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## Find Your Seat, the Show is About to Begin



Just steps away from SoFi Stadium, The CineVita will host their first show at Hollywood Park with Tarantino: Pulp Rock. Tarantino's most unforgettable films have legendary soundtracks featuring phenomenal high octane rock hits. Experience them all in one night. No screens, no movies—just pure, electrifying live entertainment. Whether you're a die-hard fan or new to his films, you'll know and love the music. For more information, go to: [bit.ly/CineVitaTarantino](http://bit.ly/CineVitaTarantino). Photo courtesy Hollywood Park Facebook page.

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### Weekend Forecast

#### Friday

Partly Cloudy/  
Wind  
60°/48°



#### Saturday

Mostly  
Cloudy  
61°/49°



#### Sunday

Mostly  
Cloudy  
65°/50°



## Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Other City Business

By Ron Sokol

The second meeting of the Hawthorne City Council began with a Proclamation expressing gratitude for Tim and Loreta Hagerty's (themselves Hawthorne residents) wonderful work over several decades. This includes the City's request to Tim and Loreta ten years ago.

You may not know them because they dress up as Santa and Mrs. Clause, and there are a lot of kids – many of whom are now adults – who have such fond and warm memories of their good tidings. Tim told a story about a five-year-old boy with his brother and said, "They were real believers. One of the boys asked, 'Santa, can you do me a favor? Can you get something really nice for my mom?' There are so many stories to tell!"

Tim and Loreta have been part of cheerfulness and gatherings on many occasions, and the Council and those in attendance gave them a standing ovation.

During the public communication portion, many people came forward about the Hawthorne pool. The swim team wants to keep its hours. One group, Leaps and Bounds (which works with autistic people and those on the spectrum), pleaded with the Council not to cancel their access. Mayor Vargas made it clear it had not been canceled and scolded those who led the group to believe it had occurred.

The issue of decorum – how the members of the Council conduct themselves at their meetings – was discussed again. This has been a topic Mayor Pro Tem Manning has fronted on. There seems to be clear agreement and understanding that the Council members can argue passionately but not make it about each other, not make it personal. It is encouraging the Hawthorne City Council members – who indeed have differences in views and positions – are taking very seriously

conducting themselves in as exemplary a manner as possible.

Kudos were then expressed to Eric Chavez and his team, who have -- in record time, mind you -- done an impressive job with media to enhance the City of Hawthorne, including gaining traction in platforms from Facebook to Instagram, from X to news outlets. To quote Mr. Chavez: "It can be said that Hawthorne is leading the pack when it comes to Instagram performance among the south Bay Cities. And, when taking population size into account, Hawthorne has the best follower-to-population rate". Helping to put the City of Good Neighbors firmly on the map is so worthwhile. Part of the yoke people!

The Council circled back to the evaluation of how best to utilize the services offered by and available from the TeleHealth Van. There are two vans. Kimberly Mack, Hawthorne's Director of Housing, discussed the issues

being dealt with. These include just what is a Hawthorne residence who can benefit from TeleHealth, and what is the most appropriate and useful role (for example, is assistance immediate or long term)? Further time will be spent so that the TeleHealth program can best be of value to the City.

At this meeting, as at each meeting of the Council, the City Manager Von Norris was called upon to address any number of matters. He is always well-prepared and informative. A reminder that the Council members strive to do good work in a good way. Mr. Norris is among the excellent staff that Hawthorne has that is there day in and day out. Council often acknowledges the assistance from so many staff. The City Manager is among them, steady and strong as they go.

In April, Hawthorne will have a new Mayor Pro Tem; that is when Council member Katrina Manning's time will conclude. Mayor Vargas

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Kudos to "Mr. and Mrs. Claus". Image provided by Ron Sokol.

# Entertainment

## Film Review

### Going Viral Review: Would You Sell Your Soul For Fame?

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

The desire for virality might seem like a modern-day ambition, but *Going Viral* proves that the search for stardom is timeless. Directed by Vincent Vittorio (*American Made Movie*) and written & produced by Todd Pringle and Kevin Greene (*You're Killing Me*), this independent feature blends the best of 80's nostalgia with current technological advances to create a truly original genre film. This 80s sci-fi adventure is full of great music, fun special effects, and a stellar cast. And wow! It is fun to see Corey Feldman back on the big screen again!

