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NMUSD cancels in-person graduation events

The school district's board of trustees decides in favor of virtual commencements at its six high schools.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District board of trustees, in conjunction with principals, decided this week to cancel in-person graduations at all of its six high schools in favor of a broadcast.

In a statement to community members Wednesday, the district said that the graduation ceremony would include a live broadcast of the master of ceremonies, guest speakers, a personalized photo and video montage of graduating seniors in addition to the presentation of diplomas.

This will affect Corona del Mar, Newport Harbor, Costa Mesa, Early College, Estancia and Back Bay/Monte Vista high schools.

"High school graduation is one of the most memorable moments in life and we know how hard our students and families have worked to get to this point," the statement reads. "The end of the 2020 school year has been quite different than what we all imagined, but we are committed to celebrate our Class of 2020 with a high quality, purposeful and memorable graduation."

The graduation will be broadcast by Van Wagner Sports and Entertainment the week of June 15, but the district said that it plans to celebrate seniors with an informal, in-person event later in the summer once state orders and social distancing requirements allow for gatherings to occur.

But, families and students have called on the district to reconsider its plans including Riley DeCinces, a graduating senior at Newport Harbor High School.

"Recently, we've been doing a lot of Zooms and online, which we're still learning and doing all the same assignments, but a big part of our issue is I've talked a bunch of my friends and there's a lot of people we go to school with," DeCinces said, "but, that we wouldn't really see again other than in

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Courtesy of the city of Laguna Beach

MAYOR PRO TEM Steve Dicterow, left, helps Mayor Bob Whalen cut the ceremonial ribbon for the completion of the Village Entrance Project.

Laguna unveils \$11.3-M Village Entrance project

BY LILLY NGUYEN

As cars rumble down Laguna Canyon Road, visitors and residents alike will at last be greeted by an entrance to the city of Laguna Beach three decades in the making — construction on the Village Entrance project is over.

The \$11.3-million revitalization project of the city's primary inland thoroughfare was dedicated on Friday in a virtual ribbon-cutting event physically attended only by City Council members and city staff.

"The city has succeeded in delivering a safe, beautiful area for our community to enjoy while delivering the project on time and on budget," Laguna Beach City Manager John Pietig said in a statement Thursday.

The project focused on enhancing pedestrian safety and circulation and improving traffic flow along the stretch of Laguna Canyon Road between Forest Avenue and the Art-A-Fair grounds. It also provides new public open space.

"After nearly 30 years of planning and public input, this project took only two years to complete the construction phase,"

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ABOVE AND RIGHT:

Laguna Beach announced the completion of the Village Entrance Project, which will enhance pedestrian safety, circulation, improved traffic flow and new public open space.

Photos by Roger Wilson



Coronavirus continues to claim O.C. nursing home patients

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Five of the six new coronavirus-related deaths announced in Orange County Friday were among nursing home patients, the county Health Care Agency said, further skewing the harshest impact of COVID-19 on the vulnerable population.

The death toll from the disease caused by the coronavirus is now 45 in skilled nursing facilities and 118 overall.

The healthcare agency also reported 108 new infections Friday and 1,052 additional tests over Thursday.

This brings Orange County to 4,941 known cases of COVID-19 and 93,906 total tests given. Daily updates are preliminary and subject to change as the county receives new information.

Reported hospitalizations were at 230 with 95 in intensive care across all 25 hospitals eligible to report coronavirus cases.

The overall positivity rate has hovered steadily around 5% since the county greatly expanded its network of public testing clinics in mid-April, according to health care agency data.

But with 30 deaths reported in the last three days, the COVID-19 toll has spiked by 34% in 72 hours.

At skilled nursing facilities, known COVID-19 deaths have increased by 23, doubling over the

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A WORKER

enters the Huntington Valley Healthcare Center in Huntington Beach on April 22. The facility is one of several in Orange County where residents have died of COVID-19.

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COMMENTARY: AN OPEN LETTER TO THE SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING PERMISSION FOR NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH SENIORS TO ATTEND COMMENCEMENT

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Protesters gather outside Newport Beach's Irvine Co. office, seek rent cancellations

BY ANDREW TURNER

Protesters took to the lawn outside of the Irvine Co. office building in Newport Beach on Friday to express their concerns about economic struggles they face regarding affordable housing.

