24th

An annoying/harassing phone calls report was taken at 1009 hours from the 2100 block of Campus Drive.

A traffic collision (with injuries) report was taken at 1206 hours from Franklin Avenue and Sierra Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

A grand theft report was taken at 1214 hours from the 800 block of Loma Vista Street. A catalytic converter was taken.

One male adult was detained at 1437 hours from the 2000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard and transported to Harbor Exodus for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A lost property report was taken at 1504 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A Japanese passport was lost.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1459 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. A pallet of merchandise was taken from a semi-truck.

A property for destruction report was taken at 1515 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Two firearms were turned in.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1921 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A 2016 Nissan Sentra was stolen.

Tuesday, Feb 25th

A vandalism report was taken at 1023 hours from the 900 block of Cedar Street. Unknown suspect(s) shattered the victim's front window.

A recovered stolen vehicle report was taken at 1849 hours from the 1900 block of East Walnut Avenue.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 2025 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. An Ebike was taken from an attached carport.

Wednesday, Feb 26th

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 1010 hours from the 300 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for petty theft with prior convictions.

A defrauding of the innkeeper report was taken at 1139 hours from the 400 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. A female customer left the business without paying for services.

A embezzlement report was taken at 1225 hours from the 200 block of Richmond Street. An ex-employee stole money from the business.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1451 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole merchandise from the business.

A petty theft report was taken at 1453 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. An unknown suspect stole a check from the victim.

A traffic accident report was taken at 1725 hours from Main Street and Mariposa Avenue, vehicle versus bicyclist.

One male adult was detained at 0439 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast

Highway and transported to Exodus-West LA for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

Thursday, Feb 27th

A found property report was taken at 2022 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. An iPhone was found.

One male adult was arrested at 2255 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for one Hawthorne PD misdemeanor warrant and one Long Beach PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0243 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Imperial Highway for driving under the influence.

Friday, Feb 28th

One male adult was cited in the field at 1304 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street for possession of controlled substance and released to Manhattan Beach PD for two misdemeanor warrants.

One female adult was arrested at 1315 hours from the 400 block of Virginia Street for one LASD Santa Clarita misdemeanor warrant and one LAPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1623 hours from the 400 block of East Walnut Avenue for receiving stolen property.

One male adult was arrested at 0106 hours from South Douglas Street and East El Segundo for driving under the influence.

One male adult was arrested at 0337 from West Imperial Highway and North Pacific Coast Highway for one ESPD misdemeanor warrant, one LAPD misdemeanor warrant and for bringing a controlled substance into jail.

One male adult was arrested at 0434 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue for battery.

Saturday, March 1st

A found missing person report was taken at 0251 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and East Sycamore Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 0228 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for driving under the influence.

Sunday, March 2nd

An injury report was taken at 1114 hours from East Grand Avenue and Standard Street. An elderly male fell from his bike and was transported to the hospital.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1129 hours from East El Segundo Boulevard and Standard Street. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a door from the location, no items were taken at this time.

A petty theft report was taken at 1338 hours from the 300 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. The suspect was detained and issued a citation in the field.

A grand theft report was taken at 1718 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown

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City Council

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including tandem parking and a sliding scale of spaces per number of bedrooms (studio, one, two, three, etc.). Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Baldino called tandem parking "a myth," noting that frequently, "what you get is storage and parking for one car," not two parking spaces that are used for parking. He proposed that the updated parking requirements not allow tandem parking so that instead "they (developers, builders, property owners) can come and tell us why they'd like" to include tandem parking in their development." The process he proposed would give the city more control over a developer or property owner who wanted to include tandem parking for any unit(s) "as opposed to just letting this happen," Baldino said. He noted that builders/developers/property owners are "always asking, asking, asking" for adjustments and modifications so the city should handle such matters "incrementally... Builders can ask for adjustments," he said.

Council members Drew Boyles and Michelle Keldorf saw the matter a bit differently. Boyles said, "Development is incredibly difficult. It's onerous, costly, and it's incredibly lengthy." He said that building a two-bedroom project in Los Angeles takes an average of three years and \$850,000. He noted that the Pacific Coast Commons project in the city, though approved some three years ago, has not begun to be built due to economic factors that don't "pencil," among them an increase in interest rates, calling the project "sidelined."

He also pointed out that he "firmly" believes "car ownership will be changing" in the coming years. "Autonomy is coming," he said. "The more we do to make development difficult, the more our hand is going to be forced by the state. That's the reality. I've seen that firsthand. So we have to find a way to accommodate development reasonably. I think this is reasonable. I think we need to do it to make these developments work again. Otherwise, we're just going to have more and more mandates coming from Sacramento."

As parking data was presented, the council was unified in requesting that studio and one-bedroom units have two parking spaces per unit instead of the one-and-a-half parking spaces currently approved for those types of units in the Pacific Coast Commons project. The Pacific Coast Commons project achieved 83 units per acre and was used as a guiding point in the presentation.

Council member Lance Giroux said he was "agnostic" on tandem parking but that he agreed with Baldino that a developer or property owner should have to lodge a formal request to include tandem parking in a development because "they (building projects) never end up the way they start" and that he felt more oversight was a good thing. "They can always negotiate it," he said of tandem parking. He also noted that El Segundo is a small town, so "the topic of parking is going to come up every two to three months for the next 15 years," noting that scouting out garages that are packed full with no room for parking wasn't likely though it exists.

There was a discussion of zoning, R1 and R3, and the types of developments (single-family homes with ADUs or multiple units on a single-family zoned lot versus larger condo and apartment developments) allowed by zoning.

Boyles continued to articulate how much time and money would be involved for developers if the city didn't streamline the processes developers go through. "My only concern would be, I mean, you know better

than anyone, Councilman Keldorf, like you've done development, anytime you're adding complexity, you're adding time and uncertainty, so there are going to be fewer developers saying we can make this project work." He noted the amount of time that could be added to a development project (six months to a year+) if it were subject to additional requirements, as well as the time spent working with city staff going back and forth to then conducting and paying for studies to then presenting once or maybe twice to the city's planning commission and even potentially going before the city council, saying "We're just making it more and more difficult to get housing developed." Keldorf added what she called a "caveat", noting that "anything over two acres has to be presented to us as a development agreement."

During the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing, resident Cheryl Smith said the city's parking is already strained and compounded by airport rideshare traffic and when homes and businesses are on the same street. The increased competition for parking "I understand the desire to promote housing development in El Segundo, however, it is imperative that we do so in a manner that is sustainable and does not compromise the livability of our community. Maintaining the current multi-housing parking requirement is essential to ensuring the new developments do not exacerbate the existing parking challenges and that we preserve the quality of life for all El Segundo residents. Please, please, I request that you prioritize the needs of our community and refrain from altering the current multi-housing parking requirements." She noted that El Segundo is "a unique town" and not like the other cities listed by city staff in the presentation for comparison of parking requirements.