*Going Viral* tells the story of a teenage boy's desperate attempt to achieve fame and the consequences he faces as a result. Beckett O'Connell (Shea Pritchard) is an awkward 15-year-old obsessed with skateboarding and becoming an influencer on V-TV, a new video-sharing platform. Similar to our generation's TikTok, V-TV rewards its users with likes and online fame. For months, Beckett tries and fails to get attention from the V-TV community. However, things change when he discovers Viral University, a surreal online portal. This is also where he meets Mr. Viral (Louis Kyper), a mysterious AI who promises

success by encouraging fame-hungry teens to engage in practical jokes.

Following Mr. Viral's advice, Beckett starts by partaking in innocent yet annoying pranks. Just as expected, his popularity begins to rise. The girls at school start to pay him attention, and he begins to be recognized by people around town. Beckett's harmless practical jokes eventually turn dangerous when he goes too far by rigging an opponent's skateboard, causing serious injuries. It's no longer fun and games as Beckett realizes that Mr. Viral is more threatening than he was led to believe. With so much at stake, Beckett must team up with a reclusive gamer named Samurai (Corey Feldman) to take on the AI once and for all.

Filmmaker Vincent Vittorio excels in creating an aesthetically abundant 80s haven within the world of *Going Viral*. From the costumes to the props and the crowd-pleasing synched songs, *Going Viral* is a fun and family-friendly watch. In his role as the aging yet infamous gamer, Corey Feldman steals the show with his comedic timing and undeniable charisma. Leading the film, Shea Pritchard does an equally impressive job channeling his inner Marty McFly while remaining a unique central character.

Imagine Ferris Bueller had a Gen Z desire for influencer fame, and you'll have a good idea of what to expect in *Going Viral*. Full of heart and sideways ponytails, this vibrant indie film tackles the timeless challenges of self-discovery in the digital age. •



*Going Viral*, courtesy of Buffalo 8.



Morgan Rojas

## Father Joshua Wong's Installation at St. Michael's Episcopal Church

On Saturday, February 1, Father Joshua Wong was installed as the seventh Rector of St. Michael's Church in El Segundo. Located on the corner of Holly Street and Richmond Street, this charming church and Pre-school is a living memorial and reminder that great blessings and dreams can be realized from small beginnings wanting a change. As we learned from Melissa Albers, the founder of the St. Michael's Children's Center's article, St. Michael's came into being in the late 1920's when a group of women and their children from St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach dreamed of starting an Episcopal Church in El Segundo. Since then, there have been six rectors and now in 2025, Father Joshua was selected as the seventh Rector and Chaplain of St. Michael's.

On a beautiful Spring morning service on February 1, Father Joshua was installed by Bishop Ed Little of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles as their official full-time rector. Father Joshua described this as "a very special day in my life, both sacred and unforgettable."

On that day, St. Michael's saw a packed church with many of Father Joshua's colleagues, friends, and acquaintances from his previous parishes to support, encourage, and

congratulate him on this celebratory day. The next day, at his Sunday service, He shared with the congregation the notable events and people that led to this moment. He compared these holy women and men who were instrumental to his journey of faith to Simeon and Anna, the prophets mentioned on that Sunday's lectionary reading in Luke Chapter 2. He mentioned especially his father and a very special high school teacher who were great mentors in his life. He also spoke about different experiences in his past corporate life that culminated to where he is today—his career as a Creative Art Director in Advertising to his career in New York City as a Footwear Designer for Ralph Lauren. He said he never thought that he would go from "Soles to Souls." From designing shoes to nurturing and developing the souls of mankind, he is grateful for his interesting spiritual journey.

