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MERRY TUNGKA, a digital producer at Laguna Sound, hands a Valentine's Day giftbag to Thurston Middle School sixth-grader Ella Volpe at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach Thursday. The bags were donated and arranged by Tungka in partnership with Target and Ruby's.

Kids delight in Valentine's gift bags from Laguna Sound

BY ANDREW TURNER

It has been 11 months since the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus to be a pandemic, and during that timeframe, some of life's simple pleasures such as personal relationships have faced stiff challenges.

Merry Tungka, a digital producer at Laguna Sound recording studio, recently lost her grandmother, Katherine, who she would ask what she should be when she grew up. The answer that came was to be kind and a good person.

With Valentine's Day coming on Sunday, Tungka wanted to make a difference and bring a smile to kids' faces, so she got some partners together to create gift bags for kids at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach.

She dropped off the gift bags on Thursday. They included heart-shaped boxes of candy donated by Target and a kid's meal and certificate of achievement provided by Ruby's.

"T just remember myself as a child getting Valentines, and it doesn't necessarily have to be from a girlfriend or a boyfriend," Tungka said. "The fact that you get these cute notes, just to remind yourself that you're loved, and love yourself, and I think it's just a positive message overall."

Linnea Newquist, the member services director for the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach, said the club has been open all day for its middle school and high school students. The secondary schools in the Laguna Beach Unified School District have remained in distance learning for the duration of the school year so far.

The club has also been open since August for kids of essential workers, and it is currently open as an after-school program, Newquist added. Kids have remained in pods assigned by their grade level.

Often when a cultural day comes up on the calendar, the club engages the kids in an activity that allows them to express their feelings about that day.

"We've been making Valentine's Day grams with our kids," Newquist said.

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O.C. D.A. sets out to fight racism

Reactions mixed as District Atty. Todd Spitzer announces guiding principles to address systemic racism in the criminal justice system.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Orange County District Atty. Todd Spitzer announced a set of "guiding principles" Wednesday to address systemic racism in the criminal justice system.

"We as a society have engaged in systemic mass incarceration," Spitzer said. "As a prosecutor, I will stop it. We as a society have prosecuted people of color differently. As a prosecutor, I will stop it."

Spitzer added, "We cannot fix a systematic problem without a systematic approach. That approach must be thoughtful, thorough, and include different perspectives, different experiences, and different ideas. Justice is not evidenced by the longest sentence; justice is what is best for the individual, the victim, and society as a whole."

Spitzer said some of the initiatives he wants to establish include:

• A conviction integrity unit

• Recidivism reduction units that address an individual's chances for success

• Support efforts to have mentally ill defendants be diverted to mental health care to address "underlying issues"

• Support of a "dual 911 dispatch" with dispatchers trained to handle emergency calls for psychiatric assistance

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Rule pushes some H.B. high school teachers to take leave

FIRST-GRADER McKinley Costales waits to receive one of the Valentine's Day bags at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach on Thursday.



H.B. Union High School District has required teachers to be on campus since Feb. 2.

BY MATT SZABO

Shannon Atkins was in a bicycle accident in 2016 and sustained injuries that hampered her ability to teach math at Fountain Valley High.

"I didn't walk for a year," she said. "My doctor wanted me to stay out [of class] for at least three months, and I went back after three weeks. I still have the effects of that bad decision."

Atkins, who has taught at Fountain Valley since 2009 as part of a 21-year teaching career, was determined not to make the same mistake when coming back to the classroom during the coronavirus pandemic. She said she has an underlying medical condition that makes her at risk of contracting the coronavirus.

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Harbor Soaring Society use of Fairview Park field grounded

BY SARA CARDINE

An ongoing debate about whether the Harbor Soaring Society — an organization of model aircraft enthusiasts — should continue flying over Costa Mesa's Fairview Park remains up in the air, after a city committee on Wednesday found resolution still beyond reach.

The Fairview Park Steering Committee is tasked with advising officials on matters that impact the city's master plan for the 195-acre park, where society members have been flying remote controlled airplanes (and now drones) under some form of an agreement since 1996.

Such a practice has attracted a wide range of enthusiasts, from youngsters yet to earn their wings to retirees maintaining a postemployment passion. But it's also drawn criticism from area environmentalists who claim the noisy pursuit harms local wildlife, some of which are threatened or protected species. Last year, with the Harbor Soaring Society's most recent agreement set to expire Dec. 30, 2020, the Costa Mesa City Council commissioned an evaluation to assess the value of keeping the arrangement going. A review was presented at a steering committee meeting in March, one day before the pandemic-related shutdown of all city property, including Fairview Park's flying field, grounded talks indefinitely.