Deputy City Manager Barbara Voss delivered a mid-year report on the city's strategic plan. Chief Financial Officer Paul Chung presented the city's comprehensive financial report on the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Both were "Receive and File" agenda items.

During reports from council members and city staff, Balding gave "thanks and gratitude" to the 100-year celebration of the city's Boy Scout Troop 267. Pimentel, on an agenda item, noted that former council member Carol Pirsztuk was replacing former mayor Carol Jacobson as the council's LAX area advisory appointment and gained approval for the move. City Manager Darrell George also noted that the City of Los Angeles Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant had received approximately 60 odor complaints in the last two weeks. Notices of Violation were issued for February 26 and 27 and March 2 for public nuisances. He also noted that the facility "performed well" during the rainstorm from February 12 through 14, handling 560 million gallons per day. Pimentel pointed out that the 560 gallons per day was 130 percent above maximum capacity and that much of the water flow is from "water intrusion" via manholes and the like. The facility was designed to handle 440 million gallons daily, with 260 gallons being the average daily flow. George also noted that Meredith McCarthy of Heal The Bay, where she has been for 20 years and presently serves as its Senior Director of Community Outreach and Partnerships, will be the independent liaison for Hyperion for the next year and that she has issued a brief online survey that went live on March 3 and can be found via a link on the City of El Segundo website. Residents are urged to complete the survey. •



*"Time is a created thing.
To say 'I don't have time' is
to say 'I don't want to.'"*
— LAO TZU

Sports

“The Mickeys” 14U AYSO Boys Advance to Western States

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo AYSO Boys 14u Tournament of Champions team, The Mickeys, has made an unforgettable run. With some pressuring defense and getting balanced scoring from ten different players, they won the Sectional Tournament. After a remarkable run through sectionals, the win ensures their spot in the upcoming Western States Championship.

After a thrilling double-overtime victory against Manhattan Beach’s “B” team in the Tournament of Champions, The Mickeys advanced to the championship game. They faced off against Manhattan Beach’s “A” team on Manhattan Beach’s home field. Despite battling hard, El Segundo fell 3-0 but still qualified and earned a ticket to the Sectionals tournament. El Segundo had its sights on redemption, setting the stage for an unforgettable rematch against Manhattan Beach.

El Segundo’s first match in Sectional pool play was a nail-biter against Region 47 Riverside that ended in a 3-3 tie. Falling behind 2-0 early, The Mickeys showcased their resilience, storming back to take a 3-2 lead by scoring three goals in the third period. El Segundo’s Logan Meyer, Benny Baker on an assist from Shai Carmi, and Jayden Dizon on an assist from Jude Hansen gave their team the lead heading into the final quarter. However, Riverside found an equalizer in the final minute, ending the game in a 3-3 tie.

Fueled by their strong performance, El Segundo rebounded in dominant fashion, securing a 3-1 victory over Region 136 Fontana. Goals by Ryder Leach, with an assist from Ben Baker, Jude Hansen, with an assist from Ben Baker, and Jayden Dizon, with an assist from Jackson Flam, along with a solid defensive effort, gave El Segundo the win.

The 5-1 lopsided win over Region 98 Temple City was a one-sided affair. Ben Baker scored a hat trick, scoring three goals, while Jackson

Flam and Shai Carmi scored the other two goals. Once again, the defensive effort was solid and limited Temple City’s offensive threat.

With these two wins, The Mickeys locked up the No. 1 seed in their pool. This meant a semifinal showdown against their biggest rival—Manhattan Beach A. The semifinal clash between El Segundo and Manhattan Beach ‘A’ was a high-intensity battle from the opening whistle. Despite controlling most of the possessions, El Segundo found themselves in a scoreless deadlock at halftime.

Manhattan Beach struck first, scoring on a rare breakaway opportunity midway through the third quarter. Refusing to let history repeat itself, El Segundo responded with a brilliant goal from striker Benny Baker, assisted by Jackson Flam and Shai Carmi. Momentum shifted El Segundo’s way when Carmi volleyed home a perfectly placed shot off another assist from Flam, giving The Mickeys a 2-1 lead. Just when El Segundo thought they had sealed the game, Manhattan Beach struck again on another breakaway goal, evening the match 2-2 late in the period before the end of regulation.

With no winner emerging after two intense nine-minute overtime periods, the game came down to penalty kicks. Both teams traded goals and save until it was time for Manhattan Beach’s goalkeeper to step up as their sixth shooter. El Segundo goalie Bryson Duffaut delivered a clutch save, keeping his team’s dreams alive. Moments later, Duffaut stepped up himself to take the deciding penalty. A precisely placed shot into the bottom right corner sent The Mickeys storming onto the field in celebration.

El Segundo’s final challenge was a rematch against Riverside, the team that had handed them their only tie of the tournament. This time, The Mickeys wasted no time asserting their athleticism. They jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back, overwhelming Riverside with a 5-0 victory.

Ben Baker started the scoring on an assist from Jackson Flam. Flam scored the next three goals, and Ryder Leach scored the final goal for El Segundo on an assist from John Caban. The Mickeys’ rock-solid defense, anchored by Logan Meyer and Jayden Dizon, ensured a shutout performance.

El Segundo’s run to a Sectional title was a total team effort. Ten different players contributed goals or assists throughout the tournament, highlighting the depth and teamwork that have defined this El Segundo squad. Not overlooked was the defensive backline play of Timothy Hodder, Jude Lemaire, Jacob Gayer, Jayden Dizon, and Logan Meyer.

Members from the championship team include Ben Baker, Logan Meyer, Arya Vijay, Bryson Duffaut, Charlie Mozena, Jackson Flam, Jacob Gayer, Jayden Dizon, John Caban, Jude Hansen, Jude Lemaire, Ryan Stetson, Ryder Leach, Shai Carmi, and Timothy Hodder.

Now, the Mickeys have set their sights on the next challenge: the Western States Championship in Chino, set for March 15-16. The tournament brings together four sections that encompass the Western States Championship. Teams from Northern California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Central California, San Diego, and Lancaster will challenge the Mickeys.

Baseball Team Wins Own Tournament

The El Segundo Tournament has been around for nearly fifty years and is considered one of the longest-running high school baseball tournaments in the state. Since the tournament began, the Eagles have won it three times before this year’s tournament. This season, the Eagles defeated San Pedro 17-0, L.A. Roosevelt 4-1, Carson 2-1, and West Torrance 8-7 to reach the final against the Peninsula Panthers. The Eagles needed some dramatics to win it 4-3 in eight innings to capture their fourth El Segundo

Tournament title.

