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Congrats to Our Newest Paramedics



Members of Paramedic Training Institute (PTI) Class 264 were recognized for their accomplishments in a formal graduation ceremony. The LA County Fire Department joined the graduation ceremony held at El Camino Community College. Family and friends of the six graduates attended the ceremony to celebrate our newest firefighter paramedics: FFPM Daniel Aguayo, FFPM Rebekah Drews, FFPM Westley Kaz, FFPM Ray Medina, FFPM Brett Pinkerton and FFPM Erik Rini. Photo by Doug Morrison, LACoFD Photographer.

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Friday
Partly
Cloudy
72°/59°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
71°/59°



Sunday
Sunny
77°/61°



Resolutions, Concern, and Civic Pride

By Ron Sokol

The Hawthorne City Council met on October 10, 2023. The published Agenda was notably shorter than the meetings last month. In attendance were each of the City Council members (including the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem), except for Councilman Patterson, who was excused. Also present were the City Clerk (through her deputy, as she unfortunately was a bit under the weather), the City Attorney, the City Manager, and the City Treasurer.

This meeting was notable for three particularly significant occurrences:

A member of the public came forward with his young daughter in his arms. He expressed consternation about Hawthorne's recently adopted parking program, which promotes smaller cars. He bought his vehicle in California. It is perfectly legal, but is rather large. He just got a \$30 parking citation for trying to fit into a parking space. He complained there was no signage that explained, and instead, the rule suddenly appeared. Also, by driving around to seek a suitable parking spot, he probably emitted far more emissions than if there was a better way of dealing with the parking issue. He asked that the matter be revisited and that some exemptions be created. His presentation was done in a courteous and intelligent manner – there were no flashes of anger or finger-pointing. When he concluded, Mayor Vargas indicated the issue could be taken up with the Chief of Police and asked the City Manager to consider reasonable, workable options. (So, this is a reminder that you often “get more bees with honey.”)

Mayor Pro Tem Reyes-English then expressed concerns over the no-bail policy enacted by the Los Angeles Superior Court at the beginning of this month. There was considerable discussion among the council, including whether to support opposition by other cities and/or the League of California Cities.

Questions were asked of the City Attorney and the Chief of Police about how this no-bail rule works. Under it, certain kinds of offenses do not result in the arrestee being “taken downtown”; they simply are cited and let go, which means another crime may occur (e.g., shoplifting). The person arrested and

then released probably knows it is a particular person or shopkeeper who turned them in, so no one should be too surprised if another crime occurs at that same location.

The bottom line is that the no-bail policy is within the discretion of the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court. The Hawthorne City Council – as well as the Chief of Police – have genuine concerns about its efficacy and the risks it creates for public safety (to persons, property, and businesses). Hawthorne likely is not going to embrace the rule. Of note is that the

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The Future of California's Voice on Capitol Hill

By A.J. Ugliano

On September 29th of this year, Diane Feinstein passed away after serving 31 years in the Senate of the United States. With the news of her death, the role to fill her vacated seat was left to Governor Gavin Newsom. There was little deliberation concerning the shortlists and after three days, he tapped Laphonza Butler. Even with her taking the long-held seat of Dianne Feinstein, there are a lot of questions circulating the political sphere as now a new challenger has entered the fray for such a hotly contested seat. Currently polling at the top of the race, and even before Butler was tapped for the interim role of Senator for the state

of California, are Representatives Adam Schiff of Burbank and Katie Porter of Irvine. With these massive changes to the upper echelon of representation for California, the state looks north to Sacramento as an already vigorous competition had even more life bestowed upon it.

Even before Senator Feinstein had passed, there was an embittered race between leaders Representative Katie Porter from Irvine and Representative Adam Schiff from Burbank. Rep. Schiff is currently polling at around 20% support from likely voters and Porter at 17%, according to a study survey conducted by UC Berkeley, co-sponsored by The Los Angeles Times.