The novel coronavirus pandemic has resulted in a loss of wages for many people not deemed to be part of the essential workforce.

A group called the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment organized a caravan of about 15 cars that made several trips around the building, honking horns and displaying signs that focused on two messages: "Cancel Rent" and "Make Them Pay."

About a dozen demonstrators took to the lawn in front of the building, some equipped with megaphones. Several read prepared statements, speaking to the hardship faced by low-income and middle-class families who do not feel financially secure.



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

ALLIANCE OF Californians for Community Empowerment members protest at Irvine Co. offices in Newport Beach as part of a #MakeThemPay day of action organized by activists in the #CancelRent movement.

Ivan Pulpolibri, an artist from the east side of Los Angeles, said the location of the protest was symbolic because the Irvine Co. is one of the

largest private real estate companies in Southern California.

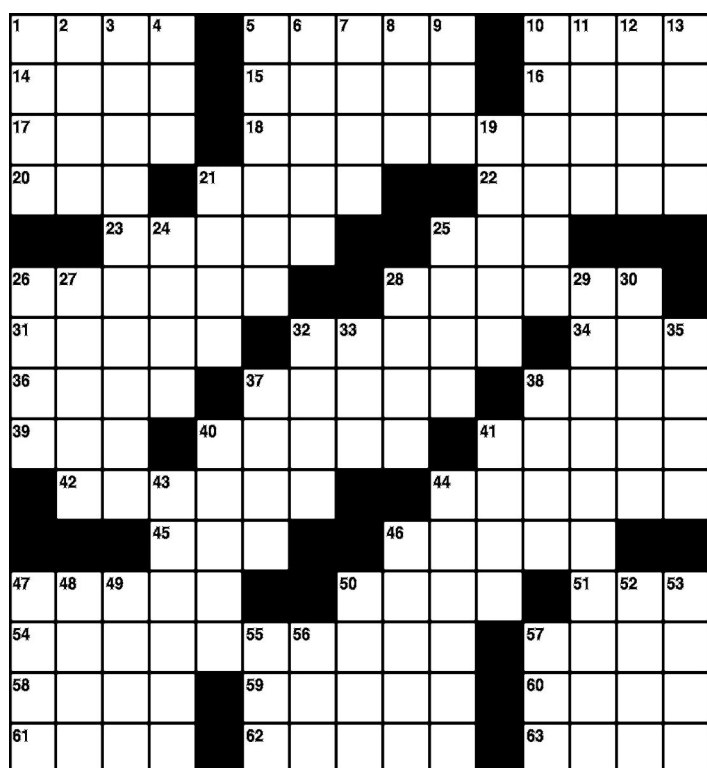
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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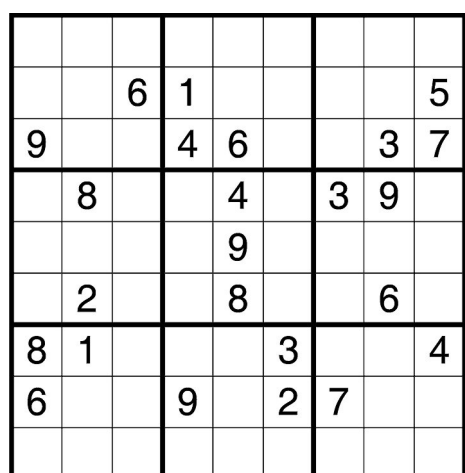
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 - 10 Artificial; counterfeit
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 - 15 Astaire's dancing sister
 - 16 Actor Rob _
 - 17 Traffic sign
 - 18 Rams' home
 - 20 19th letter
 - 21 Unwanted growth
 - 22 Pays attention to
 - 23 Steer clear of
 - 25 Gullible fool
 - 26 Appease
 - 28 Actor Ted
 - 31 Grown-up
 - 32 Amphitheater
 - 34 Girl's short haircut
 - 36 Cracker spread
 - 37 Move furtively
 - 38 Sheet of floating ice
 - 39 Long _; in the distant past
 - 40 Bookcase tier
 - 41 Armed robbery
 - 42 Prior to today
 - 44 Mournful hymns
 - 45 Fishing pole
 - 46 "Wheel of Fortune" personality
 - 47 Pulsate
 - 50 Fuzzy residue
 - 51 Heavy weight
 - 54 Willful; stubborn
 - 57 Slim to _; long odds
 - 58 Very strong desire
 - 59 1/16 of a pound
 - 60 Make tea
 - 61 Departs
 - 62 One of the 7 deadly sins
 - 63 Usually benign growth
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 - 12 Flabbergasted
 - 13 TV's "Bless This _"
 - 19 African nation
 - 21 Float on the breeze
 - 24 Contemptible
 - 25 Was unable to



