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## Charter amendments on pause



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Huntington Beach City Council opts to hold public meetings on ad hoc committee's proposed changes.

BY MATT SZABO

Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting stretched into the wee hours of the morning as the Council grappled with a mostly angry public and several controversial issues.

There were 116 people signed up for public comments, which lasted until just minutes before midnight. The meeting was eventually adjourned at 2:49 a.m. Wednesday.

City charter amendments were one of the hot-button issues where the conservative majority made the rare move of pumping the brakes, deciding not to send three potential ballot measures for next March's statewide primary election on to voters.

At least not yet.

After a 4-3 vote Tuesday night supported by the conservative majority — Mayor Tony Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark and Councilmen Pat Burns and Casey McKeon — the City Council will hold special public meetings for charter review on four consecutive Thurs-

A FEW ITEMS on the agenda drew a full house prior to the Huntington Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday.

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## Surf City prohibits vaccine, mask mandates for COVID-19

Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark, one of four conservative members of the City Council, brought the resolution forward. It passed on a 4-3 vote.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Huntington Beach City Council narrowly voted early Wednesday to ban universal mask and COVID-19 vaccine mandates in the city.

The declaration passed with a 4-3 vote. The meeting, which began Tuesday night, adjourned at 2:49 a.m.

Those who've tested positive for COVID-19 would still be required to wear masks in certain settings.

Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark introduced the motion at Tuesday night's meeting.

In the declaration, Van Der Mark said mask mandates imposed at City Hall and other parts of the city in 2020 and 2021 "unnecessarily limited the freedoms

of the citizens of Huntington Beach — even those who were not around anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or at risk of any exposure."

Van Der Mark's resolution requests the city manager to return to the council with a resolution at the next regular meeting declar-

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File Photo

AN ANTI-MASK "freedom march" was held in Huntington Beach in June 2021, the night before state mandates were lifted.

## D.A. clears officers who fired 29 rounds at burglary suspect

Prosecutors maintain Costa Mesa Police Department officers responded reasonably to a July 2022 break-in.

BY SARA CARDINE

Three Costa Mesa police officers who shot an armed burglary suspect multiple times after he broke into a boat repair company on Newport Boulevard in 2022, have been cleared of any wrongdoing by the Orange County district attorney's office.

Prosecutors Thursday released findings in a report declaring Costa Mesa Police Sgt. Bang Le and officers Jake Jacobi and Oscar Nicolas acted in self defense when they fired 29 rounds at Hugo Standley Vargas who, dur-

ing the early morning hours of July 13, 2022, broke into the offices of Advanced Marine Services.

Called to the scene at 5:15 a.m. by the business' alarm company, officers observed Vargas rummaging through the front office with an 8- to 10-inch knife in hand, repeatedly stabbing at a nearby desk, according to the report.

When the then-35-year-old suspect, whose last known residence was in Corona, ignored repeated orders to drop the weapon, officers developed a plan to coax Vargas from the building, first using commands and non-lethal force, followed by lethal force, if necessary.

During a later interview, Bruno

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Ted Engard

A RESIDENTIAL WALL along Fairview Road, south of Fair Drive in Costa Mesa, collapsed Sunday near a city bus stop. No one was injured, and city crews cleaned up the fallen structure on Tuesday.

## Private wall collapses into the public right of way in Costa Mesa

BY SARA CARDINE

Usually, the distinction between private and public property is clear, particularly in public rights of way, whose upkeep is a matter of municipal responsibility. But if a private wall falls onto a public right of way, who fixes it?

Just such a question landed at Costa Mesa City Hall this week, after homeowners on Purdue Drive were roused Sunday evening by the thunderous crash caused by the collapse of a portion of a brick wall along

Fairview Road, south of Fair Drive.

"It was quite a crash," said Ted Engard, the homeowner of a residence on Purdue near where the wall fell. "It was such a loud bang, some people in the area thought it was a car accident."

Engard rushed to his back window to see what had caused the commotion and saw an Arco gas station across Fairview Drive beyond where his backyard wall had once stood. A section of laid bricks about 25 to 30 feet in length had simply collapsed onto the sidewalk below, near a

city bus stop.

Luckily, no one was nearby at the time of the incident, Engard noted Wednesday.

"We're so thankful the wall didn't fall on anybody," he said. "Somebody could have been standing behind the bus stop, and they could have been hit."