Society members submitted a proposal in October, attempting to address issues raised in the evaluation, including the advent of larger, louder aircraft and equally noisy drones, as well as too many members on the field.

Revised this month, it suggested limiting the number of fliers, prohibiting intrusive models, imposing weight limits and creating a certification process.

"We strive to be a partner with the city and park with our flying activities, training and educa-

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File Photo

JAKE WIRTZ launches a glider with Harbor Soaring Society member Fred Hesse at Fairview Park. Costa Mesa officials have been evaluating the society's use agreement for more than a year.

N.B.'s state of the city address presented online

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Live from Newport Beach, it's Mayor Brad Avery's state of the city address — and this time it's virtual.

This year's state of the city address was broadcast online instead of during the Mayor's Dinner, which was postponed to an undetermined date later this summer in light of pandemicrelated restrictions.

"[Avery] and I discussed how we were going to do the format because this has never been done before for the state of the city, so we decided that we would do a talk show kind of format," said Speak Up Newport President Ed Selich.

Some of the questions asked Wednesday were submitted by members of the public. Avery answered queries about his life in Newport Beach, what he's



Screenshot by Lilly Nguyen

SPEAK UP Newport President Ed Selich, left, speaks with Newport Beach Mayor Brad Avery for the state of the city address. Typically, the address is made during the Mayor's Dinner, which was postponed this year until the summer.

seen change in the city and why he first decided to run for City Council in 2016. Avery ran for reelection in 2020 and won to represent District 2, which includes Newport Heights/ Cliffhaven and West Newport. Avery was previously the mayor pro tem and was appointed as mayor of Newport Beach on Dec. 8. Avery was also asked what he saw as his role as mayor in handling the ongoing pandemic. Avery described the situation as feeling "like getting hit with a truck."

"I think we did a very good job all the way through," said Avery.

"Sort of parsing it, but also at the same time not letting this national emergency hijack what we needed to do locally in terms of moving the city ahead in terms of doing what we can or could to work the budget, keep the necessary projects moving forward, reduce our spending, preserve our capital and still provide as many services to the residents as possible," he added.

Other questions ranged from his vision for the city in the future, updates on ongoing projects such as the new fire station and library lecture hall, code enforcement, the Harbor Department, the harbor dredging project, traffic, the possible widening of Mariner's Mile, homelessness and John Wayne Airport. Avery said he was concerned about the Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers, which currently have Newport Beach on the hook to zone for 4,834 housing units. The city filed an appeal of those draft numbers in October. One of his goals, he said, was to be part of the discussion on housing and development.

"This is a huge deal in town," said Avery. "Even though they're not built in our communities, they are going to be here and be part of us going forward and if it's done well, it'll add to the town. And if it's not done well, it's going to hurt."

Other topics that Avery plans to focus on during his year as mayor are homelessness and the harbor.

In an interview on Thursday, Avery said he felt the change in format still disseminated information that would have been given in a normal address and added that he believes city finances are stronger than expected coming into the new year.

"I think the most concerning thing is us recovering from the pandemic and while it looks very promising with the vaccine rollout, we still are very mindful that new strains of the virus could impact a robust recovery," said Avery. "That's a concern in terms of our residents' safety, but also the recovery of services to residents, recovery of businesses and being able to live our normal lives, which will be a while yet."

The hourlong address can be viewed at *speakup newport.com/state-of-the-city-2021*.

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DELIGHT

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"We've been helping them make them for their class because they're all assigned to make them for their schools, and then we also made a Valentine's Day gift for all of their parents, so they have the opportunity here to make a Valentine's Day gram for their parents."

Of course, some gifts are more precious than others, like the one Moulton Elementary first-grader Mc-Kinley Costales said she would give to her parents.

"Love," said McKinley, before running over to give her mom, Jennifer, a big hug at the club Thursday afternoon.

The gift bags delighted the kids that received them.

"It's candy that matters," Ella Volpe, a sixth-grader at Thurston Middle School exclaimed.

Riley Rae Ferguson, who is in eighth grade at

Thurston, also had candy on her mind when talking about what Valentine's Day means to her, saying it's about "giving to others, and spreading love and joy, and chocolate."

Cinda Ferguson, 68, of Laguna Beach, who adopted Riley Rae, shared another Valentine's Day memory from last year, when the two of them handed out her late husband's jacket to a member of the homeless community in town.

"We filled it up with food, water, and candy, and she put a Valentine's love heart in it," Cinda said. "We drove around to find the perfect homeless man to give it to in downtown Laguna, and we drove around and we found one, and then we gave it to him."

"He went through the pockets. He literally took off two or three dirty jackets, [and] he put on this jacket."

A couple of celebrities also helped out with the

Valentine's Day effort, with Danny Trejo and Emily Tosta both sending in video messages for the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach.