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- adversary
- 4 Uncanny sense
- 5 Illness
- 6 Venerate
- 7 Eagerness
- 8 So. state
- 9 Cartoon dog
- 10 Gets some shut-eye
- 11 Donut's center
- 12 Flabbergasted
- 13 TV's "Bless This _"
- 19 African nation
- 21 Float on the breeze
- 24 Contemptible
- 25 Was unable to

- float
- 26 Piggyback ride giver
- 27 Old saying
- 28 Lacking 1 of the 5 senses
- 29 Mandatory; required
- 30 Adjustable loop
- 32 Once more
- 33 Cath. or Episc.
- 35 Plays the horses
- 37 Opposite of barefoot
- 38 Bouquet greenery
- 40 Hoity-toity folks
- 41 Suggestion
- 43 Crumbles over time
- 44 Hazard
- 46 Lombardi or Edwards
- 47 Hoodlum
- 48 Main character in a story
- 49 All the _; currently "in"
- 50 Yearn
- 52 Individuals
- 53 Mr. Gingrich
- 55 "Ode _ Nightingale"
- 56 Gallop
- 57 "Will & Grace" network

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Laguna looks to implement plan to aid local businesses

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Recommendations to implement the economic recovery and business development plan are coming before the Laguna Beach City Council on Tuesday, following swiftly on the heels of the plan's approval at their last meeting on May 12.

Up for the council's consideration Tuesday night are the waiving of temporary use permit fees and the delegation of authority to Community Development Director Marc Weiner to approve those permits for outdoor dining, displays and minor deviations on sign and banner standards through Sept. 7.

Council members will also consider postponing the conversion of Ocean Avenue to a one-way street until fall and approving and adopting a resolution that will allow for the proposed outdoor dining and entertainment on lower Forest Avenue.

Members will be looking at whether or not to adopt a \$145,703 contract with Coachella organizers Choura Events to implement "Promenade on Forest," the outdoor dining and entertainment program, by June 15.

NURSING

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three days.

At least eight Orange County nursing homes, including two in Huntington Beach, have recorded patient COVID-19 deaths throughout the pandemic, according to a state registry.

In line with the typical nursing home population, all of the latest fatalities were among seniors older than 65. By age range, all patients who have died were:



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SIGNS AT Laguna Beach's Violet Boutique are a reminder that some low-risk retailers were able to open for curbside pickups as part of the second phase of reopening California.

Other recommendations

The program is part of the business regulatory relief package the city approved to provide a space where residents can eat and interact safely while allowing restaurants available space to operate at sustainable levels.

Also up for discussion Tuesday night are additional recommendations from Mayor Pro Tem Steve Dicterow to city staff, which include development of a program that would allow for restaurants and businesses adjacent to public properties to utilize space for additional seating or merchandise.

Other recommendations

Dicterow made to city staff were to adopt a sliding scale for available exterior spaces that would be available to restaurants and businesses for additional exterior seating or displays, with the intent of reducing that space with each successive reopening stage; for businesses not adjacent to public properties to use private properties if arrangements can be made; the relaxation of existing sign code for additional signage opportunities; and the allowance of outdoor displays of merchandise if they do not block sidewalks.

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- 75 to 84: 35
- 65 to 74: 20
- 55 to 64: 15
- 45 to 54: 11
- 35 to 44: 4
- 34 and younger: 2

Here are the latest case counts for select cities, with numbers per 10,000 residents:

- Santa Ana: 885 (26.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Anaheim: 770 (21.4 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Huntington Beach: 310 (15.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Irvine: 166 (5.9 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Newport Beach: 137 (15.7 cases per 10,000 residents)

- Costa Mesa: 89 (7.7 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Fountain Valley: 52 (9.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Laguna Beach: 44 (18.8 cases per 10,000 residents)

Updated figures are posted daily at ocovid19.chealthinfo.com/corona-virus-in-oc.