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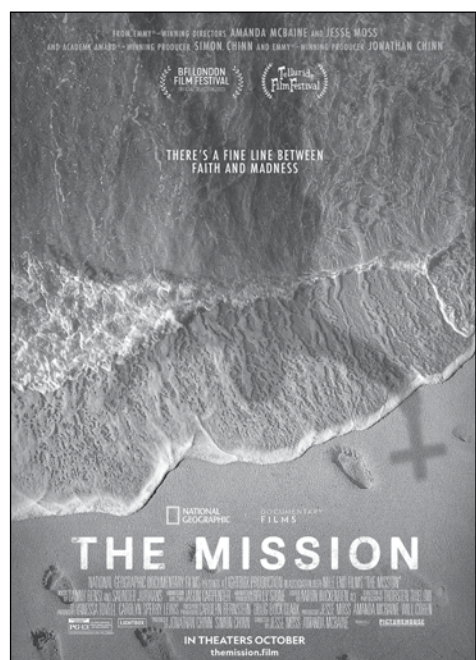
Entertainment

Film Review

The Mission Explores an Evangelical Christian's Fatal Sermon

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

The Broadway musical "The Book of Mormon" is highly praised for its tongue-in-cheek mockery of well-meaning but ignorant religious zealots. As the story goes, a young and naive Mormon missionary enters into unwelcome territory with his Godly paraphernalia in hand, determined to convert an entire Ugandan tribal community into followers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The musical is outrageous, flamboyantly exaggerated, and makes for the perfect date night activity. However, after American missionary John Chau died during an attempt to proselytize his beliefs to the isolated and highly unpredictable Sentinelese tribe, the plot of the silly musical that felt so farfetched suddenly feels



The Mission, courtesy National Geographic Documentary Films, much darker.

Emmy-winning directors Jesse Moss and Amanda McBaine (Boys State) bring the tragic story of John Chau's fatal sermon to the screen in The Mission, opening in select on Friday, October 13. In 2018, John's death made headlines around the world when he was killed with bows and arrows at the hands of the Indigenous people who live on the remote North Sentinel Island. The Sentinelese are widely considered to be among the most vulnerable and dangerous in the world, and history has shown that they don't take kindly to foreigners entering their territory. John saw these obstacles as all the more reason to venture, illegally, to the remote island. He viewed the Sentinelese as victims of Satan's last stronghold, and he was determined to be the one who could convince them to follow God and was willing to die trying.

The backbone of the documentary relies on John's posthumous diary, which was turned over to his family after his death. Journal entries are read aloud by a voice actor who captures John's wide-eyed optimism and free spirit mentality. "If God is for you, who can be against you," he writes—an eerie foreshadowing of how his false sense of security put him in a deadly situation. Interviews with his family and friends tell a similar story of a young man who was adventurous, self-sufficient, and deeply committed to his church. Limited archival footage also means that the dependency on video archives is crucial, and animation is used to depict scenes that could otherwise not have been shown.

What makes John's story all the more heartbreaking is his unintentional arrogance and assumption that he was invincible under God's eye, which turned his final sermon into a self-inflicted suicide mission. Experts and religious leaders comment on the fact that "people who exist out of time"—much like the Sentinelese—is a seductive narrative to Westerners who feel compelled to push their beliefs and societal structure onto them. But not everybody needs or wants "saving."

On one hand, John's Evangelical Christian faith gave him purpose. On the other, his dedication was responsible for his death. The filmmakers bring up both sides of this conundrum, making it difficult to confidently place blame on any one person. Was he brainwashed into thinking he could actually save these people? Did he literally believe he was a messiah? And if so, did the church encourage these delusions? John's story is harrowing because of how unavoidable the outcome could have been, making The Mission a fascinating albeit heartbreaking watch.