Trejo told the kids that they had great futures ahead of them and urged them to listen to their counselors, before thanking the club and Laguna Sound.

Tosta imitated hugs and kisses in her message.

"I want to send you guys a lot of love and a lot of blessings, and I wanted to say that you guys have a very bright future ahead of yourselves," Tosta said in the video. "I am sending you tons of kisses and hugs, and Happy Valentine's Day. Don't forget to love yourselves and trust yourselves, and work hard, persevere and keep smiling and have faith. I hope you guys have a beautiful day and hope to meet you soon.'

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MERRY TUNGKA of Laguna Sound, left, hands a Valentine's Day giftbag to first-grader McKinley Costales, at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach on Thursday.



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By The Mepham Group

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CLIMATE ADVOCATES ARE ELATED BY POLITICAL CHANGES

D uring his first week in office President Biden signed sweeping executive orders on climate change and in the process lifted the spirits of local climate advocates. Among them are hundreds of members of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL).

Orange County is home to seven chapters of this 200,000 strong national nonpartisan grassroots organization whose sole objective is to persuade Congress to take action on climate change. For years CCL volunteers have been advocating for legislation that would use market forces to suppress the use of fossil fuels and spur investments in clean energy by placing increasing fees on coal, oil and gas companies and then using those revenues to support households through the transition to a clean energy economy. After years of tireless work, spreading scientific information, speaking out, demonstrating, writing letters to the editor and lobbying government officials, climate advocates in CCL are seeing their hopes come to fruition.

Over the last four years the Trump administration, in league with fossil fuel interests, did all it could to denigrate and dismiss the climate emergency. All the while, the results of global warming were becoming more and more evident. The impacts are undeniable: record breaking high temperatures, chronic drought, more frequent and intense wildfires, extreme weather events, and rising sea levels.

Here in Orange County the loss of beaches and billions of dollars in coastal property means that we stand to be among the biggest losers to global warming. In January 2018, City of Newport Beach staff and UCI consultants warned that seas could rise as much as 5 ½ feet by 2100 and the adaptation costs to taxpayers could approach \$1 billion.

Despite the Trump administration's efforts to stifle action on the climate crisis some progress has been made. In Washington more than 80 members of Congress co-sponsored the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; in Orange County five members of Congress and the city councils of Santa Ana, Brea, Costa Mesa and Laguna Beach supported this action.

The Biden administration has now set challenging goals: ending carbon pollution from power plants by 2035, reaching a national net-zero economy by 2050 and

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Jae C. Hong | Associated Press

PUMPJACKS OPERATE at the Kern River Oil Field in Bakersfield. California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Oct. 12, 2019, signed a law intended to counter Trump administration plans to increase oil and gas production on protected public land.

protecting communities that have been disproportionately affected by emissions. Of course, what can be done through executive orders is important and symbolic, but it will not be enough.

Good policies by one administration can be undone by the next. To endure changes in political power, history shows that we need broad-based and bipartisan support for national climate legislation. For this to happen, the demands for action need to come from more than climate activists. Today, it is the coalescing of multiple forces that is so encouraging.

Major cities, states, universities and religious organizations have pulled their money out of fossil fuel companies and are taking a stand against the industry. In recent months General Motors, BMW, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and Volvo have made commitments to end the sale of gas and diesel engine vehicles.

And, perhaps most significant, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the largest lobby group in the country, has shifted its position on climate change. In January they announced that "urgent action is needed" and declared that it now "supports a market-based approach to accelerate greenhouse gas reductions across the U.S. economy." The Chamber's embrace of the policy approach favored by CCL is further cause for members to rejoice.

Despite all these positive changes we are still far from realizing a clean energy future. Fossil fuel interests have powerful political allies and can be expected to do all they can to slow the transition. However, we now have leaders in Washington who respect science and are willing to do more than ever to address the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced.

Citizens have a crucial role too. We need to keep pressure on our elected officials to convert good intentions into solid legislation. We must not only educate ourselves and others about the threat global warming presents, but also promote systemic solutions that effective climate action requires.

Ultimately, we all are compelled to be climate activists because the quality of our lives and the lives of future generations, in America and around the world, depend on it.

BOB TAYLOR is an environmental journalist and a volunteer with the Orange County Coast Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby.

MAILBAG

NMUSD must address learning loss brought on by the pandemic

These are my comments to the Jan. 26 Newport-Mesa Unified School District board of education meeting in a study session to discuss student learning loss due to the pandemic:

As an educator, former board member and more importantly a resident of the Westside for almost 50 years, I have a passionate concern for the board to address learning loss. Trustee Ashley Anderson has asked the board to designate facilitators at each school. Now is the time. Not next year. The pandemic has forced you, the elected board members, to take responsibility for each child who has fallen behind, regardless of which district you represent.