For information on getting tested at one of the nearly two dozen public clinics around the county, visit ocovid19.chealth1info.com/covid-19-testing-and-screening.

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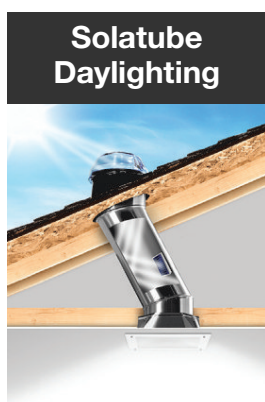
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COMMENTARY | RILEY DECINCES

An open letter to the school board seeking permission for Newport Harbor seniors to attend commencement

We wanted to take this opportunity to reach out and explain our side of this debacle in a way that can help you understand the difficulties that we as seniors have been going through.

For the past few months, our city, country and the entire world have been put on halt to socially distance citizens and protect them from this dangerous, and in many cases deadly, virus.

We have all joined together as a community in order to continue our education while still maintaining distanced guidelines and a positive attitude.

To put it plainly, we seniors are devastated during these times. Our hearts go out to everyone who has been affected either directly or adjacently and it is important that we consider this as we bring these comments to your attention.

With all of this being said, we seniors still have a few concerns and ideas that we would like to bring up.

Our main concern involves the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. We understand that it is important to stay safe during these times, however, we are struggling to see our concerns being acknowledged.

With the voicemail boxes of the district being full and the num-



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

GRADUATES TOSS their caps in the air during Newport Harbor's 2014 commencement ceremony.

bers being changed, it is nearly impossible for us to be heard. We want them to take into consideration that we seniors have worked for four years, if not more, in order to be able to close the door on this chapter of our lives while still feeling a sense of closure and pride.

When I say that we are saddened by the district's choice to cancel an in-person graduation altogether, I believe that I am speaking for all high school and college seniors across the nation.

Because of this, we would like to propose some alternative routes to go about the situation at hand. We understand and acknowledge that nothing about this time is normal, and we hope that these suggestions are able to open your eyes to new ideas that would be safe as well as would offer closure to the senior class.

After long discussions, we feel that a socially distanced graduation ceremony should not be out of the picture. With about a month until the date of our origi-

nal graduation, we find it frustrating that any and all alternative ceremonies have been shut down.

This proposed ceremony would involve chairs on the field, moved 6 feet apart, of course, and no family members or spectators in the stands.

We don't feel that this is asking too much due to the fact that we have lost our prom, grad night and so many other milestones that we were supposed to experience.

This proposed idea could even involve every student providing their own chair; we would all be willing to make these accommodations in order to have a ceremony of this sort. We need no hand-shaking, no hugging and no spectators.

We want this not because we want to show our parents that we made it, but rather because we want to sit on Davidson Field and be able to experience the feeling of closure that comes with a graduation ceremony run by Principal Sean Boulton himself. We know that every school in our district must have the same guidelines for graduation and we all feel that this is feasible for each of the high schools in our area.

To close, we would like to reiterate our understanding that you are trying hard to make the best decision for our community and students. We understand that you have experienced a number of angry parents breathing down your necks, but we only hope for the opportunity to be acknowledged and heard.

Coming directly from senior students, we sincerely hope that you can take all of these concerns and reconsider the decision that has already been made. We are encouraged knowing the credentials of those sitting on our school board, and we hope that they can use their knowledge and understanding to allow us to experience an in-person graduation while still staying safe and responsible.

RILEY DECINCES is a member of the 2020 senior class at Newport Harbor High School.



Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

SECURITY GUARDS look on as the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment members protest on Friday at the Irvine Co. offices in Newport Beach.



PROTESTERS PARTICIPATE in a car rally near the Irvine Co. offices. Activists want landlords to stop collecting rent, mortgages and utility fees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROTEST

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"This is one of the companies that is in the process of displacing people," Pulpolibri said.

Protesters called on Gov. Gavin Newsom and Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, by name to create legislation that would put a halt to the collection of rent and mortgage payments, as well as utility fees, until the end of the pandemic.

Sergio Vargas, 28, of Los Angeles, a lead organizer for the alliance, said the group named key members of the Democratic Party in its call to action because "the Democrats are supposed to be the party of the working-class people."