That same thought may have been in the minds of public works officials, when a crew was dispatched to the scene Tuesday and removed the pieces of the fallen structure.

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File Photo

COUNTY CRIME Lab investigators work in the shipyard at Advanced Marine Services on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in Costa Mesa.



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- 11/3 **LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)**



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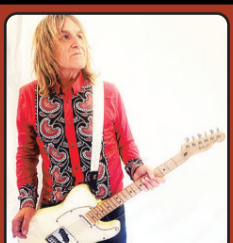


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- 11/10 **WHICH ONE'S PINK?**  
*"Wish You Were Here"*
- 11/11 **WHICH ONE'S PINK?**  
*"Dark Side Of The Moon"*
- 11/12 **WISHBONE ASH**
- 11/15 **LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)**
- 11/16 **LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)**
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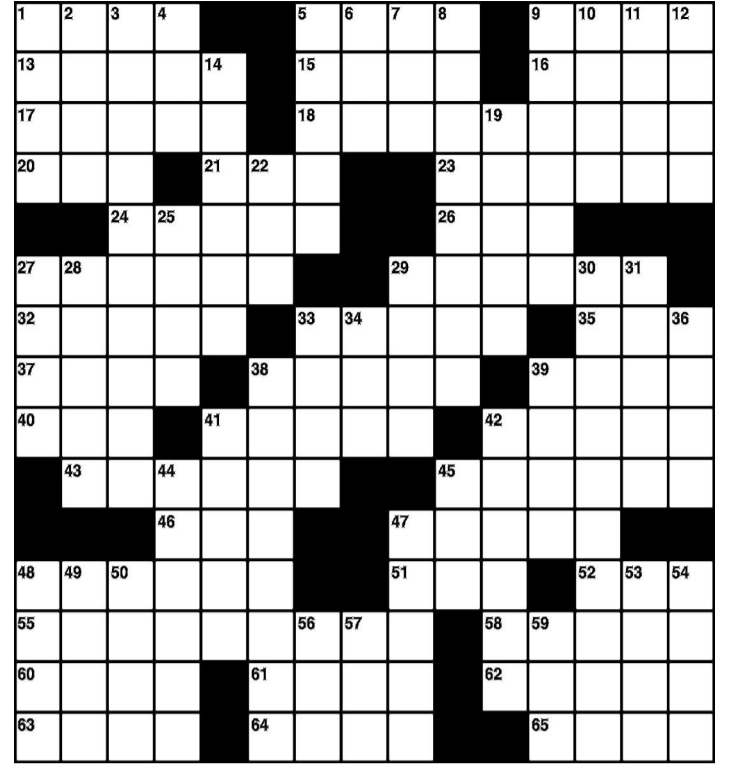
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## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

### ACROSS

- 1 Classic board game
- 5 Gets it wrong
- 9 Likelihood
- 13 Type of eclipse
- 15 Gather crops
- 16 Journey
- 17 Quarrel
- 18 Perfectly timed
- 20 Part of RPM
- 21 Melancholy
- 23 \_ up; joined forces
- 24 Home
- 26 Rule
- 27 Gourmets
- 29 Pie nuts
- 32 On the ball
- 33 Car accident
- 35 Isn't \_ to; probably won't
- 37 Cushy
- 38 Manicurist's focus
- 39 Small musical group
- 40 "Close to \_"; Carpenters song
- 41 "Great \_ think alike"
- 42 Hudson & others
- 43 Sheep's coat
- 45 Medal of Honor recipients
- 46 "Golly!"
- 47 Can wrapper
- 48 "Little Women" author
- 51 Second-tallest



For answers to the crossword, see page A6.

- 8 Immaculate
- 9 North American capital city
- 10 Percussion instrument
- 11 Break bread
- 12 Raced
- 14 Vacation spot
- 19 Get through to
- 22 Classifieds
- 25 Ernie's buddy
- 27 Not complicated
- 28 Reserved
- 29 Cronies
- 30 Sleep disorder
- 31 Lee, for one
- 33 Walking stick
- 34 Get \_ of; shed
- 36 Throw
- 38 Exchange \_; chat politely
- 39 Ripped
- 41 Encounters
- 42 Sharp criticism
- 44 Braggart
- 45 Seuss' "Green Eggs and \_"
- 47 \_ the way; pioneers
- 48 Charitable gift
- 49 Stunt pilot's maneuver
- 50 Largest Caribbean island
- 53 Mimics
- 54 Angry speech
- 56 Certain vote
- 57 Trawler's need
- 59 "General Hospital" network

## Car show returns with hot rods, free prostate checks

BY SARA CARDINE

When is a car show more than just a car show? How about when it saves the lives of those who attend?