Our Newport-Mesa community expects you to be fearless in your determination. My recommendation is for each school to form a "team" to include the facilitator, the office manager, the librarian, paraeducators, tutors, special ed liaisons, even music teachers, to identify each and every child.

A chart should be made for each child listing the resources to support the child. Mental health resources should be accessed as well. No stone should be left unturned. Meetings should be held to monitor each child. School personnel should reach out to the family and not wait for the family to contact the school. It will take effort, but in the long run you will be giving these kids a future.

Please don't tell us you don't have the money to hire extra staff. I know too well the Irvine Co. Endowment sits there waiting to be used for this purpose — for such a time as this.

Also, it is time for NMUSD to join the real world and offer the public the opportunity to express our concerns and for you to *hear our voices* by using the webinar/Zoom format. The city of Costa Mesa and the Orange County Fair Board allow for real-time comments. It's time NMUSD figures out a way for the public to give our comments in real time, not through written email comments due by 9 a.m. the day of

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the meeting.

Wendy Leece Costa Mesa

Note: The writer is a former Costa Mesa city council member and NMUSD board trustee.

Does Georgia rep have a friend in Steel?

South County's new member of Congress, Michelle Steel, and her House colleague, Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, share considerable common ground: First, they both are Republican first-term lawmakers; second, they both voted not to impeach Donald Trump; and third, they both have been appointed to the House Education and Labor Committee.

All of this serves as an important backdrop to what's happening in Washington these days. With impeachment looking dimmer by the day, some say the Senate should vote to censure Donald Trump instead. I'm not sure how that would work now that the former president is a private citizen, but I do know how it should work when it comes to a current member of the House.

After winning election in November, Taylor Greene told her constituents she would introduce articles of impeachment against Joe Biden on his first day in office. On Jan. 21, the QAnon-leaning lawmaker made good on her promise.

Her publicity stunt was covered by the national media but fell on deaf ears in Congress. Even the GOP House Minority Leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, turned his back on the idea. But this isn't why Taylor Greene deserves to be censured.

CNN, the Washington Post and other sources have now confirmed citizen Taylor Greene endorsed or "liked" social media posts calling for the execution of Democratic lawmakers back in 2018 and 2019 (the timing of which coincided with entertainer Ted Nugent urging his followers to shoot Democrats like rabid coyotes). High on the list of posts Taylor Greene supported was the murder of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Was anyone surprised when the Speaker recently called out Taylor Greene, who carries a gun and believes the school shootings at Sandy Hook and Parkland were a hoax, as an "enemy from within"?

When is enough more than enough? I'm asking this question because our politics don't simply seem polarized, they appear to be rapidly becoming weaponized. If you were paying attention to what happened in Michigan last fall, where a handful of homegrown militia forces planned to kidnap the governor, or witnessed hundreds of armed rioters breaking into the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, you know what

I mean. Private citizen Marjorie Taylor Greene had every right to express herself two or three years ago, but elected Rep. Taylor Greene must be held to a higher standard. If it comes to a vote to censure the Georgia lawmaker, I wonder how Rep. Steel will vote?

> Denny Freidenrich Laguna Beach

Council voted right on car wash

On behalf of the entire Canyon Mesa community in Big Canyon, we would like to express our gratitude to Mayor Brad Avery, council members Kevin Muldoon, Marshall Duffy, Diane Dixon and Joy Brenner for the courageous stance they took at the Jan. 26 City Council meeting in listening to the people and voting against the proposed General Plan amendment to allow a car wash to be added to the already over-utilized Shell Station at 1600 Jamboree Road.

Councilman Will O'Neill tried his best three different times to intimidate the other members of the council by saying there was no basis to deny the application and that it complied with all zoning ordinances and that the applicant's sound study proved there would be no noise impact from the car wash.

The project doesn't comply with all city ordinances in that it cannot fit on the property without a reduction of 50% in the required setback, which would mean building it 15 feet closer to our properties, which didn't seem to even register with O'Neill or our newly elected councilman in District 5, Noah Blom.

While I understand Blom represents both the residents and businesses in his district, he did not serve the residents of Big Canyon well on his first vote.

Contrary to what Blom indicated in his comments Tuesday night, this project does not comply with all the city ordinances. Perhaps over time he will better learn the rules?

I trust that in the future Councilman Blom will be able to review the needs of the residents in his district with a greater perspective.

Gerald A. Giannini

Treasurer, Director Big Canyon Community Assn.