Father Joshua describes it as "an example of how God can work in our lives if we say 'Yes.'" When he visited St. Michael's before his ordination to the priesthood, he felt that St. Michael's parish had heart and potential. A heart and potential to transform the world

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## A Sense of Home: Creating Homes for Aged-Out Foster Youth in South Bay

By Alex Reilly

A truck sits parked on the street, waiting to fill Symone's first home. While Symone was in foster care, she lived in 32 different residences over the span of fifteen years. It has been a long time since she has laid in a bed that is her own. Because Symone is a former foster youth, she is eligible to receive a home creation from A Sense of Home.

Before the move-in process begins, the volunteers, ASOH staff and alumni gather around Symone and her young family in the empty living room. The volunteers, an intergenerational mish mosh, introduce themselves to Symone and each explains a bit about why they are there. The circle is filled with positivity and excitement. Symone sheds a tear as she expresses gratitude for all the people who have donated items and come to support her, her partner, Michael, and their three-month-old daughter, Nya, today.

Then, Symone is ushered outside to await the reveal. The rest of the group carries home goods one by one from the truck into the narrow two-bedroom townhouse. The

furniture and décor have all been donated by community members or companies that partner with ASOH, like Ruggable, Lamps Plus, SimpleHuman, Casper, Parachute, Living Spaces, and more. Back at the warehouse in Hawthorne, this home layout was painstakingly organized for the most efficient move-in possible. There is color coordinated tape on the walls to indicate where everything goes, as the home must be completed in under two hours.

After the rugs are laid, the furniture settled, the cabinets filled with appliances, the beds made and art hung on the walls, Symone is brought in to see her completed home for the first time. She sits down on her couch with her daughter in her arms, looks around, and says, "I'm going to sleep so well tonight."

A Sense of Home began in 2015 as a random act of kindness by friends Georgie Smith, ASOH's CEO and founder, and Melissa Goddard, who put together one home. The organization was born and has exploded over the past several years, now taking on

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"There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved."

— GEORGE SAND



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### GARAGE SALE

Huge Family Garage Sale - March 1 @ 7am. 531 Richmond St. (ALLEY). Tons of name brand clothes (men/women/kids/shoes), toys, sportswear, home goods (vintage?) and more.

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### EMPLOYMENT

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## The Journey To Discover New Flavors Begins Here



Chef-owner, Francisco Freire, has over thirty years of experience in several types of cuisine. He graduated from legendary Cordon Bleu International Culinary School among receiving other professional accomplishments. Francisco has developed dishes that fuse Brazilian Traditional Culinary and influences from all over the world. Come and enjoy the unique cuisine and large variety of options. Please support our local businesses. Photos courtesy Bossa Nova Brazilian Cuisine - South Bay Facebook page.

## City of Hawthorne Releases its 2025 Strategic Priorities

The City of Hawthorne has unveiled its strategic priorities for 2025, including projected first-quarter goals and key events. These initiatives align with the City's long-term vision to provide exceptional service to Hawthorne residents and address pressing challenges.

### Strategic Priorities for 2025

#### Economic Development

Supporting a strong business climate remains a top priority for the City of Hawthorne. By focusing on retaining and supporting local businesses, the City aims to build a solid economic foundation that drives growth and sustainability. This approach is designed to generate the additional revenue needed to enhance the quality of services provided to the community.

#### Addressing Homelessness

The City remains committed to compassionate solutions for homelessness, and will be conducting its annual point in time count on February 20. Hawthorne will expand programs that provide essential resources and support to unhoused residents, aiming to improve quality of life across the community.

#### Capital Projects

Major projects planned for 2025 include constructing a new City Hall and Civic Center, a new City Yard and an expanded Senior Center. These initiatives aim to prepare Hawthorne for future growth and global events such as the Olympics, Super Bowl and World Cup. Construction is set to begin this year.

#### Parking Solutions

A task force will address the City's long-standing parking challenges. Beginning in late January, the group will propose comprehensive policies to improve parking while adhering to state regulations.

### Projected Goals for the First Quarter

#### Community Engagement and Staff Development

The City held an all-hands meeting and staff training in January to foster leadership and growth. New resources will support workforce development, while stakeholder engagement and updates to the "Hawthorne 311" app will enhance community services.

#### Business Community Engagement

Hawthorne aims to expand participation in its Business Connect program, offer workshops on business planning and financial literacy and launch a mentorship program connecting new entrepreneurs with seasoned business owners.