That's a claim that can be rightfully made by organizers of annual Cruisin' for a Cure, which will attract car buffs to the Orange County fairgrounds this Saturday, as thousands of vintage vehicles are put on dazzling display.

But beyond the chrome bumpers and fuzzy dice, beyond the live music, food and entertainment, the annual spectacle, now in its 24th year, will also be offering free prostate cancer screenings for men over 40 on a walk-in basis from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees can receive a free blood test to determine the level of prostate-specific

antigen (PSA) present in their body or a digital rectal exam which, without going into too much detail, can detect the size of the prostate gland and presence of growths or other abnormalities.

Cruisin' for a Cure is the passion project of Debbie Baker, a Lake Forest resident who spent years attending car shows with husband and automobile aficionado Jim, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1996.

Baker realized that while men have a tendency to avoid regular medical checkups, they might be more amenable if the health screenings came to them.

So, with the participation of KSK Cancer Center of Irvine, she set about creating one of the largest vin-

tage car shows in Southern California as a means of attracting a demographic more predisposed to prostate problems.

To follow through on her personal mission to get more men tested, Baker typically cruises through the event on a golf cart, asking participants of a certain age whether they've been tested.

"I just sort of joke around with them," she says of her low key approach to a serious topic. "Because even if you did it six months ago, your numbers could have changed and you could do this for free."

Since its inception, healthcare workers have performed more than 15,000 free PSA screenings, flagging more than 4,000

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Peggy Engard

**COSTA MESA'S** Public Works Department Tuesday removed fallen bricks from a residential wall that collapsed Sunday on Fairview Road.

## WALL

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Costa Mesa spokesman Tony Dodero confirmed through a city engineer the wall was, in fact, private property, likely erected by the developer who built the homes nearby. Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman said property owners were not billed for cleanup of the bricks.

Engard suspects the wall — which runs from Villanova Road off of Fair Drive, then down Fairview roughly half a block — may have been put up by Jaques D'Arland, who reportedly built several homes on

Purdue and nearby street Littleton Circle starting in 1979. Since then, many of the homes and lots in the area have been sold off or leased.

Following the wall's collapse, Engard has placed a section of plywood across his yard to contain his son and daughter-in-law's dogs, whom he regularly watches. He said the inside of the wall appeared to have collected water, which may have caused it to lose its integrity.

"The wall isn't built to the code we would use now," he said, describing seeing thin segments of rebar in the wall that had been bent by the slide. "[It]

doesn't seem very well built. But that whole wall all around the neighborhood is built the same way."

Engard supposes he and his neighbor, who own the two parcels where the collapse occurred, may be forced to fund any kind of rebuilding effort on their own.

City officials Wednesday did not comment on the soundness of the entirety of the wall, but Dodero said staff were "assessing the remaining walls to determine what further actions are necessary."

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# Motorcyclist chased across 3 cities escapes; police investigating

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach police are searching for an unidentified suspect who allegedly fled across three cities after what started as a failed traffic stop on Aug. 29.

Authorities said the incident began after a Newport Beach police officer saw a group of motorcyclists driving recklessly at the intersection of West Coast Highway and Orange Street at around 9:42 p.m. Drivers were doing wheelies and other tricks, and when the officer attempted to perform a traffic stop, one of the drivers did not yield and sped off into Huntington Beach.

The chase later went into

Costa Mesa, where the suspect is said to have taken a dirt path that made it difficult for officers to continue giving chase. Huntington Beach police provided support by helicopter as officers set up a perimeter on the ground.

The bike was later recovered and impounded near Pacific Avenue and Victoria Street in Costa Mesa. The suspect is reported to have fled the area.

Authorities have declined to provide any identifying information as the case remains under investigation, but they confirmed Wednesday no arrests have been made.

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## CLEARs

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told investigators "Vargas' actions were becoming 'increasingly aggressive' as he failed to comply with officers' commands.