Article on GOP hopefuls prompts Foley thoughts

In the article "3 GOP hopefuls battle for vacancy" (Jan. 30, Daily Pilot), a Republican challenger for the 2nd Orange County Supervisorial District seat vacated by Michelle Steel, Fountain Valley Mayor Michael Vo, asked voters to reject the candidacy of "a recycled career politician." That referred to former state Sen. John Moorlach, recently beaten by Democrat Dave Min.

Indeed, a lackluster Moorlach served undistinguished terms in both the O.C. Board of Supervisors and the state Senate before voters wised up to his ineffectiveness. He is hardly the "experienced and principled legislator" to address our most pressing issues as touted by the Republican Party of Orange County.

As Dana Rohrabacher found out, it is involvement and results that matter far more than experience. Moorlach is cut from the same "do nothing" cloth.

If Vo and fellow GOP challenger Kevin Muldoon want to look at a well-qualified, involved and successful candidate, they should look no further than Democrat opponent Katrina Foley.

Tim Geddes Huntington Beach

Currently the Board of Supervisors is very much out of balance. Four seats (including Rep. Michelle Steel's) are held by Republicans and only one by a Democrat. Because the electorate in this county is shifting dramatically from conservative to liberal, it will serve our communities better to have better balance on the Board. A 3-2 balance will not necessarily affect the votes the supervisors take, but it will provide a chance for broader discussion of important issues.

I'm a lifelong Republican and among the many of my fellow Republicans who are becoming increasingly frustrated by the arrogant incompetence of the Orange County Republican Party leadership. Perhaps the best example is the disaster that ousted 30-year Congressional representative Dana Rohrabacher a couple years ago.

In the election we face today the ballot contains four Republicans, of which former Supervisor and state Senator John Moorlach would be the better choice from that group. However, also on the ballot is my mayor, Katrina Foley, a Democrat and a formidable opponent, even if Moorlach was the only Republican running.

I've watched Katrina Foley during her entire political career. She is a true leader. She is bright, articulate, full of energy and has only the people of her constituency in mind as she helps craft solutions to problems. I've watched her lead Costa Mesa as our first directly-elected mayor ---a seat she won twice by crushing her opponents at the ballot box, including former mayors. She and our City Council have faced the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, the resultant economic downturn plus the ongoing homelessness issue, with intelligence and skill, charting the course and relying on our excellent city staff to implement plans to soften the impact of this triplethreat to our city. Foley has been the leader — the tip of the spear - in these efforts.

I will wholeheartedly endorse and plan to vote for Katrina Foley for Supervisor of the 2nd District and hope you will do the same. The future of our county — including the management of COVID-19 issues — is too important to be left in the hands of one political party.

Geoff West Costa Mesa

It is reported that the Orange County GOP endorses former state Sen. Moorlach as a known commodity. The article fails to speak of the qualifications of Mayor Katrina Foley of Costa Mesa running for District 2 on the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

As opposed to Mr. Moorlach, Mayor Foley will follow science in promoting vaccinations and mask wearing to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Costa Mesa

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was the first city in Orange County to recommend mask wearing. Mayor Foley works with unions on pensions that didn't add to the unfunded pension liability. Even in state office Moorlach made no changes to public service employee pensions. Mayor Foley worked with the private sector to provide homeless shelter in Costa Mesa.

Mayor Foley has consistently provided leadership in securing public safety, providing economic and residential stability, and public health.

We need to elect Katrina Foley for positive change on the O.C. Board of Supervisors.

Margaret Mooney

Costa Mesa While I understand "3 GOP hopefuls battle for vacancy" intended to focus on Republican candidates, you don't give Mayor Katrina Foley sufficient consideration as a serious candidate against these three men. Though I live in Huntington Beach, I have been impressed with Mayor Foley's leadership next door in Costa Mesa, particularly in the areas of health and safety (COVID-19), homelessness and affordable housing and environmental protections. She has led the way for other cities in O.C.

and could do the same for us as a Supervisor.

Rather than recycling the same perspectives that have dominated discussion at the Board of Supervisors for decades, Mayor Foley brings fresh ideas, energy and accomplishments to whatever she does. She would make a significant addition to the County Board of Supervisors and would bring far more to the table than the other candidates.

> Lorraine Prinsky Huntington Beach





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LEAVE

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Atkins is one of approximately 60 Huntington Beach Union High School District teachers who have been on leave since Feb. 2, when the district instituted a mandatory policy that teachers must be on campus when the students returned for hybrid learning for the second semester.

Atkins said she ultimately placed her health above her job, though she regrets that it came to that choice. A substitute is now teaching her classes.

"It's nothing short of devastating to have to leave my students," she said. "I'm still writing sub plans, I'm still making videos. My students are still seeing me every single day, even though I'm using sick days to not be in the classroom ... When I talked to my students about it, every Zoom call, I cried. I don't want to leave them. I want them to trust me and I want them to know that I care about them."