#### Major Development Projects

The first quarter will see the groundbreaking of the Kaiser Permanente facility at Hawthorne Mall. The City will also advance phase one of the Downtown Revitalization Plan, install EV charging stations at City facilities and secure additional infrastructure funding.

#### Compliance and Policy Updates

Cannabis and tobacco compliance strategies will be refined to align with state regulations while preparations for zoning updates and community engagement series will begin.

#### Branding and Community Engagement

A new trio of hashtags will be launched to enhance the City's online presence, promote community pride and engage residents in ongoing projects.

#### Public Engagement and Outreach

The City will promote its hashtag campaign through social media, newsletters and its website. Community events and efforts to grow social media followers will highlight City initiatives and improve outreach.

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## Community Briefs

### New Theater Comes to Town Replacing Arlight

The Cinemark West Beach Cities a luxury cinema opened on Monday replacing the Arlight off Rosecrans. \$10 million in upgrades were done. It will have 16 screens, reclining seats, serve alcohol and have a Pink's Hot Dog restaurant open the theater-goers and the general public. Construction of a 4DX theater expected to be finished in a month,

will incorporate on-screen visuals with motion seat effects, scents, rain, lightening, for and wind. An additional theater will feature an expansive screen format called ScreenX, a multi-projection system with a 270-degree field of view that extends the image across the main screen onto the theater's right- and left-side walls to immerse the audience in the movie.

### Raise Funds for Good Cause and Feature Your Pet

Pet Partners, the nation's leading nonprofit serving people and communities through therapy animal interactions, has helped lead the effort to provide therapy dogs to help first responders deal with the stress of the California wildfires. Pet Partners' Animal-Assisted Crisis Response teams have been

deployed to the area and are working nonstop to comfort those who have fallen victim to the Palisades and Eaton wildfires.

This all comes as Pet Partners announces its national search for its 2025 *Pet of the Year*. Now in its fourth year, this critical

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# Lawndale Tribune

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## Pedroca's Burguer is the First Brazilian Burger Spot in California



Located in the heart of South Bay, Pedroca's Burguer brings authentic Brazilian flavors to your favorite American classics. From mouth-watering burgers and crispy fries to refreshing açai bowls and tasty appetizers, there's something for everyone. Please support our local businesses. Photos courtesy Pedroca's Burguer Facebook page.

### City Council

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proposed that it be Council member Alex Monteiro. In addition, with the new City Council member Faye Johnson, and David Patterson no longer being on the Council, quite a number of tasks were designated to those at hand in several organizations and committees. Listening to the vast array

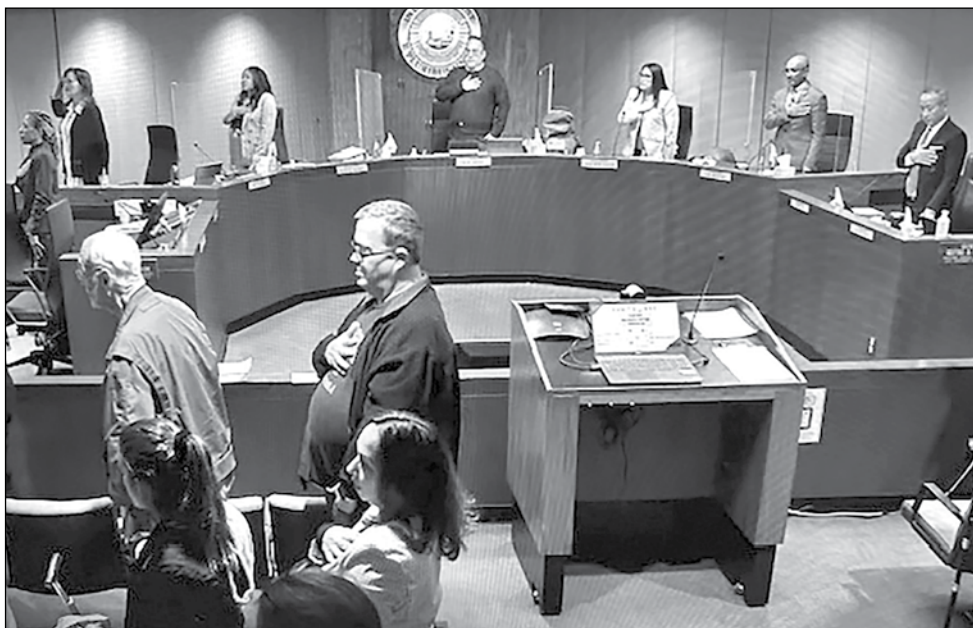
of meetings and chores is a reminder that members of the Hawthorne City Council put in quite a lot of time many do not know about or at least often do not take into consideration. Being a member of the Council is a genuine commitment in many respects.