"It just started to, um, kind of build, build a fear, if you will, that this man, you know, was irrational," Bruno said, according to the report.

At one point, instead of exiting the office, Vargas retreated further into the building before advancing toward officers with a bolt-action rifle in hand, the report indicated. He then raised the firearm to sight level and aimed it through a broken window pane toward the officers.

Le discharged his CMPD-issued Sig Sauer 9-millimeter pistol, firing it 11 times. Jacobi also fired his gun 11 times, while Nicolas discharged seven shots, prosecutors reported.

Vargas, who sustained an undisclosed number of gunshot wounds and was mumbling incoherently while also threatening to "return and kill the officers," was taken out of the building at 5:37 a.m. and given medical assistance.

Shortly after 6 a.m., he arrived at UC Irvine Medical

Center, where a doctor determined his wounds to be non-life threatening and who noted Vargas was paralyzed on one side of his body.

Prosecutors determined the rifle aimed at the officers was unloaded and belonged to the owner of the business.

"Under the circumstances in this encounter, the officers' belief that Vargas posed a threat of death or serious bodily injury was reasonable," investigators concluded. "Sgt. Le and officers Jacobi and Nicolas appear to have carried out their duties as peace officers in a reasonable and justifiable manner."

Appearing in court for a May 16 hearing, Vargas acted in accordance with a plea agreement, pleading guilty to felony counts of exhibiting a firearm in the presence of an officer, second-degree burglary, exhibiting a firearm to resist or prevent arrest and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

A sentence of three years in prison was suspended by the court, pending successful completion of three years of formal probation, court records indicate.

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**DRIVERS CRUISE** along a 1.5-mile parade route at the Orange County Fairgrounds during the Cruisin' for a Cure car show in 2022. The annual event returns Saturday.

## RETURNS

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men found with high levels of PSA in their blood, a potential sign of abnormal prostate function, including cancer.

Last year, 825 blood tests were administered during the car show. Whether a test result is normal or not, men receive notification from KSK so they can follow up with their own doctors.

Among the Cruisin' for a Cure regulars who've been able to proactively treat issues before a cancer diagnosis, Baker has garnered a reputation as a bit of a guardian angel.

"When wives come up to me and say, thank you for saving my husband, I get tears in my eyes," she said. "This is a save-your-life car

show."

Cruisin' for a Cure takes place Saturday at the Orange County fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission costs \$17 and parking is \$12. Children 12 and under are free. For more, visit [cruisinforacure.com](http://cruisinforacure.com).

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SCOTT RAYMOND WHEELER  
30-2023-01342454-PR-PL-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **SCOTT RAYMOND WHEELER.**

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Charles M. Wheeler** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Charles M. Wheeler** 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.

**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 **Sept 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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John W. Fitzgibbon aka John William Fitzgibbon  
aka Jack Fitzgibbon aka John Fitzgibbon  
30-2023-01343779-PR-LA-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **John W. Fitzgibbon aka John William Fitzgibbon aka Jack Fitzgibbon aka John Fitzgibbon.**

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

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Pamela Fitzgibbon** 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 **Oct 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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Patrick Hayes  
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**A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **Donald E. Hayes** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **Donald E. Hayes** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **Sept 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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**BSC 223814  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
KATHERINE NICKELL  
30-2023-01341737-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **KATHERINE NICKELL.**

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

**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that **DENISE CHALMERS** 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.

**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 **Sept 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM5** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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By **10:00 AM** on the **28th** day of **September, 2023**, at which time such bids shall be opened and read for

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**Contract No. 9018-2**

**\$1,000,000**  
Engineer's Estimate

Approved by  
James M. Houlihan  
Deputy PWD/City Engineer

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Contractor License Classification(s) required for this project: "A"  
For further information, call Ben Davis, Project Manager at (949) 644-3317

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**PROJECT NO. 19F11**

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**\$18,500,000**  
Engineer's Estimate

Approved by  
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Deputy PWD/City Engineer

ONLY PRE-QUALIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTORS MAY BID ON THIS CONTRACT

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**BSC 223867**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Sean Toup Ven Langenwalter 30-2023-01343794-PR-LA-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Sean Toup Ven Langenwalter.** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Marlene Langenwalter** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.** THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Marlene Langenwalter** 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 **Oct 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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**BSC 223824**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HELEN CLAIRE McELLIOTT 30-2021-01195896-PR-LA-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **HELEN CLAIRE McELLIOTT.** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **DANIAL R. McELLIOTT** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.** THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **DANIAL R. McELLIOTT** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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## MANDATES

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ing the city to be a "no mask and no vaccine mandate city" as a response to COVID-19 or any variants.