There are about 690 teachers in the district, which includes Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Marina, Ocean View and Westminster high schools, as well as three alternate schools. Of those, about 200 vowed not to return to campus when the schools first reopened for hybrid learning in November.

The district went back to virtual learning following its winter break, through the end of the first semester. That was when it instituted the requirement that teachers could no longer teach virtually but must instead be in the classroom.

"It's an impossible situation," said Carolee Ogata, HBUHSD deputy superintendent of human resources, noting that more than 90% of teachers are now back on campus. "We are working to make sure that staff are safe, while trying to make sure our students are getting the best education they can. The learning loss, we're worried about, but also students' mental health. It's an important issue right now ... There is no replacement for a teacher in the classroom."

Those on leave either have personal or family medical issues or a childcare issue, she said. Paid sick days, unpaid leave or paid disability are their options.

"It's the same thing that all of the school districts are doing who are open, whether it's Los [Alamitos], Saddleback, [Capi-strano Valley], Tustin, Irvine," she said. "After the holidays, we knew there would be a surge. Looking at February, we saw the declining cases. We work to make sure that every decision is made on current data and information from healthcare professionals."

Only about 40% of students have returned to the optional hybrid model that has them on campus two days a week, Ogata said, though she expects that number to increase. The rest remain in full distance learning, even as their teachers are required to be on campus.

Shawne Hume, an English teacher at Marina who is the president of the Huntington Beach Union High School District Educators Assn., has been a strong advocate for teachers to continue working remotely.

"The numbers [in class] are very, very low," Hume said. "For example, today I had zero students in my first period class, I had three students in my third period and I had one student in my fifth period. And everyone else is online. So, these teachers can teach. We have the model, they have the desire, they have the skill. I mean, goodness, we've all learned how to be distance teachers in the past year, and now we're bringing in substitutes who

have never done this before."

One longtime English teacher in the district, who requested anonymity due to fear of retribution from the district, said she's had to stay home from school due to a compromised immune system. Two of her four children also have a form of muscular dystrophy and a muscle weakness disorder, she said.

"I know our student population thoroughly and have lots of content area expertise," she said. "Instead of me teaching them, either from home

or putting together a virtual academy, there is now a 22-year-old with a math degree teaching my English classes. She has never read almost anything that's going to be required.

"Not one person ever came to observe my virtual class. Not one person ever came to see if I was doing a good job, or to see if I could continue teaching virtually," she added. Hume said the vast ma-

jority of the 60 teachers on leave would be back on campus once vaccinated. But vaccines have been slow to roll out; teachers in Orange County aren't expected to start being vaccinated for at least two weeks.

Ogata said the district will continue working with Dr. Clayton Chau and the Orange County Health Care Agency, as well as school nurses, to see how it can support the vaccination process.

"We would certainly love to get all of our staff, classified and certificated employees vaccinated so they do feel safe," she said. "That's our goal."

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The Business is known as: Tokyo Table The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: Tokyo kitchen LLC, 21151 s. Western Avenue Suite 269, Torrance, CA 90501

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE The assets to be sold are described in general as: all

stock in trade, furniture, fixtures and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill and are located at: 2710 Alton Pkwy Ste 101-103, Irvine, CA 92606 The kind of license to be transferred is: On-Sale

General Eating Place, Type 47, No. 465020 now issued for the premises located at: 2710 Alton Pkwy Ste 101-103, Irvine, CA 92606

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is March 3, 2021 at the office of All Brokers Escrow, Inc., 2924 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505.

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$70,000.00, which consists of the following: Description Amount

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It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: December 18, 2020 Tokyo Kitchen LLC, a California Limited Liability

Company S/ By: Kazuhiro Arakawa, Managing Member S/ By: Mitsuzo Fujio, Managing Member 2/12/21

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing via Zoom webinar on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:

Application No.: PA-20-10/Tentative Tract Map 19120

Applicant/Agent: Equimex Holdings, LLC / Steve Jones

Site Address: 1978 Meyer Place and 1979 Anaheim Avenue

Zone: R2-HD (Multi-Family Residential District, High Density)

Description: Planning Application 20-10 and Tentative Tract Map 19120 is a request for a Master Plan for the development of an eight-unit attached residential common interest development intended for individual ownership under the Mesa West Residential Ownership Urban Plan. The proposed residences include two and three-bedroom unit types ranging from approximately 1,500 square feet to 2,000 square feet as well as two-car garages for each unit. The proposed maximum building height is 44 feet at four-stories including a roof deck level. The proposed tentative tract map would establish one lot with eight airspace condominiums for individual home ownership.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Class 32), In-Fill **Development Projects.**

Additional Information: For more information, call (714)754-5245, email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, City Hall and the Council Chambers are closed to the general public. Planning Commission meetings will be held remotely until further notice. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate in the meeting remotely during COVID-19. The Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at https: https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-

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Comments received by 12:00 PM on the date of the meeting will be provided to the Planning Commission, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any photos, PowerPoints or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be 10 pages or less and submitted to the City as described above NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM on the day of the hearing. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, during the public hearing or in written correspondence submitted to the City, during or prior to, the public hearing.