The Eagles jumped out to a 2-0 first-inning lead on an RBI double by Austin Hohman and an RBI single by Chase Mattoon. In the third inning the Eagles extended their lead to 3-0 on the strength of Mattoon’s solo homerun.

El Segundo starter Tyler Cohen was cruising along through the first four innings before surrendering a hit and the Panther’s first run in the fifth inning. Trailing 3-1 in the sixth inning the Panthers capitalized on Eagle miscues to score two runs to tie the game at 3-3. In the top half of the eighth inning, Lincoln Quaintance hit his first home run of the season to give the Eagles a 4-3 lead. Reed Abrams, who came in relief in the sixth inning for Cohen, picked up the win after silencing the Panthers bats.

The Eagles improved to 6-0 on the year before facing Los Alamitos on Tuesday. Weather permitting, the Eagles will host the South Torrance Spartans on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Pioneer League opener.

Faces in the Crowd

El Segundo High School basketball head coach Scott Martin has been named to the 2025 100 Most Impactful People in Men’s Basketball list. The list includes coaches, grassroots directors, event operators, and executives. It also includes Gonzaga head coach Mark Few, St. John’s head coach Rick Pitino, and Alabama head coach Nate Oats.

Scott Martin, besides being the Eagle’s head coach is Vice-President of the largest AAU program in the United States, the All in Elite. He is also Vice President of AOG National High Academic Circuit, the nation’s largest high academic camp circuit. With his connections Scott has placed over 300 hundred athletes into high academic colleges. All in Elite has placed 38 coaches in Division 1 schools, boasting one of the largest coaching networks in all sports. All in Elite can also brag that it has over 1000 athletes playing in college. •



Scott Martin was honored as one of the 2025 100 Most Impactful People in Men’s College Basketball.



The 14 U AYSO champions pose after winning the Sectional tournament. L-R John Caban, coach Mickey Meyer, Timothy Hodder, Jackson Flam, Benjamin Baker, Bryson Duffaut, Shai Carmi, Logan Meyer, Jude, Hansen, Jacob Gayer, Arya Vijay, Ryder Leach, Jude Lemaire, Jaden Dizon and coach Jay Dizon. Not picture here is Charlie Mozena. (Photo credit Vijay Manickam)



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Police Reports

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suspect(s) stole the victims cell phone. A brandishing/exhibiting a weapon report was taken at 2035 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. A known male brandished a knife at the victim.

One male adult was arrested at 0042 hours from the 13500 block of South Aviation Boulevard for driving while under the influence and for one Santa Monica PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0326 hours

from the 100 block of East Imperial Avenue for one LASD misdemeanor warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0326 hours from the 100 block of East Imperial Avenue for driving without a license and possession of nitrous oxide.

A dead body report was taken at 0403 hours from the 400 block of Eucalyptus Drive. An elderly adult male passed away from natural causes. •

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- Tempest in a teapot
- Singapore, for one
- Cheat, slangily
- In toward
- Santiago is its capital
- Cold, at Starbucks
- Not a fantasy
- Dough raiser
- Hospital cry
- High over
- Locale
- Donkey
- Helping
- Body part
- Not pleasant
- House room
- Inebriated
- Zoomed
- Spacious
- Drink cooler
- Related to
- Impudent talkback
- Light gas
- Incensed
- Trick
- Sum
- Watch closely
- Little dog
- Concoction
- Pitch
- Rice wine
- Historic time
- Sweater eater
- Bowling green
- Earth's oxygen producers
- Kind of den
- Gather
- Great times
- Get together
- A list of available options
- Entree add on
- Bird domicile
- Puncture
- Pop quiz
- Popular wedding gift
- Scene of any event
- Customers
- Resting places
- Douglas or balsam
- Restless
- Stipulate
- Unassisted
- Chilling
- Cut
- Tall tale teller
- Other than mentioned
- Airport abbr.
- Fringe
- House of Lords member
- Wizened

Down

- None's opposite
- Cremation vase
- Decline
- Instead
- Idol
- Portable shelter
- Unaltered
- Initial, maybe
- Helper
- Aspiration
- ___ top
- At this moment
- Getaway spot
- Barbell move
- Deluge refuge
- Encounter
- Fruit for a monkey
- Bruisers
- ___ dreams
- Unearthly
- Analyzes
- One side of the ledger
- Tattoo letters sometimes
- Big tournament
- Michelin is a maker of this
- Treaty subject
- Take ten
- Confronted
- English drinking locale

Last Week's Answers

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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.

Entertainment

Check It Out

Shackled by Candy J. Cooper

By Kim Harris, El Segundo Middle School Library Assistant

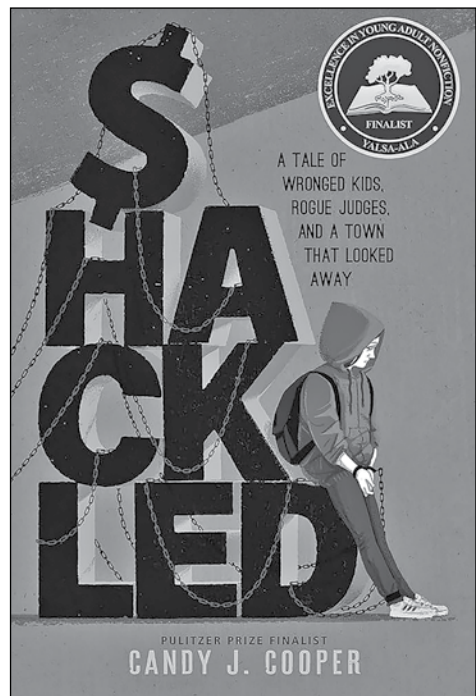
Shackled by Candy Cooper first intrigued me because I thought, how could towns and a county let two judges have so much power? Why didn't the residents try to fight it? As I started reading the book, I began to realize how that happened. This is a non-fiction book geared for the YA crowd about two judges involved in the Kids for Cash scandal in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Between the two judges, Mark Ciavarella and Michael Conahan, they sent more than 2,500 children and teens to a for-profit detention center while lining their pockets with over \$1 million each in cash and incentives.

In the early 2000's, Judge Mark Ciavarella and Judge Michael Conahan of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania were known as no-nonsense judges. Juveniles who showed up in their courtrooms were subject to harsh words and harsher sentences. The citizens of Luzerne County accepted these punishments for their children because it was the post-Columbine era and they didn't want another shooting to happen. Many people believed that the harsh punishments were just what the county needed to ensure that its children stayed on the straight and narrow path. They only began to question the system when more and more children received shocking sentences for seemingly benign crimes, and the newly built for-profit detention center filled up quickly and made a profit it's first year. The kids for cash program went on for over ten years until two other county judges grew suspicious and involved the FBI. Judge Chester Muroski and Judge Ann Lokuta

both went to the FBI with their suspicions of corrupt cases and payback. In 2006, a series of complaints were filed against Conahan and Ciavarella with the Judicial Conduct Board. This eight-page single spaced document detailed the names and court cases by numbers. It described nepotism, links to organized crime, case fixing, a rise in juvenile admissions to detention centers and the relationship between Conahan, Ciavarella and detention center owner Robert Powell. Unfortunately, the board was headed by a Conahan business associate and never investigated. The FBI took over when the shady behavior of the judges continued.