Speaking of which, Mayor Pro Tem

Manning will host a Town Hall meeting in Hawthorne with local, state, and federal officials. This has not been done before; it's time.

In closing, this was a particularly enjoyable meeting to attend and to report about. From the smiling couple who portray Santa and

Mrs. Claus, to the discussion of maintaining decorum at the meetings, to the media group's work to promote Hawthorne, to passing the baton on myriad tasks, a sense of real hope arises. The City of Good Neighbors is smiling (maybe given the weather I should say "Singin' in the Rain"). •



The Council Pledges Allegiance. Images provided by Ron Sokol.



City Manager Von Morris.

### Strategic Priorities

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#### Challenges and Mitigation Strategies

To balance major development projects and daily operations, the City will employ effective delegation and cross-departmental coordination. Proactive communication and timeline adjustments will prevent potential delays in state-level approvals

"The first quarter of 2025 is poised to set the stage for continued success in the City of Hawthorne," said Planning Department Director Gregg McClain. "We're excited to build

momentum toward Hawthorne's long-term goals and set a strong foundation for the year ahead."

#### Community Engagement and Key Events

- Dodgers Dream Field Unveiling (Late March, early April): Jim Thorpe Park Ball Diamonds Unveiling Ceremony

- Kaiser Permanente Groundbreaking (March): A milestone in the revitalization of Hawthorne Mall

- Zela Davis Park Ribbon Cutting (May)

– Provided by the City of Hawthorne •

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event is a six-week fundraising competition that takes place March 3 to April 14. The funds raised help train and evaluate therapy animals for programs like crisis response. The national nonprofit is asking the public to nominate their pet for the contest while raising money for the important programs Pet Partners offers.

The 2025 title will go to the pet whose team raises the most funds during the competition. The winner will be crowned on April 15 in a virtual celebration. There will also be some amazing prizes for the top fundraisers, including media interviews, a professional photo shoot, media interviews, and lots of pet-focused products worth thousands of dollars. •

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## A Special Day to Give Thanks to Our First Responders



Thank you for joining us at the First Responders Appreciation Event as we honored the incredible members of the Torrance Police Department and Torrance Fire Department. It was heartwarming to see so many greetings, photos, and expressions of gratitude shared throughout the evening. Photo courtesy City of Torrance Facebook page.

### Foster Youth

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3-4 home creations per week, with over 950 total and counting.

The key focus of ASOH's operation is preventing homelessness and building a community of former foster youths who can connect and grow together. Many young adults exiting foster care do not have any external help to fall back on and this makes transitioning into solo adult life especially difficult. A Sense of Home works tirelessly to create healthy, happy and safe living environments for those in need.

Once a foster youth ages out of their assistance programs, they are eligible to apply for a home creation with A Sense of Home. There is no cutoff age for recipients—the only stipulations are that the person served must be a former foster youth, moving into their first home, and working or in school.

If someone does not yet have a job or schooling, not to worry. ASOH has many other programs that help community members find employment, receive scholarships,

and even source leases in new buildings all over Los Angeles through the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) voucher program. As well, ASOH provides resources to find accessible food, clothing, legal assistance, mental health services, mentoring, LGBTQ+ support, and more. The organization has also begun working with the LA County Department of Children and Family Services to spread awareness to foster youths so that they can apply for home creations before they are aged out.