"We're calling on politicians, Nancy Pelosi, we're calling on Gov. Gavin Newsom, on our council members, supervisors for them to implement laws to make these corporations pay for the cancellation of rent and mortgages during the crisis of COVID-19," Vargas added.

Vargas noted the high unemployment rate among Los Angeles residents. He said he was passionate about the cause because he has seen families decimated by their inability to find affordable

housing. Maria Morales, 28, of south Los Angeles, Vargas' girlfriend and a mother to a 2-month-old son, is on maternity leave, but the coronavirus has hit close to home for her.

"I have immediate family that's being affected by this crisis," Morales said. "They're not able to pay their rent. They don't receive unemployment. They don't qualify for unemployment, so they're scrambling for these resources."

"They're [choosing] between, 'Do I pay my rent?' or 'Do I buy food for my children?' I'm here to support them in solidarity. I've been fortunate enough to have my job still, to have my partner who is helping me, but there's other people like my family, friends who [do not] have that choice."

Guadalupe Ortiz is a homeowner and landlord. Those she rents to have lost their jobs, and with her husband out of work for six weeks, she cannot make her mortgage payment.

"We understand this crisis is not just now," Ortiz said with Vargas acting as interpreter. "As soon as the shelter-in-place [order] is lifted, there's going to be a lot of foreclosures, there's going to be a lot of wealthy corporations like [the] Irvine [Co.]

who are going to come in and try to buy every single house they can. We cannot let this happen."

The Irvine Co. declined to comment on the protest.

In a statement released by the California Apartment Assn. on May 1, Tom Bannon, the chief executive officer of the CAA, condemned threatened rent strikes that tenant-advocacy groups were attempting to organize in the state.

"Choosing not to pay the rent causes a serious chain reaction that goes well beyond the renter and landlord," Bannon said in the release. "When rent is not paid, rental property owners may find themselves unable to cover their own bills, including their mortgage, utilities, property upkeep, and if they have employees, their payroll. If a landlord's employees aren't paid, how are those workers going to feed their families or pay their

own rent?"

Bannon made a distinction between rent strikers and those who could not pay rent due to financial hardships brought on by COVID-19. The statement said that renters who fall into the latter category should explain their situation to their landlord, and the CAA also urged property owners to have patience and compassion when dealing with tenants impacted by the pandemic.

The CAA does have safe-at-home guidelines in place, which Bannon said will be extended through June 30. They include freezing rent, halting the eviction of renters affected by COVID-19 and waiving late fees for renters who pay rent after the due date because the pandemic has affected their ability to do so.

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PROJECT

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Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen said Friday. "The Village Entrance project will be a project that lives in our community and is enjoyed by generations for decades to come."

Discussion on the project often grew contentious, with residents, local organizations and council members hotly debating what the Village Entrance should look like, if the sewer digester should be preserved, what public art should be displayed there and

whether or not there should be a parking structure.

In 2013, the Daily Pilot reported that \$1 million had been spent over 18 years on studies and designs as it related to the Village Entrance project.

Included in the updates were renovations to parking lots, installation of decorative fencing along the drainage channel, the addition of electric vehicle charging stations, demolition of the aging marine safety and police support buildings and subsequent construction of replacement buildings.

"The project's new

bridges, wider multi-use trails and paved access roads improve pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety at one of the busiest and most visible intersections in town," Assistant City Manager Shohreh Dupuis said.

Wide multi-use trails were also added to create a pedestrian-friendly environment that includes bicycle racks and seating. Extensive landscaping was also done in the area, which included the planting of 75 new trees, 3,250 shrubs and placement of 50 flats of ground cover.

"The Village Entrance project's new pedestrian

walkways, benches, bike racks and beautifully landscaped green spaces create a first impression to the city of Laguna Beach that we can all be proud of," Whalen said in a statement.