Judge Mark Ciavarella was extremely harsh with juveniles and assigned unjust punishments for petty crimes. One teenager went before him to accuse her stepfather of sexual assault and rape and she was prosecuted instead of the stepfather. Another girl received 8 months in juvenile hall for using a Sharpie on a stop sign. The adolescents did not receive a fair trial, and many were denied having a lawyer or anyone of authority present for the trial. Many juveniles went into the courtroom as a "A" student, got sent to juvenile hall, and ended up with mental health problems and drug addictions. What happened to the judges when they were eventually caught? Where did all the embezzled money go? Read the book to find out!

This book was an interesting read. I don't normally read nonfiction, but I was fascinated by the judges. What made the parents go along with the punishments? Why weren't more of them outraged? Candy Cooper does a really good job explaining why the county was so afraid of the judges and how the FBI and newspapers finally helped the Luzerne County citizens. To read this book and other exciting nonfiction, please visit the El Segundo Public Library in person or at www.elsegundolibrary.org.



Shackled by Candy J. Cooper.



Kim Harris

Film Review

On Becoming a Guinea Fowl is a Defiant Observation of Life and Death

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

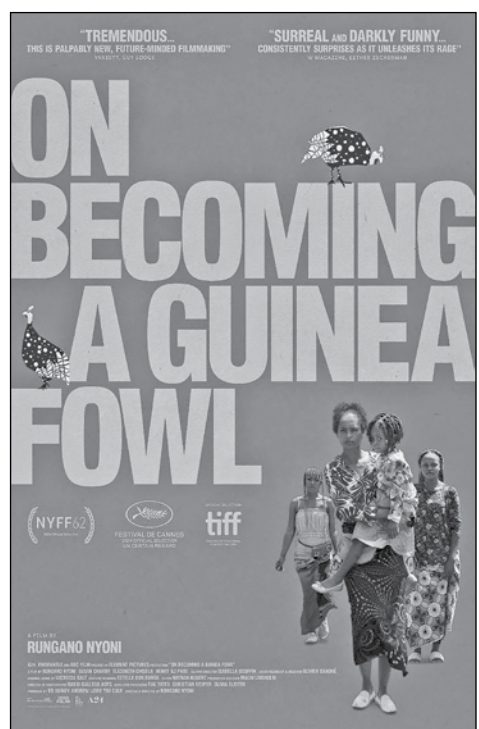
Rungano Nyoni's sophomore feature, *On Becoming a Guinea Fowl*, earns the title of one of the most unusual films I saw last year. Nyoni's first film, the BAFTA-winning *I Am Not a Witch*, premiered in 2018 to critical acclaim. After its debut, she quickly solidified herself as an indie darling. Nyoni stays true to her roots and dips viewers back into the colorful and rousing Zambian culture in *On Becoming a Guinea Fowl*, which won the Best Director award at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival.

The film tells the story of a young woman named Shula (Susan Chardy) who navigates through uncertainty. Specifically, she confronts familial expectations after the death of her uncle. On her way home from a costume party, Shula passes by a body lying untouched on the road. Upon realizing this

is her uncle, with whom she has a complicated relationship, Shula does what she can to remove him from the road and preserve what dignity he has left.

The news quickly reaches both her immediate and extended family. Shula becomes enveloped in explosive discourse between the younger women in her family as her uncle's questionable past comes to light. The women finally let go, sharing memories that were previously kept hidden within the depths of their subconscious. Like a fire hydrant bursting open, they emotionally confront their confusing and conflicted relationship with the deceased.

This feels like a return to form for A24, a studio prioritizing art-centric films with a distinct POV. It's defiant and unapologetically absurd, some of the choices the characters make may even rub audiences the wrong way. Dealing with difficult subject matter, like sexual assault, should always be handled with incredible sensitivity, which is the case here. Filmmaker Rungano Nyoni cleverly infuses dark comedy into an otherwise horrific situation. A24 is distributing *On Becoming a Guinea Fowl*, in theaters on March 7th.



On Becoming a Guinea Fowl, courtesy A24.



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Slow Learning

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was one of only a few school districts to increase math and reading scores since before the 2020 pandemic, on the Recovery Scorecard.

The California Department of Education released its own rankings in November, giving the district top marks in six of seven categories, including math and English Language Arts. Notable was a 7 percent gain in the number of students in the middle grades and 11th grade now listed as exceeding state math standards.

Superintendent of Educational Services Marisa Janicek with El Segundo Unified said the reported gains in math testing weren't surprising because of the district's push for effective teaching of the subject. She pointed to the California Dashboard — which uses a different scoring model than the Recovery Scorecard — that last year gave the El Segundo district top marks in the math and reading categories.

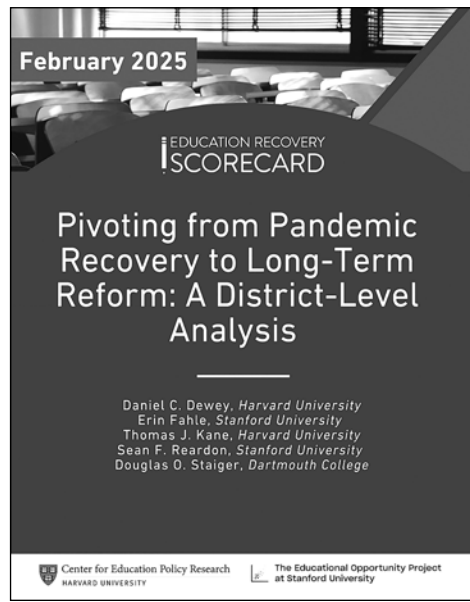
"We're doing really well in literacy, and in math, we're doing really, really well. But, it's a focus of ours," she said.

The Recovery Scorecard and the California Dashboard disagreed on whether El Segundo students are gaining in their reading skills since 2022 though. The Stanford and Harvard teams reported that El Segundo's middle graders are slightly behind where their peers were in 2019. The California Dashboard found no slippage by the district's young readers.

"We actually increased in exceeding English Language Arts standards by 4 percent in 2021 through 2024 for grades third through eighth and 11th," Janicek told the Herald.