Many ASOH alums participated in Symone's home creation, including Elvira, who is now a full-time staff member with ASOH and in the middle of her master's degree in social work. Elvira loves what she does, as a former foster youth herself, she has been in the same shoes as the people that ASOH serves.

Outside the home creation sits Elvira and Candice, who had her home created in 2019. Before receiving her home creation, Candice spent a year living in her car. She remembers the first night she spent in her

brand-new home after the volunteers left. She woke up startled, not immediately knowing where she was. "It was surreal," she said, "I'll never forget that feeling."

Despite Candice currently being on dialysis and waiting to receive a kidney, she still showed up to the home creation. She has been to over 100 home creations in the past four years. "They're my family," Candice says, speaking of ASOH. "All of us who've been in foster care have some type of trauma or something that happened to us." Candice speaks of the bonds she has made with the people she has met through the organization. It is evident the joy she feels while surrounded by found family doing what she loves best.

Elvira and Candice chat about ASOH's most recent gala fundraiser, where the foundation raised over \$1 million. They laugh together, passing Elvira's phone back and forth to see photos of friends in gowns enjoying the event. The women are close; Candice gushes about Elvira's 18-month-old daughter's big brown eyes before Elvira has a chance to

show a photo.

Alicia is also present for the home creation, having received one herself only a few months ago. She is excited to give back the kindness that was given to her. She is currently in school for phlebotomy and has a two-year-old daughter. Around 87% of the former foster youth served are women and 54% of those women have children of their own.

The final step of the home creation process is to give Symone all the heart-shaped nametags and notes of well wishes from the volunteers. This 'Love Jar' is meant to uplift Symone and her family on any given day and remind her of the people who came to support.

There are many ways to get involved with A Sense of Home—through furniture and home goods donations, monetary gifts, warehouse volunteering, and joining the fun of home creations. The ASOH is small, consisting of only ten people, and is always looking for volunteers to experience the joy of creating a safe and loving home for others. •



Volunteers carry in boxes of necessities to a new home.



Symone expresses gratitude for all the people who have donated items and come to support her, her partner, Michael, and their three-month-old daughter, Nya, today.

# Inglewood News

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## Your Innovation and Dedication Inspire Us All



Congratulations to all our student participants and winners of the 2025 Science & Engineering Design Fair. Photo courtesy Inglewood Unified School District Facebook page.

### Father Wong

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through a message of love and inclusion. We are happy to have Father Joshua at

St. Michaels, and look forward to growing together in our faith. If you would like to

find a safe space to search for your journey of faith, and would like to learn more about

St. Michael's, please visit the church website at [www.stmichaels-elsegundo.org](http://www.stmichaels-elsegundo.org).



Father Joshua after the Installation with Bishop Ed Little.



From left to right: Florine Guy, Dan Ince, Bishop Ed Little, Father Joshua, Donovan and Marcus DeGeorg.



Clergy and parishioners from across the LA Diocese attend the Installation.



Bishop Little and Father Joshua greeting visitors in front of the church.

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HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT (Project #25-09)

SCOPE OF WORK

Provide all services, labor, materials, permits, insurance, tools and equipment needed, in accordance with the Plan, Technical Provisions, and Specifications to successfully and safely complete the replacement of the roof over the Hawthorne Police Department located at 12501 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY: Hawthorne Police Department Lump Sum DESCRIPTION: Installation of specified roof replacement system, plus all aspects of the Project as outlined in specifications and drawings, including warranty and service agreement, for the Hawthorne

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

RFQP No. RQ24-25-3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hawthorne School District of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" or "District," is requesting submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (collectively, "Response(s)") from qualified Companies, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons, or professional organizations for construction management services ("Construction Manager") in connection with the Synthetic Turf Field Development at Hawthorne Middle School ("Project").

Police Department with an estimated square footage of 27,940 S.F.

BID PROPOSAL, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PLANS

All proposal forms, specifications and plans can be purchased through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen Self-Service: https://hawthorneca-energoweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice/#home. All contractors will need to create a free account. Once they have created an account then they will need to apply for the Public Works Bid Plans and Specifications. Fill in all necessary information and once the application is submitted the Contractor will receive an invoice (see project information section below for price). Once all fees have been paid the Contractor will then receive three (3) PDFs: 1) general information/provisions PDF; 2) bid proposal forms PDF (see SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS section below for instructions on how to submit all proposals) and 3) specifications/plans PDF.