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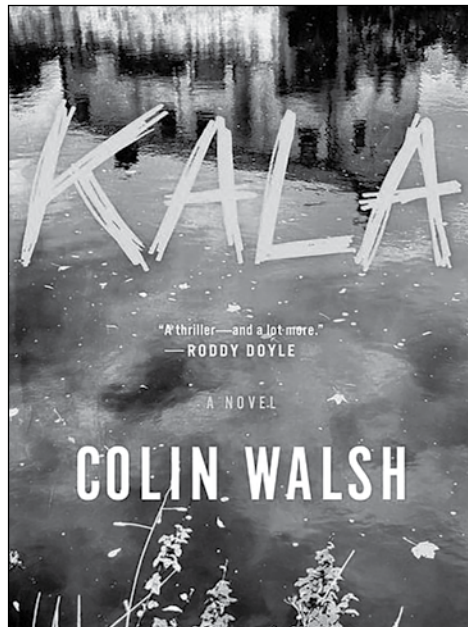
Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

KALA by Colin Walsh

By Library Assistant Mary Martes

Set in a small tourist town on the west coast of Ireland, this sprawling tale of friendship, family, greed, and vengeance is also a sort of coming of age cautionary. Toggling between the years of 2003 and 2018, we wit-



KALA by Colin Walsh

ness the bonding of six fifteen-year-olds from four established local families - the Brennans, Lanaans, Laughlins, and Lyons. Joe, Mush, Aiden, Aoife, and Katherine, called Kala, grew up in Kinlough while Helen has only just returned to her father's birthplace with her father and sister after the death of her mother.

In 2003, Helen is a bright, rebellious teenager, unmoored by the death of her mother. Kala and Aoife are fast friends who befriend Helen. When they all attend the Disco, the three boys and three girls become an inseparable group. Navigating through their teens, they drink, smoke, skip school, and chase trouble.

Although they are devoted to each other, factions form and resentments arise. Mush is the silent, loyal friend who enjoys hanging out with the girls. Joe and Kala are enthralled with each other. Aiden becomes increasingly distant and troubled. Aoife is jealous of the growing closeness between Kala and Helen. The summer of their sixteenth year ends in the tragic disappearance of Kala.

It is now 2018 and Mush has never left Kinlough, still working at his mother's shop while living at home. He has lived a quiet, reclusive life on the perimeter. Joe is the hometown boy made good, a worldwide superstar and famous musician. He has come home to open a bar on his old stomping grounds. Helen has returned for the wedding of her father Rossie to Pauline, Aiden's mother, and Mush's aunt. Kala's loss has embittered Helen, who is a freelance investigative journalist in Canada. Her insistence on discovering what happened to Kala draws them all into a spider's web of lies, corruption, violence, and murder.

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Mary Martes

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In Memory of Officer Chad Swanson



The Hawthorne Police Department is mourning the loss of Officer Chad Swanson. Our hearts go out to the Manhattan Beach Police Department and his loved ones. Officer Chad Swanson was a Parking Enforcement Officer with the Hawthorne Police Department for several years before he became a police officer for Manhattan Beach. HPD has so many memories of Chad that will never be forgotten. Photo courtesy Hawthorne Police Department

City Council

no-bail policy provides law enforcement, in some instances, with an option to phone the "on-call Magistrate" to explain why bail should be set; the Magistrate will then make the decision. Also, Mayor Vargas did hear County District Attorney (George Gascon) speak about the no-bail policy and why it makes good sense. Mayor Vargas expressed a level of understanding for Mr. Gascon's opinion, but does not seem to agree with it. My impression is the Hawthorne City Council is going to oppose the rule in its current version.

Then, each of the Council members had the floor. It was of great interest to hear them talk about local events they recently attended, and the goodness of each. They spoke of upcoming festivities and programs in Hawthorne and issues of great importance to so many.

For example, Councilwoman Manning spoke enthusiastically about MidiCi Pizza (located near City Hall) celebrating 25 years. She said of the importance of supporting local businesses. She then had kind words for a local couple, Mr. and Mrs. Caddell, 99 and 98-years young, respectively, who are 50-year residents of the City of Good Neighbors. They both love Hawthorne!