The Education Recovery Scorecard views the El Segundo district's fourth through eighth grades as falling behind by about two months compared to 2019 based on their test scores. Janicek looked into the data used for the Recovery Scorecard and noted that it's difficult to compare a district's gains or losses against a national average. That's because California assesses academic-year gains for K-8 and high schools differently than other states.

In El Segundo, when a school recognizes



Education Recovery Scorecard. Image provided by Rob McCarthy.

a student's struggle with math or reading, the staff are trained to deploy what the district calls "multi-layered systems" of support. Small learning groups are one example of an early invention that works for some students and ensures they continue to make progress.

El Segundo students in 2022 were nearly 2.5 academic years above the national average in reading. By 2024, that figure had shrunk to two academic years, signaling a four-month loss of academic progress in their language arts, according to the recovery data.

The authors stressed that the Education Recovery Scorecard did not measure math and reading proficiency. They used test scoring averages from 2019 and 2022-24 and measured whether El Segundo public schools gained, lost, or stayed the same compared to the national averages. They also examined a district's scoring changes by gender, race, and economic factors. All of that data is available online for public viewing.

Compton schools and Superintendent Darin Brawley received special recognition from the project authors, who credited Compton educators for creating Saturday classes and promoting them and summer school to parents

as an opportunity for their children to make up for any class time they'd missed.

The scorecard showed that Wiseburn Unified District's math and reading scores have fallen since the pandemic, costing the middle grades three months of literacy and nearly eight months of demonstrated math skill. Despite the learning losses, Wiseburn remains above the national average in both core subjects.

El Segundo Unified's chronic absenteeism rate held steady from 2019 through the pandemic, the Recovery Scorecard authors found, well below the 30 percent average seen elsewhere. The local rate is hovering at 10 percent, and the district is working to address some of the reasons why pupils don't show up to class. Retired Superintendent Moore explained that during the Covid-19 spread from 2020 to 2022, the district encouraged students to stay home from school if they were ill or experiencing any covid symptoms.

According to the American Federation of Teachers, chronic absenteeism is defined as missing at least 10 percent of days in a school year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences. A student who misses two days per month for each month of the school year is chronically absent.

Janice said measures to address chronic absenteeism are making a difference. Health and mental health issues are among the reasons cited for students failing to show up for school or class.

"We've put in wellness centers; we've increased our counselors. We've done many great things strategically to ensure our students are in school and exceeding," and the district's absentee figure is dropping, she said.

The Harvard project leader, Professor Tom Kane, said that tackling absenteeism is "one of the few things that mayors, employers, and other community leaders can do to help students recover."

An important takeaway from the pandemic progress report is that 90 percent of school parents believe their child performs at their

grade level or higher. However, the test numbers tell a different story. According to the published data, only 28 percent of eighth-graders are proficient in math, and 30 percent are proficient in reading.

According to the authors, that overestimation—along with chronic absenteeism—is holding back many students from making up the lost learning that happened when they were home and away from campuses for 18 months. They encourage parents to ask if their children are meeting or exceeding state standards and for recommendations on school resources available in their districts. The Compton district, which was highlighted in the Recovery Scorecard, added Saturday instruction and after-school tutoring sessions.

According to researchers and staff at Harvard's Center for Education Policy Research, parents can boost their reading at home and enroll their children in summer reading programs, too. The district's retired superintendent, Moore, says the scorecard is just one source of information for parents to consider.

"I would encourage parents to take a look at your child. Does your child like going to school? Does your child like his or her teacher? Is your child feeling a sense of belonging? Do they have an adult on campus they can go to if they have a problem?"

She added, "It's really about your individual child and taking a look at the big picture."

According to the project's authors, the \$23.4 billion in federal pandemic relief funding for California K-12 schools allowed school districts to accommodate more students for summer sessions and offer more tutoring to those who were falling behind. However, the pandemic-relief money has dried up, and school districts must look elsewhere for money to pay for remedial math and reading programs for younger students.

The Education Recovery Scorecard for 2022-24 is online at <https://educationrecovery-scorecard.org>. El Segundo Unified's page can be viewed by clicking on States and scrolling down the list of California school districts. •



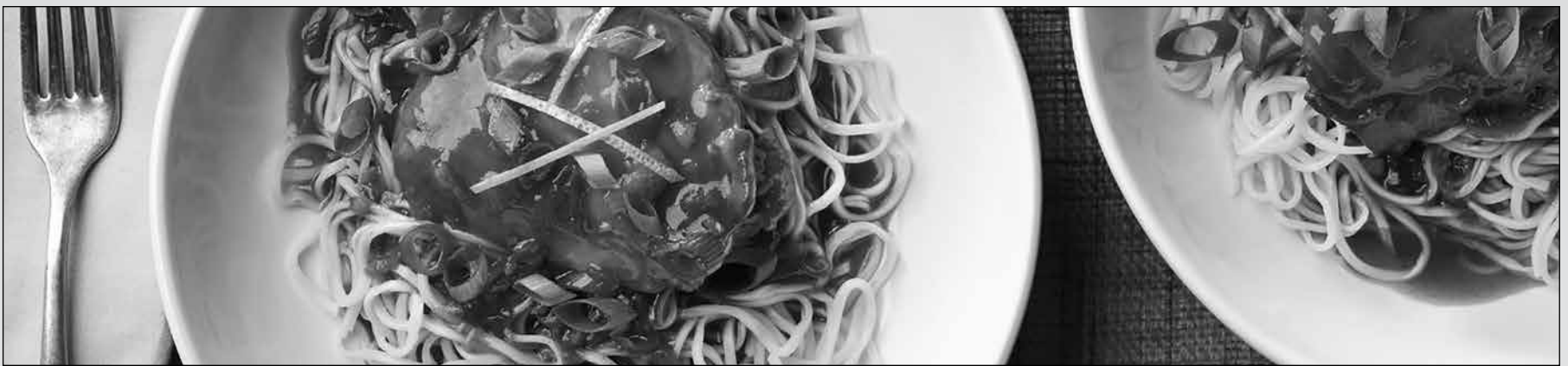
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- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 pounds bone-in chicken thigh, skin removed
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- 4 cups cooked Japanese soba (buckwheat) noodles or linguine (from about 8 ounces dry)

Directions

- **Step 1:** Stir the broth, teriyaki sauce, garlic, marmalade, 1/4 cup green onions and cornstarch in a 6-quart slow cooker. Add the chicken and turn to coat.
- **Step 2:** Cover and cook on LOW for 8 to 9 hours or until the chicken is cooked through. Sprinkle with the walnuts and remaining green onions. Serve the chicken and sauce with the noodles.

Tips

- **Time-Saving:** The recipe may also be cooked on HIGH for 4 to 5 hours.