CLASSIFICATION CONTRACTORS: Contractors bidding this project must possess a valid State of California "C39" Contractors' License on file with the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The successful bidder shall be licensed as required by law, and consistent with the contract documents, at the time the contract is awarded.

PRE-BID JOB WALK

A mandatory pre-bid meeting job walk will be conducted at the Hawthorne Police Department on Tuesday, February 25th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. All Bidders shall sign a Sign-In sheet at the job walk. All Bidders' questions will be answered at this time or by addenda.

contained in any RFQP, and to make all final determinations, including non-responsiveness. The District may use other sources of information outside of the Responses to investigate Construction Managers or verify answers. The Construction Manager's SOQ must be certified under penalty of perjury by the Construction Manager. If any information provided by a Construction Manager becomes inaccurate, the Construction Manager must immediately notify the District and provide updated, accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury. The District reserves the right to suspend or rescind prequalification status at any time based on subsequently learned information.

The Construction Manager is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the RFQP Documents, Drawings, Specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing on or before February 27, 2025 by 4:00 PM Sharp! The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this RFQP is invalid. Inquiries shall be sent in writing to Aneska I. Kekula, Purchasing Director at ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us or mailed to Aneska I. Kekula, at Hawthorne School District, 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

In addition, Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the proposed improvement and have an opportunity to talk to the City's Consultant and City's staff concerning any aspect of the job or the site. BIDS WILL BE NULL AND VOID IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT ATTEND THIS PRE-BID JOB WALK.

CERTIFICATION OF OFFEROR/BIDDER REGARDING DEBARMENT

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

The successful bidder, by administering each lower tier subcontract that exceeds \$25,000 as a "covered transaction", must verify each lower tier participant of a "covered transaction" under the project is not presently debarred or otherwise disqualified from participation in this assisted project. The bidder is to provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The bidder will accomplish this by:

- 1. Checking the system for Award/Management at website: http://www.sam.gov
2. Collecting a certification statement similar to the Certification of Offeror/Bidder Regarding Debarment, above.
3. Inserting a clause or condition in the covered transaction with the lower tier contract

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Original proposals must be submitted on the blank forms prepared and furnished for that purpose. See BID PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS, AND PLANS section above for instructions on how to obtain all needed forms, specifications and plans. All proposals must be physically submitted to the City Clerk's office located on the first floor of City of Hawthorne City Hall no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday March 25th, 2025.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications. WAGES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Pursuant to the provision of Section 1770 through 1780, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, the City Council has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the proposed contract, and it will be required that not less than said rates be paid to all such workers employed or engaged in the work.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

PERFORMANCE RETENTIONS

The successful bidder will be required to provide for performance security as provided by law. Requirements for performance retentions may be satisfied by deposit or securities specified in Section 16430 of the Government Code, and in accordance with Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDWARD WILLIAM SANCHEZ

Case No. 25STPB00449

ANGEL, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDWARD WILLIAM SANCHEZ

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mary Jane Sanchez and Daniel Edward Sanchez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 28, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.



Request for Proposal (RFP) Cover Page City of Hawthorne, CA Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Design and Installation

The City of Hawthorne is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to design, purchase, and install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and associated electrical infrastructure at multiple City-owned sites.

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 25TRCP00036

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES Petition of: RENEE CARLY PICCIONE for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RENEE CARLY PICCIONE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

RENEE CARLY PICCIONE to RENEE CARLY

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Date: MARCH 7, 2025, Time: 9:30 AM, Dept.: 8, Room: 504 The address of the court is: 1 NGLEWOOD COURTHOUSE ONE REGENT STREET INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TORRANCE TRIBUNE Date: January 23, 2025 RONALD F. FRANK Judge of the Superior Court Torrance Tribune PUB: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/25 HT-28857

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CONNIE C. HART CASE NO. 24STPB03811

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CONNIE C. HART

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOYNALINE HART be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GUS SIMPSON SR. CASE NO. 25STPB14212

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GUS SIMPSON SR., GUS SIMPSON

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DEMETRAL RICHARDSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Notice is hereby given, StorQuest Self Storage will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of: Tracy Butler Keith Kingsberry Garth Mowhorter LEONARD FULTON Ivy Contreras Deztrany Anderson David Prickett Brandon Lewis Property to be sold: misc. household goods, furniture, tools, clothes, boxes, toys, electronics, sporting goods, and personal content. Auction Company: www.StorageTreasures.com.