Allen J. Schaben | Los Angeles Times

ORANGE COUNTY District Atty. Todd Spitzer has announced guiding principles to address systemic racism in the criminal justice system. Reactions from stakeholders are mixed.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **STEVEN KOREY ANDELIN** 30-2021-01182406-PR-PW-CJC

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHEILA ANDELIN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHEILA ANDELIN 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 codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 located at

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST,

SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANDREW CYGA 30-2021-01182831-PR-LA-CJC

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ANDREW CYGA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHRISTOPHER CYGA in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHRISTOPHER CYGA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8

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· Endorsing policies preventing law enforcement agencies from investigating officer-involved shootings involving their own officers • Bans on the use of carotid holds.

The announcement mixed responses drew from defense attorneys and a potential challenger to Spitzer when he is up for reelection next year.

Humberto Guizar, an attorney who handles plaintiffs in excessive force cases, said, "It sounds good, and if they're going to do that stuff then fine," but he urged Spitzer to support an independent commission to oversee ofshootings

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Applicant/Agent: Higher Ground Holdings, LLC

Description: Planning Application 20-19 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit for a marijuana

manufacturing and distribution facility within a

6,015-square-foot tenant space in an existing

industrial building. The proposed facility would

manufacture, package, distribute, and transport cannabis products; no extraction would occur at this

facility. The facility would have security systems (card

readers, security cameras, etc.) throughout the

facility. No cultivation of marijuana, or marijuana

Environmental Determination: The project is

exempt from the provisions of the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA

Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

Additional Information: For more information, call

planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division

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Application No.: PA-20-19

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to the scene of officer-involved shootings "don't evaluate a case the way they should. They look for things to justify the shootings ... instead of really investigating. They rubber stamp use of force every time.' Guizar noted that aside

Guizar said investigators

from the DA's office who go

from charging some of the officers involved in the 2011 death of transient Kelly Thomas in Fullerton, similar cases are routinely ruled as justified shootings. "This goes on and on and on," Guizar told City News Service, noting that many of the investigators are retired police officers who are "jaded and throw softball pitches to the involved officers."

Guizar also accused the investigators of "dehumanizing" the suspects killed in police- or deputy-involved shootings by questioning families about drug usage or gang affiliations even before informing them of the death of their loved one.

Attorney Christian Contreras, who also works on excessive force cases, said Spitzer's announcement wasuarprise.

He added, "While I commend Mr. Spitzer if he were genuine, Mr.Spitzer has continually taken a propolice, mass incarceration position. If Spitzer is serious about reform, he would immediately issue directives similarly like [Los Angeles District Atty. George Gascon]."

Gascon has pushed for a number of reforms that have drawn criticism such as not seeking gang-related sentencing enhancements in some cases. Gascon has also been a proponent of reforming the bail system, which he says unfairly leaves minorities who cannot afford to get out of jail languishing behind bars while wealthier defendants can get out and more effectively mount a defense.

"Mr. Spitzer appears to see the writing on the wall now that Mr. Gascon was elected ...," Contreras said. "Mr. Spitzer is up for reelection next year in 2022. This move appears to be calculated to position him for re-election despite the conservativeness of Orange County.'

Contreras also challenged Spitzer to drop charges against Tia Turner, who is charged with attempted murder in connection with a protest in Yorba Linda in September. Contreras said Turner's "representatives claim she was protecting herself against a mob of pro-Trump protesters." Turner was accused of driving a car over a participant in the protest. Black Lives Matter protesters have held demonstrations before her court hearings to support her. Contreras accused Spitzer's office of pushing off bail review hearings for Turner, who is being held on \$1 million bail. "I have also been contacted by other peaceful protesters for Black Lives Matter who are afraid for their safety based upon Mr. Spitzer's publication of names and purported

criminal charges throughout his social media accounts," Contreras said.

Peter Hardin, a former Orange County and federal prosecutor who is mulling a run against Spitzer next year, said the guidelines appear to be "empty words." Hardin said he supports the "broad notion of ending mass incarceration, but I can't get behind the empty political rhetoric with which he addresses this."