Councilman Monteiro talked about so much happening in Hawthorne, with the recent successful food giveaway and the

excitement about Hispanic Heritage Month. He promoted the upcoming Community Dinner to help raise funds for the needy, the Halloween home decorating contest, and a landlord-tenant walk-in clinic. Like each council member, he encouraged the public to go online to the City of Hawthorne website to find out all that is available.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes-English talked about this not only being Hispanic Heritage

Month, but Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She reminded the public that this also is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Of additional interest is the probable extension of the metro line. She made a point about Latina and Latino Equal Pay and pointed out that Hispanic men presently have the biggest wage gap in the nation. Reyes-English noted the recent Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony conducted by the Hawthorne Historical

Society, which feted, among others, Dick and Alice Huhn, who have contributed so much to the community, and the inimitable Chip's Restaurant.

Mayor Vargas concluded the public session by exhorting Fiesta in the Park, upcoming October 20. He spoke excitedly about the excellent band that will be there. He pointed out a house on Imperial Highway being converted to transitional housing. As to the metro extension, he wants to have further information to be able to discuss it thoroughly in a constructive manner.

Mayor Vargas then turned his remarks to a somber note, as had been mentioned by the other City Council members as well: The recent passing of police officer Chad Swanson, who died due to a vehicular accident. Officer Swanson worked for several years for the City of Hawthorne before transferring to Manhattan Beach. An inquiry was made if the City could contribute to his grieving family, which includes a recent newborn.

With all the "goings on," the events and matters were taken up and discussed at the City Council meeting. Perhaps the most important is to try to take stock of the tragic loss of a young, vibrant public servant, Officer Swanson. Another reminder not to take anything for granted. We have so many blessings in Hawthorne. Blessings, we should never stop counting. •



Hawthorne City Council. Photo courtesy Ron Sokol.

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Smith Elementary Cheetahs Celebrate a Fun Spirit Day



It was Superhero Day and our students got into the spirit by dressing as their favorite characters. Photo courtesy Smith Elementary School.

Capital Hill

While Schiff is in a slight lead, there is a lot of race left to run, and anything can change by November next year.

The interesting wrench in the gears that constituents rarely see is the fact that there will be a sitting, yet new, Senator on the ballot—if she chooses to run. Granted, her experience, of only a little over a year at the time of the election, will pale in comparison to the late Feinstein's 31. She will technically be the only person on the ballot with experience in the Senate. There is a lot of fear that Butler will have a sort of lame-duck appointment to the seat, but there is so much time for her to do something effective and make a name for herself on the Senate floor—and she already has.

Butler was brought about to her seat with some controversy due to Governor Gavin Newsom's old statement that he would ensure Feinstein's seat was passed to a black woman nearly three years ago. This caused some anger from voices in the black community, stating that black women do not need to be the keeper of Feinstein's seat while it awaits a new person to sit on it. A lot of this anger comes from a sharp overlooking of the qualifications that Butler has and the fact that she will not be able to hold the seat for a considerable amount of time.

The race for California's senate seat is sizing up to be interesting and combative, with new and exciting events at play that only come very seldom in the political world. These kinds of situations have rarely been brought to constituents to sort out. Still, the electorate of California is beginning to weigh in on the tumultuous handling of the death of an incumbent senator. The race was already shaping up to be a close match among leaders Porter and Schiff, but with the extra layer of an untested new incumbent, there are sure to be some shake-ups.

Schiff and Porter are not alone in their race to be the face of change after 31 years of Dianne Feinstein being a loud and proud voice for Californians in Washington DC, but they currently are the two leading the pack of contestants. Down below them, there is Barbara Lee of Oakland, a prominent Democrat on the ballot polling at 7%. Joining her below Schiff and Porter are a couple of GOP candidates, James Bradley and Eric Early, polling at around 7% and 5%, respectively.

With the death of Dianne Feinstein, a crowded field got even more crowded. People have been eyeing the spot of the late Senator for over 30 years now, and since she was elected, she has never lost her power. But now, following the appointment of her replacement, there is chaos in finding who

will be the elected replacement for the long-time Senator. Although a race from behind for Butler, the interim replacement, would be tough, it is not out of the realm of possibility. With the amount of time that she has on the floor of the Senate to participate in votes and penning new bills, she could make a serious name for herself that could help lead to—not a reelection—but a proper first election. With all of that, there is a wonderful sales pitch of walk-on experience as a senator that Butler can give that no other candidate vying for the seat can say.