"Individuals, whether at City Hall or in the private sector, should have a right to choose whether to wear a mask or get vaccinated or boosted," it reads.

COVID-19 cases have been on the rise again recently in Orange County and neighboring Los Angeles County, according to data from those county's health departments.

The number of hospital patients statewide who test positive for COVID-19 is also on the upswing after several weeks of decline, with 1,668 COVID-positive patients reported by the state health depart-

ment in the latest data. Orange County had 79 such patients.

Hundreds of anti-mask protesters gathered at the Huntington Beach Pier on June 14, 2021, the night before the state lifted most coronavirus-related physical distancing and mask requirements for those vaccinated.

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**THE PRIDE** at the Pier group rolled out a huge Pride flag on the steps of Huntington Beach City Hall prior to Tuesday's City Council meeting.

## PAUSE

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days. Beginning Sept. 14 at 6 p.m., the meetings will feature public comments before and after discussion.

A charter review ad hoc committee comprised of Strickland, Van Der Mark and Burns had been formed in June. At the last council meeting on Aug. 1, members approved seven proposed amendments and added four more.

"I think a lot of these charter amendments are great, and I even included two," McKeon said. "But over the last month, I just have received an enormous amount of calls from residents and our biggest supporters, who are adamantly opposed to just this process we are using to come up with these charter amendments to our city's constitution. There might be some areas worthy of review, but in my opinion, that has to happen through a transparent process."

The three amendments on the table Tuesday in-

cluded local election issues and updating the qualifications for city clerk. City Atty. Michael Gates' wife, Kelly, who had been considering a run for city clerk, announced Monday night that she would not be running due in part to the bad optics mentioned by McKeon.

Other proposed charter amendments would dictate that the only flags permitted on city property would be the U.S., county, state, city, Armed Forces and P.O.W. flags.

In protest of this, a citizen group called Pride at the Pier brought a huge Pride flag and draped it over the steps of City Hall prior to Tuesday night's meeting. The 33-foot-by-24-foot flag, the largest Pride flag in Orange County history, was the same one draped over the Huntington Beach Pier in May, after the council voted to stop flying it on city property every June in honor of Pride Month.

The third proposed charter amendment deals with requiring voter approval of

any city transaction that forgives, waives or forgoes the collection of property in excess of \$100,000 per year, along with other issues.

Those amendments had been grouped into three ballot measures by the city attorney's office, for voters to decide in the March 2024 statewide primary election. The three measures would cost the city an estimated \$1.2 million.

But the council will now seek more public input before moving forward.

Before being elected to the City Council, McKeon was a part of a charter revision committee in late 2021 and early 2022, which eventually helped put three measures on the ballot last November.

"I was outvoted 6-1 all the time, but there was a maximum amount of opportunity for the public to participate, come speak, address comments, etc.," McKeon said.

Burns countered that the council was elected to make decisions. Notably, however, even the conservative Save Surf City citizen group sent out an email blast opposing the charter amendments recommended by the ad hoc committee without public input.

Some public speakers noted that the council's current conservative majority ran on a ticket last fall that included opposing charter amendments measures. Others also held signs, given out by a new progressive group called Protect Huntington Beach, which read, "Vote No! Stop the Power Grab!"

There would be a tight timeline to get any proposed charter amendments on the March ballot.

"Can I ask, what's the rush?" Councilwoman Natalie Moser said.

Strickland responded that he preferred to have any possible amendments on the March ballot instead of the November one, given the large number of initiatives typically already on the fall ballot.

Gates subsequently cited California Elections code 1415, which he said allows cities to put charter amendments on the March ballot.

But council members continued to have issues, including legality questions about requiring voter identification.

"It would be helpful to have a legal memo on this," Councilwoman Rhonda Bolton said. "We're about to spend \$1.2 million of taxpayer money, and I'm not even sure any of this is legal."

Gates quickly responded. "We've had three attorneys in our office work on this, and all three attorneys arrived at the same conclusion," he said.

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