Hardin said he also supports the establishment of an independent commission to oversee officer-involved shootings. He said he believes it should include representatives from the district attorney's office, public defender's office, a defense attorney and a retired judge.

Hardin said he also found it "entirely hypocritical" of Spitzer to espouse reform when he has been critical of Gascon. In December, Spitzer slammed Gascon's policies in an interview with Fox News.

"I'm here to warn my constituents there is a grand experiment that has dangerous implications one county to the north," Spitzer said.

He criticized the zerobail proposal, though he acknowledged there needs to be some reform of the bail process, but said it must include some sort of a "risk assessment" of the defendant. Gascon eliminates the risk assessment," Spitzer said. "So that concerns me deeply."

Spitzer also criticized what he characterized as Gascon's abandonment of "broken windows" crime.

"If those misdemeanor laws aren't enforced," property values in Los Angeles are going to plummet," Spitzer said. "The streets are going to be out of control. No one is going to be safe. No one is talking about that side of the equation. That concerns me greatly, as well."

Defense Atty. Jacqueline Goodman, past president of the California Criminal Defense Lawyers' Assn., said in light of Spitzer's interview with Fox in December, "many" defense practitioners in Orange County may rightly view Spitzer's statement with skepticism. But it should be seen as a welcome step in the right direction to anyone concerned with equal justice and thriving communities. Because although it favors

person or by your attorney.

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THE LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

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The City is updating its Housing Element

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The Planning Commission (PC) reviews,

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AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CODE AMENDMENT CO-2021-01 TO AMEND TITLE 9 (LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS) AND TITLE 13 (PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING THE LOCATION, TAX, TYPES (INCLUDING RETAIL) AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS USES

The Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing via Zoom webinar to consider Zoning Code Amendment CO-2021-01 and to review proposed Ordinance 2021-xx to amend portions of Title 9 (Licenses and Business Regulations) and Title 13 (Planning, Zoning, and Development) of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code to establish the tax rate, operating requiremen and development standards for cannabis uses, including retail cannabis storefront (dispensary) and non-storefront (delivery), consistent with Measure Q.

The code amendments include revisions to the following titles, chapters and articles of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code:

- Proposed Ordinance 2021-xx Chapter I, Business Tax (Title 9, Business Regulations); Chapter II, Regulation of Certain Businesses (Title 9, Business Regulations); and Chapter VI, Marijuana Business Permits (Title 9, Business Regulations).

Zoning Code Amendment CO-2021-01

- Article 21, Location Of Marijuana Distributing, Manufacturing, Research and Development and Testing Laboratories of Chapter IX, Special Land Use Regulations (Title 13, Planning, Zoning
- and Development); and
 Chapter IV, Citywide Land Use Matrix (Title 13, Planning, Zoning and Development).

Environmental Determination: The ordinances are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities, Section 15303 (Class 3), New Construction or Conversion, Section 15308 (Class 8) Actions by Regulatory Agencies, and Section 15332 (Class 32), Infill Development.

The public hearing will be held remotely via Zoom webinar as follows:

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platitudes over substance, and whether it be borne of an astute political concern or an authentic awakening, it is a signal that the struggle for equal justice may finally be gaining a foothold, even in Orange County." Goodman added that

missing from Spitzer's guidelines "are the means to end the systems of injustice, such as a call to end qualified immunity, or a recognition of disparate surveillance of communities of color, leading to what are labeled as 'high crime neighborhoods' which lead to increased arrests of people of color, and an endless cycle of injustice.'

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tional programs," drafters of the proposal assured. 'We also want to be good stewards of the site and work collaboratively with park rangers to ensure safe operation of the flying site."

The plan was presented Wednesday, where newly seated members received an initial airing of the longdebated matter. Numerous public comments were submitted both for and against flying over Fairview, and more speakers commented at the virtual meeting.

"Why is it so hard for people to use the park?" asked Luke Hohman, a young flier interested in pursuing aviation as a career. "I just want to fly my planes — it shouldn't be a big deal."

Kim Hendricks, a member of the advocacy group Fairview Park Alliance who noted wildlife is in jeopardy, said even the most wellintended agreement would be impossible to enforce.

"We reject the proposal

because the negative impact to the nature would be too great for special use," Hendricks said.

Soaring Society Vice President Henry Smith said he hoped a solution could be found that would distinguish safe and respectful users from those who exhibit behavior with a negative impact such as noise.

"To punish a lot of good people for the bad actions of a few is bad policy," he said.

Committee members ultimately decided more work needs to be done to review public input and the city's evaluation. A subcommittee was formed to further examine the issue, and committee members will take up the issue again at an April 14 meet-

ing. "There's a lot of information for us to digest," said Chairman Andy Campbell. "It may be best to take more time to come up to speed on this particular issue."

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