"And at a time when outdoor activity is so important to our community, this project's completion comes at the perfect moment," he added.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in. Words include: NOPE, OURS, STOP, ESS, PACIFY, ADULT, PATE, AGO, ERENOW, THROB, HEADURGE, GOES, MAZAR, ADELE, LOS, WART, EVADE, SNEAK, SHELF, OUNCE, ANGER, SHAM, LOWE, HEELS, SAP, DANSON, BOB, FLOE, HEIST, DIRGES, VANNA, TON, NONE, BREW, CYST.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in. The grid is a 9x9 square with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Obituary for Jane (Wiesen) Abrams, May 5, 2020. Includes a portrait of Jane and text describing her life, family, and passing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, June 04, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Newport Airport Village – the applications listed below would allow for the redevelopment of approximately 16.46 acres of the northerly portion of the Campus Tract to create a new mixed-use commercial and residential development. The site is located near at the corner of MacArthur Blvd. and Birch St. in the Airport Area of the City. The site is currently allowed a maximum development of 358,498 square feet of nonresidential uses by the General Plan and Zoning Code. If approved, the requested applications would reduce nonresidential uses to 297,572 square feet and accommodate up to 444 dwelling units on about a 7.14 acre portion of the project site that is not subjected to excessive noise or within a JWA safety zone that would prohibit residential development.

The applicant, requests approval of the following legislative applications from the City of Newport Beach:

- General Plan Amendment** – To designate the site as an Anomaly on Table LU2 – Anomaly Locations of the Land Use Element to change the land use category from AO (Airport Office and Supporting Uses) to MU-H2 (Mixed Use Horizontal). The proposed amendment includes no additional dwelling units in beyond those currently allowed by the MU-H2 land use category of the General Plan. The amendment would allow up to 329 base units that are already allowed by the General Plan and up to 115 additional dwelling units would be allowed pursuant to State density bonus law provided affordable housing units are constructed.
- Zoning Code Amendment** – To change the zoning district of the project site from OA (Office Airport) to PC (Newport Airport Village Planned Community).
- Planned Community Development Plan** – To adopt the Newport Airport Village Planned Community Development Plan (PCDP) that will include development and design regulations to allow for mixed-use development with residential dwelling units, office, retail and other commercial development and uses.
- Development Agreement** – Review of a proposed development agreement that would provide certain rights to develop the project consistent with the PCDP in exchange for negotiated public benefits.

The applications listed would not authorize a specific development project at this time. The legislative actions would only establish the policies and regulations that a future project proponent would need to follow.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City has prepared the Newport Airport Village EIR addendum to the previously certified General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report SCH# 2006011119 and Land Use Element Amendment Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, SCH#201310164. To address reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts resulting from the legislative amendment requests, the City has determined that an addendum to two previously certified EIRs is warranted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Once completed, the document will be made available at the Planning Division and may also be accessed online at: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa>

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by **Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission, by end of business day on **Friday, May 29, 2020**. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at (949-644-3200 or CD@newportbeachca.gov) and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item, please contact Gregg Ramirez, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3219 or gramirez@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File: PA2014-225
Activity: GP2014-004, CA2014-009, DA2014-003, PC2020-002, and ER2020-002

Zone: OA (Office Airport)
General Plan: AO (Airport Office and Supporting Uses)

Location: Northerly portion of the Campus Tract, generally bounded Birch Street, Campus Drive, MacArthur Blvd. and the extension of Corinthian Way
Applicant: Saunders Property Company

Lee Lowrey, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

Legal Notices

Legal Notices

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:

The Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Costa Mesa will be considered for adoption at this meeting.

Public Comments:
Zoom Webinar: Information to sign in will be provided on the agenda.

Members of the public who wish to make a comment may submit your public comment via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Clerk that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov. Please note that records submitted by the public will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. Kindly submit to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.** If you should need further assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.** Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
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The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a virtual Public Meeting to consider the: **Appeal of the approval of Design Review 19-3662, Revocable Encroachment Permit 19-3663, and Categorical Exemption for modifications to a prior approval including a swimming pool, spa, retaining walls, fencing, and landscaping in the R-1 (Residential Low Density) zone at 31561 Mar Vista Avenue. A revocable encroachment permit was approved to install revised hardscaping, irrigation, and lighting within the unimproved portion of the public right of way.** Adjacent property owners have appealed the decision of the Design Review Board to approve the project. They have expressed concerns regarding (1) potential physical, visual, and noise impacts, (2) adherence to design review conditional approval relating to landscaping required to screen the prior project, (3) compatibility with the neighborhood character and description of South Laguna in the 2018 Landscape and Scenic Highways resource document, and (4) the design review condition to require landscaping to grow to a specific height to screen the property is not enforceable and the landscaping does not mitigate noise impacts. SAID PUBLIC MEETING to be held **Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** For additional information, contact City staff: **Evan Jedynak, Associate Planner (949) 464-6632 or ejedynak@lagunabeachcity.net** and/or the appellants: **Bill Deline and Jim Perry (949) 230-9532 or JPerry8578@aol.com**. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application and the appeal to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). **At this time, the City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. However, comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, or in writing prior to the hearing, when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Procedures for participating in the virtual meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda.** If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Meeting. It is proposed that the requested project be determined exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Section 15303, Class 3(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk

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The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a virtual Public Meeting to consider the: **Appeal of the approval of Design Review 19-5028, Coastal Development Permit 19-5029, Revocable Encroachment Permit 19-5030, and Categorical Exemption for the demolition of the existing single-family dwelling/garage and construction of a new 3,392 square-foot single-family dwelling with an attached 441 square-foot two-car garage in the Diamond/Crestview Specific Plan area at 705 Gainsborough Place. Design review is required for the new structure, elevated decks (484 square feet), skylights, grading, retaining walls, landscaping/fuel modification, and construction within an environmentally sensitive area due to the proximity of an open space preserve.** The adjacent property owners have appealed the decision of the Design Review Board to approve the project. They have expressed concerns regarding (1) the location of the fire hydrant and water supply line, (2) the removal of trees and other vegetation on the slope, and (3) the asserted discrepancy of materials represented on the elevations shown at the hearing versus the actual proposed materials. SAID PUBLIC MEETING to be held **Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** For additional information, contact City staff: **Melinda Dacey, Associate Planner (949) 497-0325 or mpacey@lagunabeachcity.net** and/or the appellant: **Bill and Meredith Carroll (713) 703-7150.** You may also communicate comments about the proposed application and the appeal to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). **At this time, the City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. However, comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, or in writing prior to the hearing, when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Procedures for participating in the virtual meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda.** If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Meeting. It is proposed that the requested project be determined exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Section 15303, Class 3(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Lisette Chel-Walker, CMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following item:

Pursuant to Article XIII B the California Constitution, the Appropriations Limit for the City of Costa Mesa for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 has been calculated to be \$254,875,073. The documentation used in determining the City of Costa Mesa's Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is available from the Office of the Director of Finance at (714) 754-5243 or email angela.madsen@costamesaca.gov to obtain documentation.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, at the above time and place, all interested persons may be heard by the City Council on the above item and that all oral and written communication will be considered.

Public Comments:
Zoom Webinar: Information to sign in will be provided on the agenda.

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SIGNS ATTACHED to a fence at Newport Harbor High School read "Let Us Walk" and "13 Years for Nothing."

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onto the track, we just want that experience of truly graduating."

Kristen Hatfield, another parent at Newport Harbor, said she was disappointed to hear about the graduation going online because she and other parents had heard it was the last option.

"More than anything, I wanted [my son] and his friends — and all of the seniors — to be able to set foot on campus, one last time, and celebrate with their friends, on a sunny day wearing their caps and gowns. Not at home watching it on their phones," Hatfield said.

"It sounded like a link to the video they were sending us, which is even worse if we were all on Zoom," she said.

Corona del Mar senior Nik Darrrough said he understood why they couldn't have an in-person graduation, but that it "sucks not to ... [but] it's important that we do what's best for everyone."

Sunny Beeker, a parent of a graduating senior at Newport Harbor, said she sent two letters to district Supt. Fred Navarro raising concerns about why the decision was made a month before the actual graduation ceremony and why commencement could not be delayed until later in the summer.

"We are making a last ditch, Hail Mary, appeal for [the district] to reconsider your decision in the name of keeping it safer for our children, while making them feel that everything was truly considered. We have a month," Beeker wrote.

"A lot can change in a month," she said.

"We have come too far to not be celebrated in a way where I can graduate on the field with my buddies, classmates and peers," Brahm Duncan, a senior at Newport Harbor, said.

"Us 2020 graduates care more about just having the memory of tossing our caps up in the air with those we grew up with than we do about making sure the parents [and] grandparents are in the stadium," Duncan said. "We don't care how spread out we are on the field or even

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