The world of politics is, at its very nature, chaotic. People bustling and speaking, and moving for votes and bills and prominence. But here in California, it is now especially chaotic. Very rarely do these kinds of affairs

happen concerning alleged "lame duck" appointees, especially not in a state that has, for a very long time, been consistent with who represents it on Capitol Hill. The sun has set on the long-reigning, undisputed Queen of California politics who rose to fame from her time as mayor of San Francisco and became a well-known face and voice in the hallowed halls of the capitol building for over 30 years. The electorate is faced with a complex choice in the coming election season, and a new player in the vicious game of the American Senate is trying her hand at making the changes she wants to see in the world. There is no telling, except by way of counting ballots, who the late Senator's seat will hold following the 2024 election, but as the days go by, one sun sets and a new one will rise. •

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This Hispanic Heritage Month We Celebrate Hollywood Park's Cinépolis' Rich Mexican History



Cinépolis International was originally founded in Mexico in 1971 and was the first cinema exhibitor in the world to pioneer the concept of luxury movie theaters. The first luxury theater experience was in 1999 in Mexico City. Today, Cinépolis has positioned itself as the world's fourth-largest movie theater circuit in the world, operating across 19 countries worldwide. Photo courtesy Hollywood Park.

Seniors

Reach Out and Play: Social Connections Through Game Nights

(BPT) - When you were younger, you might have had "family game night," huddled around the kitchen table with dice and tokens. Besides the happy memories this brings, those game nights may actually help boost one's health. Social connections, sense of purpose and an active mind can be key parts of healthier aging. Coming together to play games can be one way to encompass all three - while helping to reduce isolation.

In light of this, Ageless Innovation's Reach Out and Play campaign, sponsored by AARP, will host board game events across the country through the end of the year.

Various organizations will host board game events across the country, and people are also encouraged to host their own with family and friends. These activities will bring people of all ages together through the power of play, and create meaningful connections for older adults.

Social isolation and loneliness for older adults can have a massive effect on their

health. Loneliness has been found to lead to health risks, such as depression, cognitive decline, hypertension and more. Social isolation may lead to cardiovascular disease, a reduced quality of life and other health issues. Personal connections, no matter what the activities, can help foster better health.

"Social connection, camaraderie, and even some problem-solving - all of these things can be important contributors to the health of older adults," said Dr. Philip Painter, chief medical officer at UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement. "Events like this can bring people of all ages together for fun, but also drive a sense of wellness, which is so vital as we age."

For information on Reach Out and Play, including how to find and register for an event in your area, visit aarp.org/ageless-play. And, check out reimagined versions of Scrabble, The Game of Life, and Trivial Pursuit - interpretations that encourage intergenerational play. •

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Brooke

Kitten Rescue rescues cats and kittens from a variety of situations. Most live in our volunteers' homes and those volunteers foster them until we can find permanent homes for them. Young or old, tabby or Maine Coon, 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.

Brooke is the full package: playful, easy-going, affectionate, always purring. And did we say gorgeous? Her silky fur is stunning with flecks of gold like undulating waves. She looks a bit like a sleek baby seal! Brooke was a bottle baby which means that, since she interacted with humans from birth. She is outrageously sweet, social, and snuggly. Mars loves both humans and other animals and grew up with cats as well as dogs. Due to her baby age, Brooke will need to be adopted with one of her siblings or good friends—Chase Dreams, Cary, Edward, Shenzi or Banzai—or go to a home that already has a young playful cat.



Priscilla

Priscilla is a beauty queen, and she knows it. She is Siamese, if you please! Priscilla is smart, funny, engaged, playful, affectionate, talkative and just a tiny bit, well, feisty. It is apparent that she considers herself an equal and expects to be treated as such. But we suspect that much of her "feisty" behavior is due to the fact that in her foster home she is living with other cats, and she really does not like that. Priscilla is soft, beautiful, fun and a real character. She is the kind of cat that will create a tight and lasting bond with her human. With that, she desires and expects full-on devotion which in return, Priscilla will give back a hundred-fold. This beauty will greet you at the door when you come home, meowing loudly, "Where on earth have you been?! I've been waiting all day for you!" Siamese are known for this kind of bonding, and Priscilla is a classic Siamese.