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." —Thomas Edison

PROBATE Room: 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 HH-28859

Inglewood Daily News Pub. 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/25 HH-28859

Torrance Tribune PUB: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/25 HT-28857

Los Angeles, CA 90012 HH-28860

Lawndale Tribune Pub. 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/25 HH-28861

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## **Purrrfect Companions**



**Honey and Pumpkin**

Since 1997, Kitten Rescue has rescued cats and kittens from a variety of situations. Young or old, tabby or Siamese, we care for orphaned and abandoned kittens that need to be bottle-fed around the clock, moms with litters, cats that need socialization, and sick or injured animals. When they are finally ready for their forever home, we will help match you with the purr-fect one. When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn enrich your own.

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](http://www.kittenrecue.org)

**Pumpkin** and her sister **Honey** were part of a litter that was set to be euthanized at the shelter. Her foster mom called just in time to pick them up. They are very sweet and love to cuddle with their foster mom on the couch. Sometimes they need their space, but mainly Pumpkin and her sister will take

turns cuddling with you. This duo gets along well with dogs and people and enjoy getting pets and kisses. A favorite game is the laser pointer. Honey and Pumpkin can be adopted together as a bonded pair.

A classic tortie gal with giant hypnotic eyes, **Chutney** is an exciting recipe of sweet, spicy. She is CLINGY and loyal. When offered a lift, Chutney loves to ride shoulders and nuzzle into your neck and cheek. Still young, Chutney loves playtime but is not hyper or wild. She would love some relaxation in her life and a home where she can be loved and accepted. Chutney needs a home that loves her for who she is and wants a little weirdo in their lives. She can be defensive when scared and reactive when around other cats, other pets, and children. If she has routine and can trust, she has no issues. Once that trust is there, she LOVES her humans. Chutney is looking for an adult only home as the only pet.

**Dot** is a sweet and affectionate kitten. She loves playing with her sibling, Yakko and her older foster siblings. One of her favorite hobbies is playing with brown crinkle paper. She also loves to take naps in sunbeams with her siblings and friends. Dot will lay next to you on the couch and will nuzzle your hand



**Chutney**

for attention. She has a lot of energy and would need a home that has a friend to play with, preferably with her sibling. She is still learning things, so she will need to be in a home that has experience and patience with young kittens. If you are looking for a furry friend who will bring joy, love, and endless purrs into your life, Dot is the kitten for you.

Meet **Bubbles**, a truly unique and wonderful cat. Born in 2016 with severe cerebellar hypoplasia (CH), Bubbles requires special feeding and potty routines, and needs an experienced CH owner who can be home all day to provide the necessary care. Despite her condition, which affects her motor skills, balance, and coordination, Bubbles is independent in her own way and enjoys life just like her able-bodied feline friends. Bubbles is used to living with other able-bodied cats and would fit well into a home with such a companion. While she requires special cat furniture to help her navigate her environment, she brings an incredible amount of joy and sweetness to those around her. She also loves stroller rides and will fill your days with affection and delight. If you have the experience and dedication to care for a special needs cat, Bubbles is ready to bring her unique charm and love into your home.

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 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](http://www.kittenrescue.org).

The donations and support we receive from individuals like you, who share our love and commitment to helping cats and kittens in Los Angeles, are the sole reason we are able to do what we do. We are grateful for your financial help. By making even a small donation today, you can touch the lives of the many deserving, wonderful animals in our care. There are many ways you can donate and help, and every dollar means so much. Kitten Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. 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, 3519 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



**Dot**



**Bubbles**