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(BPT) - Gardening is such a rewarding hobby. Not only do you get to spend time outdoors, but you can also increase your home's curb appeal by adding colorful plants to your yard, front porch or balcony.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WIT'S END THERAPY, 136 MAIN STREET STE F, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025009163
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOLLYWOOD VOLUME, 6516 SELMA AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90028, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025020623
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SRS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, 4893 MCGRATH ST., VENTURA, CA, 93003, VENTURA COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025018474
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GRACIE BARRA REDONDO BEACH, 5141 CALLE MAYOR, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025028141
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARCOSA CRUSHED CONCRETE, 9005 BRADLEY AVE, SUN VALLEY, CA, 91352, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025028147
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DYSRUPT, 5535 BALBOA BOULEVARD, ENCINO, CA, 91316, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025030982
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OPTUM CALIFORNIA ACO, 19191 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE SUITE 200, TORRANCE, CA 90502, LA COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025036531
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DISRUPTIVE EMPATHY EXPERIENCES, 2313 NELSON AVENUE UNIT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA, 90278, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025039278
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) RENTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 2) RMS, 12948 WASHINGTON AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025040512
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIMEWORKS, 20931 CHICO STREET, CARSON, CA, 90746, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025040515
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIMEWORKS HOT ROD PARTS, 20931 CHICO STREET, CARSON, CA, 90746, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025042114
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SAFECO CAR RENTAL, 1025 WARBOR VITAE STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301, LA COUNTY.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025023250
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TASKS BY KEN, 11523 BRADSON PL APT 2, CULVER CITY, CA, 90230, LA COUNTY.

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of El Segundo
Notice of Public Hearing
The PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on:
An Ordinance Amending Development Standards for Urban Lot Splits and Two-Unit Residential Developments in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 450 (SB 450)
Address: Citywide
Project Description: (Environmental Assessment No. EA-1380 and Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA 24-04). El Segundo Municipal Code (ESMC) amendments to the development standards for Urban Lot Splits and Two-Unit Residential Developments in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone pursuant to Senate Bill No. 450 (SB 450)
Applicant: City of El Segundo
Hearing: Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:30pm
Place: City Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245
Environmental Determination: The proposed zone text amendment is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Section 15061), because it consists only of minor revisions to existing zoning regulations and related procedures and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
Further Information: The public can participate in person at the location above and may provide comments via email to Planning@elsegundo.org by no later than noon on March 27, 2025. In the subject line please state, "Public Hearing for EA-1380." Comments may also be submitted by mail to 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 (Attn: Paul Samaras). Any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
The agenda packet for the meeting date is available at least 72 hours before the meeting date. The following is a link to the City's website and barcode where you can find the Planning Commission agenda packet: https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/city-clerk/agendas-minutes

El Segundo Herald Pub. 3/6/25 H-28881

City of El Segundo
Public Hearing Notice
The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:
RULE 20A Undergrounding Utilities Project Along Lairport Street, from Mariposa Avenue to Maple Avenue
Location: Lairport Street, Mariposa Avenue to Maple Avenue
Project Description: Consideration of adoption of a resolution to establish a Rule 20A underground utility district along Lairport Street, from Mariposa Avenue to Maple Avenue, and convert overhead electrical and communication lines to underground facilities.
Applicant: City of El Segundo
Hearing: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245
Where You Come In: The public can participate in person at the location above and may provide comments via email to allcityclerks@elsegundo.org by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. In the subject line please state "Public Hearing for Undergrounding Utilities Along Lairport Street." The emails will be distributed to the City Council and are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. Comments may also be submitted by mail to 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
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El Segundo Herald Pub. 3/6/25 H-28880

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 24LBCV01478
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
DENAROMIOS, an individual; NATHAN MAHONEY, an individual; NIM LLC, a California limited liability company; NIM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, a business entity unknown; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
SUZETTE SANCHEZ, an individual
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
Los Angeles Superior Court
Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse
275 Magnolia
Long Beach, CA 90802
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Jessica Adams, SBN334668
(805) 980-7758
The May Firm Injury Lawyers, Inc.
297 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
(805) 980-7758
DATE (Fecha): 07/16/2024
David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/ Clerk of the Court, Clerk (Secretario), El Segundo Herald Pub. 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/25
H-28889

City of El Segundo
Public Hearing Notice
The PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on:
Zone Text Amendment
Project Address: Citywide
Project Description: An amendment to Chapter 32 (Development Impact Fees) of Title 15 (Zoning) of the El Segundo Municipal Code to establish the Fee Deferral Program ("Program"), to adjust the deadline of certain building permit fee payments to prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy or final inspection, whichever occurs first. (Environmental Assessment No. EA-1384 and Zone Text Amendment No. 25-03).
Applicant: City of El Segundo
Hearing: Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.
City Council Chamber
350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245
Environmental Determination: The proposed zone text amendment is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Section 15061), because it consists only of minor revisions to existing zoning regulations and related procedures and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
Further Information: The project file and plans are available for public review, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the City of El Segundo Community Development Department, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA, 90245.
The public can participate in person at the location above and may provide comments via email to planning@elsegundo.org by no later than noon on Thursday, March 27, 2025. In the subject line please state "Public Hearing for EA-1384." The emails will be read to Planning Commission during public communications and are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. Comments may also be submitted by mail to 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 (Attn: Eduardo Schonborn). Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025021520
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) MLOURDS VIRTUAL ADMIN SERVICES, 2) MLOURDSVAS 3) MLOURDSVA SERVICES, 25131 NARBONNE AVE 343, LOMITA CA 90717, LA COUNTY.
Registered Owner(s): MARIA LOURDES JOSE MANIEGO, 2520 SIERRA ST., 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: 02/2020
Signed: MARIA LOURDES JOSE MANIEGO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 3, 2025.
NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 3, 2030. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 3, 2030. 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).
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025022592
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC PARK, 380 SANTA MONICA PIER, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90401, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
Registered Owner(s): SANTA MONICA AMUSEMENTS, LLC, 380 SANTA MONICA PIER, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90401. CORP: CA
This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2006
Signed: SANTA MONICA AMUSEMENTS, LLC, CFO, SHARON M. AUGENSTEIN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 4, 2025.
NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 4, 2030. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 4, 2030. 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).
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025041148
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6338, 2059 SOUTH GAREY AVENUE, POMONA, CA, 91766, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 27, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025041154
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6396, 2419 EAST AVENUE S, PALMDALE, CA, 93550, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 27, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032801
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #5568, 17266 SATICOY STREET, VAN NUYS, CA, 91406, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
 Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032804
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #5569, 13333 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA, 91423, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
 Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032807
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #5575, 12511 MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91607, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
 Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032825
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #5576, 153 EAST GLADSTONE STREET, AZUSA, CA, 91702, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032748
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #5840, 1356 WEST AVENUE J, LANCASTER, CA, 93534, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
 Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032775
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6214, 1001 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, COMPTON, CA, 90222, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
 Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032716
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6219, 5128 E 2ND STREET, LONG BEACH, CA, 90803, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
 Signed: THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., CEO, BYRON PURCELL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032719
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6235, 3860 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032733
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6255, 1038 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD, PASADENA, CA, 91106, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032736
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6267, 6512 COMSTOCK AVENUE, WHITTIER, CA, 90601, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025032710
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITE AID #6313, 107 SOUTH LONG BEACH BLVD, COMPTON, CA, 90221, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
 Registered Owner(s): THRIFTY PAYLESS, INC., 200 NEWBERRY COMMONS, ETTERS, PA, 17319. CORP: CALIFORNIA
 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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How Type 2 Inflammation Contributes to Asthma, COPD, and Allergic Conditions