Wheelie was a teenage mom who is now ready to be pampered herself. She is lively and affectionate but does not take well to other animals. With her elegant black and white and a birthmark that reminds us of Marilyn Monroe, Wheelie pops up on two legs to

rub enthusiastically against you. She is not a lap cat yet loves to cuddle next to you on the couch or in bed. Wheelie is anxious to meet you and will be waiting to play with the wand or chase the laser with you.

At first glance, **Mars's** shyness may make her seem timid. However, once she warms up to you, be prepared to be enveloped in her love. Although she prefers not to be picked up, she craves affection and loves back scratches. Along with her playful and affectionate nature, she fiercely cherishes her independence, always knowing when it is time for solitary adventures. Mars enjoys the company of other feline friends for play time as well as nap time. With a delightful mix of personality traits, Mars has lots of love to give.

Luke is an incredibly friendly flame point Siamese. Although he is shy around strangers, he loves to rub up around his human and is very affectionate once he knows you. All in all, Luke is a very sweet young guy. For some lucky person out there, he will be a wonderful companion.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the



Luke

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.

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. •



Mars



Wheelie

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 2244
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 8.48.045 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR AUTHORIZED INDOOR SMOKING FACILITIES AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
WHEREAS, in November 2020, the citizens of Hawthorne approved Measure CC authorizing a 5% cannabis tax.
WHEREAS, in December 2021, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2235 which repealed chapter 8.48 in its entirety and replaced it with the current version entitled Secondhand Smoke and Smoking Prohibition.
WHEREAS, Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) 8.48.030(2)(a) prohibits smoking inside an enclosed public place.
WHEREAS, in November 2022, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2235 and created HMC chapter 5.100 which authorizes and regulates commercial cannabis businesses.
WHEREAS, HMC Chapters 5.100 and 17.90 allow for and regulate onsite consumption of cannabis which can include activities that create secondhand smoke.
WHEREAS, definition of public place found in

8.48.020 could include and therefore prohibit the use specifically authorized by chapters 5.100 and 17.90
WHEREAS, clarification is needed to avoid any conflicting sections of the municipal code. **NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**
Section 1. The City Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts them as findings in support of this Ordinance.
Section 2. Staff has determined that this Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA guidelines under the General Rule (Section 15061(b)(3)), because it can be seen with certainty that the Ordinance will not have a significant effect on or cause a physical change to the environment. The City Council concurs with this determination.
Section 3. Section 8.48.045 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:
8.48.045 Authorized Indoor Smoking Lounges.
A. Section 8.48.030 does not prohibit uses authorized under chapters 5.100 and 17.90 related to onsite consumption of cannabis that is ancillary to retail.
Section 4. If any provision, clause, sentence or

paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.
Section 5. The City Attorney is authorized to make any minor corrections to this ordinance as long as the correction does not change the substance of this ordinance.
Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Hawthorne.
Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect (30) days after passage thereof.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.
ALEX VARGAS, Mayor
City of Hawthorne, California
ATTEST:
DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk
City of Hawthorne, California
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROBERT KIM, City Attorney
City of Hawthorne, California
 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 10/12/23
 HH-28190

ORDINANCE NO. 24-01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PAY RANGE ASSIGNMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE VARIOUS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND POSITIONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; INCLUDING THE INGLEWOOD TRANSIT CONNECTOR (ITC) GRANT FUNDED TRANSITIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OF THE CITY IN CONFLICT OR AT VARIANCE HEREWITH; THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 16. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and to its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be published in accordance with the City Charter; and thirty days from the final passage and adoption, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.
INTRODUCED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2023
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023
 James T. Butts, Jr., Mayor
ATTEST:
 Aisha Thompson, City Clerk
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