(BPT) - Do you live with persistent, moderate-to-severe asthma, COPD, allergies, eczema or hives? Inflammation is often a major factor in the severity of your symptoms. It could also be a factor if your condition is hard to treat. When inflammation is severe and causes difficult-to-control symptoms, it's called Type 2 inflammation.

Type 2 inflammation is an overactive immune response that causes excess inflammation in the body. It plays a key role in many allergic, respiratory and skin diseases.

Type 2 inflammation is believed to be caused by genetic and environmental factors. It can be triggered by allergens (pollen, mold, dust mites, or pet dander) and irritants (pollutants). It can also arise from viruses and bacteria, weather changes, stress or exercise. Sometimes inflammation may occur without an apparent trigger.

Health conditions that may be affected by Type 2 inflammation include:

- Moderate to severe asthma
- Eosinophilic asthma
- COPD
- Aspirin-Exacerbated Respiratory Disease (AERD)
- Allergic rhinitis
- Severe chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP)
- Chronic urticaria (chronic hives)
- Moderate to severe atopic dermatitis (eczema)
- Food allergies
- Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)
- Sleep apnea

Symptoms involving Type 2 inflammation vary depending on your condition. Chronic inflammation can lead to long-term symptoms and tissue damage if it is not well managed.

Type 2 inflammation can be driven by high levels of antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE). It can also be driven by high levels

of eosinophils, a type of white blood cell.

IgE is designed to help the body fight off allergens, certain irritants, and parasitic infections. It binds to immune cells such as mast cells and basophils that trigger the release of histamine and proteins called cytokines. This can cause Type 2 inflammation that is severe and chronic, especially in allergic conditions.

Other key cytokines (called IL-4, IL-5 and IL-13) recruit and activate the eosinophils. When there are too many eosinophils in the blood, they can contribute to severe or ongoing Type 2 inflammation.

If you think your condition is affected by Type 2 inflammation, talk with a doctor, preferably a specialist such as an allergist. Doctors can diagnose Type 2 inflammation through blood tests that measure IgE and eosinophil levels. High levels indicate that Type 2 inflammation is present.

If you have asthma or COPD, a breathing test for your lungs called fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) can also indicate Type 2 inflammation.

Medications are available for people with diseases caused or worsened by Type 2 inflammation. Biologics are increasingly prescribed to help treat these conditions. They are used when standard treatments like corticosteroids or antihistamines are not effective. Biologics work at the cellular level, with the goal of stopping symptoms before they can start. They aim to reduce the levels of IgE and/or eosinophils that cause inflammation in the body.

It's important to work together with your doctor to decide what course of treatment is best for you. Consider the severity of your symptoms and discuss what previous medications or treatments you have tried. Your healthcare provider can help you find out if Type 2 inflammation is connected to your medical condition. Learn more at Type2Inflammation.org. •

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Things to Know About Learning AI for Career Advancement

(BPT) - Artificial intelligence (AI) undeniably continues to shape the workplace. Companies across the globe are navigating how to integrate AI into their business operations and strategies - making it increasingly paramount for professionals to keep pace with these modern tech advancements. This AI-focused landscape might seem overwhelming, but there is a significant opportunity for workers to excel by learning new skills and enhancing existing ones. Based on new research conducted and sponsored by DeVry University, there are several considerations individuals should keep in mind when working to progress in an economy influenced by AI.

Gone are the days when AI was a distant concept; it is now a present-day reality shifting current roles and creating new ones. From automating routine tasks to providing data-driven insights, AI tools are changing what businesses, and their workers, need to succeed

in the future. Employers recognize this, with the research finding that 73% believe hiring more people with AI skills will benefit their organization.

The challenge is that while nearly 9 in 10 employers (87%) are offering upskilling opportunities, they estimate on average only about half of workers (55%) participate. While employers continue to identify how to best train on AI, this signals a vast opportunity for workers to take advantage of their company's continuing education offerings. If they are not sure how to align their skills with the future needs of their company, they can proactively ask how they should be upskilling for their specific career advancement.

Most workers already see the benefits of AI, such as an increased ease of working and productivity, and only 1 in 5 workers (19%) feel their job security has decreased because of the technology. In addition, AI can allow

employees to concentrate on work involving things like strategic decision-making and collaboration, rather than administrative or other mundane tasks.

With that, it is important for workers to abide by the guidelines set by their employers to make sure they are using the technology responsibly and can take advantage of its benefits. In fact, half of employers say AI poses potential data privacy and confidentiality risks for their organization. If workers are not sure how or when to use AI in their roles, they should be cautious when experimenting with the technology and ask their manager about the best options for proper training.

Seventy-five percent of employers agree that people who take the initiative to upskill or reskill, including in AI, will get ahead in their careers. If a worker is unsure about their employer's professional development offerings, they should ask their HR department about

available resources for ongoing learning. This could include earning certifications, certificates or participating in other targeted skills development opportunities funded by employers.

"Asking about AI training opportunities not only demonstrates your willingness to learn, but it also signals to your employer that you are invested in the future of the company," said Dave Barnett, chief administrative officer at DeVry University. "I'd remind anyone who feels they are not being adequately trained on AI that it is not too late to build the skills for the future you want."

Lifelong learning can have a positive impact on career mobility. While workers should not be alone in their quest to learn, this quest requires a sense of individual ambition to keep up in an AI-driven era. To learn more about continuing education opportunities and preparing for the modern workplace, visit DeVry.edu. •

"You have to fail in order to practice being brave."
 — MARY TYLER MOORE

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of El Segundo
 AMENDED NOTICE OF PREPARATION
 OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING, EXTENDING THE COMMENT
 PERIOD DEADLINE TO MARCH 24, 2025



1521 E. GRAND AVENUE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

City Project No.: **EA 1353**
 Project Name: 1521 E. Grand Avenue Residential Project (Grand Kansas North)
 Project Applicant: Griffin Capital Catalyst Development Fund, LLC
 Project Address: 1521 E. Grand Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245
 Public Comment Period: **Extended to March 24, 2025**

Pursuant to Section 21165 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15050 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of El Segundo (City) is the Lead Agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed 1521 E. Grand Avenue Residential Project (Project). In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, the City has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to provide responsible and trustee agencies, the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, and the County Clerk with sufficient information describing the Project and its potential environmental effects to enable a meaningful response to this NOP.

The City is requesting the public's and relevant agencies' specific and detailed input regarding the scope and content of the environmental information related to your agency's statutory responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15083, this NOP also serves to facilitate consultation with any persons or organizations that may be concerned with the environmental effects of the Project. Additionally, this NOP serves as a notice for the public Scoping Meeting, which is held to receive input on the scope of the environmental document. The City of El Segundo has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15070.

Project Location. The approximately 3.617-acre Project site is located at 1521 E. Grand Avenue (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APNs] 4139-008-010, -011, -012, -018, -046 and -047 in the northwestern quadrant of the City of El Segundo. The Project site is bound by Holly Avenue to the north, Kansas Street to the west, Grand Avenue to the south, and Washington Street (a private street) to the east. The project has been referred to as the Grand Kansas North project or Catalyst North project.

Project Description Overview. The proposed Project involves the adoption and implementation of the new Grand & Kansas Specific Plan. The Specific Plan would allow for the development of 323 multifamily residential units with supportive amenity and recreation areas, including public and private open space. The residential units would be in a single building ranging from three to six levels across seven distinct stories given the 26.88' grade change across the sloped Project Site. The building height measures 59'-6" per the El Segundo Municipal Code with an apparent height of 36'-9" to 46'-11" from Holly Street and 36'-3" to 59'-7" from Kansas Street and will total approximately 343,505 sf of gross floor area. Parking would be provided in a 6-level parking structure (approximately one level below grade and 6 levels above grade) measuring approximately 59'-7" feet in height and totaling approximately 163,797 sf of gross area located at the southeast corner of the property. The Project would include two outdoor courtyards, three roof decks, approximately 9,076 sf of indoor amenity and recreation areas, and private balconies and patios for most units. The proposed project includes the following entitlement requests:

- General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Smoky Hollow Mixed Use to Grand & Kansas Residential.
- Smoky Hollow Specific Plan Amendment to remove the property from the Smoky Hollow Specific Plan Area.
- Adoption of the new Grand & Kansas Specific Plan.
- Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property Grand & Kansas Specific Plan.
- Zoning Text Amendment to codify the Grand & Kansas Specific Plan.
- Site Plan Review to review the Project for compliance with the Grand & Kansas Specific Plan.
- Development Agreement to outline the conditions and standards for developing the property, and the obligations of the developer and the City.
- Tract Map to combine the parcels into one lot for the Project, and one lot for Washington Street.
- Street vacation for Washington Street between E Grand Avenue and E Holly Street.

Potential Environmental Effects of the Project. The Project could have potentially significant environmental impacts to the following environmental topic areas: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Cultural Resources (archaeological); Energy; Geology/Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology/Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Population and Housing; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; and Utilities/Service Systems. Because of the existing condition of the Project site, which was previously developed, is located in an urbanized setting, and is not located within a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone or a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, the implementation of the Specific Plan is not expected to result in any significant impacts to: Agriculture and Forestry Resources; Biological Resources; Mineral Resources; and Wildfire.

This NOP, including the Initial Study is available for electronic download on the City's website at:
<https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/community-development/planning-division/approved-projects/pending-projects>

Public Scoping Meeting. A Scoping Meeting was conducted on February 26, 2025, to receive verbal comments about the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the forthcoming Draft EIR. The Scoping Meeting was for information-gathering, and no decisions about the Project were made at the Scoping Meeting. A separate public hearing for entitlement requests will be scheduled after the completion of the Draft EIR. The video of the February 26, 2025 Scoping Meeting and PowerPoint presentation are available for electronic download on the City's website at:
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Submitting Comments. The City will consider all written comments regarding the potential environmental effects of the Project received during the NOP public comment period. All written comments received will be reviewed and considered by the City as part of the environmental analysis of the proposed Project and will become a part of the public record for the Draft EIR. Written comments on the content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the Draft EIR will be accepted via email and/or via mail, and must be received by the City by **5:00 P.M., Monday, March 24, 2025**. Please direct your written comments to Eduardo Schonborn, AICP, City of El Segundo, Community Development Department, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245, or via email at eschonborn@elsegundo.org.

Eduardo Schonborn, AICP, City of El Segundo

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The Los Angeles Marathon is Kitten Rescue's largest fundraiser each year, and the funds raised are essential in allowing us to save homeless cats and kittens all year long. Kitten Rescue is proud to announce that we are an Official Charity for the 2025 Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS. Please join us March 16th in one of three marathon events and run or walk to help homeless animals! You can read more details on our website www.kittenrecue.org

Sweet Marie is a Siamese kitten looking for her furever home! She may be shy when you first meet her, however once she warms up she likes pets and cuddles. She is often

found burrowing under blankets to find the warmest space to snuggle up. Once she feels safe, Marie is found playing with toys, dust bunnies, or anything else she can find. She loves playing with her siblings Berlioz and Toulouse. In her foster home, Marie has been with both kittens and adult cats. She is looking for a home where she can have a feline friend, or one of her siblings, to bond and play with.

Cheeto is a sweet and friendly kitten who will bring so much joy and love into your home. He looks like a tiny jungle cat with his little stripes. He is a lap cat and so much fun to watch play and scamper around your house. Cheeto needs to have a home with another cat or kitten to play with. He can also be adopted with his sibling Cinnabon or Biscuit.

Spunky came to Kitten Rescue along with his mom Fluffy. (You can check him out on Instagram @spunkyfromkittenrescue.) He may not be the most social of boys, but he has potential! When it is calm at the Sanctuary, Spunky will come down for pets. Sometimes he gets attached to certain people and likes



Cheeto

to follow them around. Spunky gets along with the other cats and even has his own special crew of besties including Nubbins and Cabbage. This handsome guy has super soft fur and although he is not yet a lap cat, Spunky is always in the mood for pets. As he works through his trust issues, Spunky is looking for a patient human in a home with other cats or on his own.

Tamarine is a sweet and affectionate girl who has been patiently waiting for her forever home since she was rescued from the streets some time ago. Tamarine is a gentle and playful soul who would thrive as an only cat, but she is also friendly with other cats and even dogs who are kind to felines. Despite her long wait, Tamarine remains hopeful and loving, ready to bring joy and companionship to a lucky family. She truly deserves a good home where she can be cherished and adored. Could you be the one to give Tamarine the loving home she longs for?

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, micro-chipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information to see these or our other kittens and cats and for a list of our weekend adoption events, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org.

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Spunky



Tamarine