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# Suits filed against Ovation Fertility

Complaints allege an employee mistake led to the death of embryos at the company's location in Newport Beach.

# BY LILLY NGUYEN

Two lawsuits were filed Thursday in Orange County Superior Court against Tennessee-based Ovation Fertility for the loss of the plaintiffs' embryos at the company's Newport Beach location in January, when an employee mistakenly used hydrogen peroxide instead of a sterile solution to clean the incubator that stored them.

That action is alleged to have led to the deaths of those embryos, which were later transferred to the plaintiffs.

The complaints, filed by attorneys Adam Wolf and Melisa Rosadini-Knott, accuse the company of negligence in its hiring and supervision, fraud and concealment, and medical battery in ad-

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# Crews clean up flooded Bayside Drive



**DREPUNG GOMANG** monks delicately work on a colorful world peace mandala at the Sawdust Festival during their visit to Laguna Beach on Friday. The visit, their first to Laguna since 2019, concludes Sunday.

# Visiting monks remind Laguna of impermanence

S even monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery arrived in Laguna Beach last weekend, and a week of work began taking shape.

Returning to the coastal community for the first time since 2019, their daily tasks have included the beautiful and precise work to create a world peace mandala at the Sawdust Art Festival.

Those who visited the Healy House on the festival grounds on Friday afternoon were



## Utilities crews were concerned a 30-inch city water pipe had burst, but a smaller, private pipe was the culprit.

#### **BY SUSAN HOFFMAN**

Newport Beach motorists found themselves navigating cautiously for a couple of days this week along Bayside Drive near East Coast Highway after a water pipe that belongs to Bayside Village Mobile Home Park broke, flooding the road.

Driving through muddy water, around big holes and over steel plates at the entrance to the Bayside Village community was concerning to some.

"I didn't know what was going on when I was stopped at the light and saw the whole surface dug out right next to me," said Bayside Village resident Diana Ensley. "I said to myself, 'Oh my God, there's a city beneath the

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treated to a mandala whose interior ring already depicted symbols of various faiths, religions and spiritualities.

An outer ring was being filled with auspicious symbols, making reference to qualities such as fearlessness, purification, virtue and wisdom.

"I think what I get from them is this is what I want in my own life," said Pam Wicks, an organizer of the monks' visit for a Tiebetan Sacred Art Tour. "They have a presence that is peaceful, it's wise, it's loving, it's spontaneous and fun, and very centered. They just live life in the present moment."

Unrecognizable without the artist booths generally seen spread throughout the grounds, the property currently features various activities inspired by the visitation of the monks.

A circular labyrinth invites those who enter it to reach a lotus flower at its center. Four signs placed around it could be mistaken for cardinal directions on a compass. The indiA DREPUNG GOMANG monk finishes a walk around the labyrinth path made in honor of their visit.

vidual words appearing on the respective signs are compassion, mindfulness, patience and silence.

Leigh Sauser, a 50-year resident of Laguna Beach, said she attended an event Monday at which the monks appeared. Her experience was a positive one, and she was back on Friday, looking on in admiration as the visitors continued their work on the mandala.

"There was this amazing chanting," Sauser said of the Monday event. "It just felt so good. I've been in a little bit of a funk, and the next day, I felt better, and the next day, I felt like my old self. It was a real significant physical change, and it was just [from] listening to the chanting.

"I can't say it's transformative, but I can say that since I have been coming, I'm really transfixed, and so I feel so honored to be here."

The mandala is being created with colored sand, chakpur (traditional tools for Tibetan sand painting), pencils and protractors. A work created with such care would be hard to let go, but the monks will sweep it up in a dissolution ceremony upon completion on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"I think Westerners have a hard time with that because what they're teaching us is that everything is impermanent, the ephemeral nature of being," Wicks said. "The thing about Buddhism that really is one of the basic teachings is that what causes suffering is attachment.

"They're teaching us that everything passes away. Therefore, if that's so, then you work on becoming present, ... working on your mind."

— Andrew Turner



Gregg Smith | Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

**THE GUIDED-MISSILE** destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) prepares to moor at a new ammunition pier at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach on April 9.

# With ammunition pier, Navy can help surge warships to hot spots

#### **BY DANIEL LANGHORNE**

A U.S. Navy destroyer recently sailed into Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, becoming the first warship to dock at a new \$154million ammunition pier that would fill a key role in future conflict over controlling the Pacific Ocean.

Guided-missile destroyer Paul Hamilton crew members arrived in Seal Beach on April 9 to unload ordnance on their way home to San Diego, Navy spokesman Gregg Smith said. The landmark visit essentially decommissioned the base's World War II-era pier.

Capt. Jessica O'Brien, commanding officer of Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, first visited the base in 1999 on her first ship while stationed out of San Diego.

"To be the lucky commanding officer that gets to see this wonderful project come to completion, it's very humbling and it just makes me really proud to still be in the Navy and doing what I do," O'Brien said.

After the last pier segment is completed this summer, two destroyers will simultaneously dock in Seal Beach for the first time. An 844-foot-long amphibious assault ship, capable of launching the F-35B Lightning II and carrying over 2,900 sailors and Marines, could also make the first port call

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# FLOODED

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ground that we're sitting on?""

Mark Vukojevic, utilities director for the city of Newport Beach, said his office received the first call about the incident at around 8 a.m. Wednesday, after a member of his staff noticed flooding on Bayside Drive.

"Initially we thought it was one of our biggest 30-inch water pipes causing the pressure," said Vukojevic. "We dug and followed the water 20 feet away from where we started digging and found the 6-inch pipe that was not on our radar or any of our

#### plans."

Crews began working Wednesday and continued until repairs were made by midnight Thursday.

<sup>"</sup>It was one of those things that we originally thought was our pipe and believed that we should not walk away [from]. We did the right thing by fixing the pipe and getting water back on to the residents," explained Vukojevic, who noted it wasn't a typical scenario.

"It was a strange situation, and we were really concerned about the north side of Bayside Drive, where two of our arterial water mains intersect," said water supervisor Steffen Catron. "After investigating the line for leaks, we

determined that the 6-inch water line runs from one side of Bayside Village to the other, which is a private line." Catron added that the Bayside Village water line was positioned directly behind the city line.

By Friday, Newport Beach utility crews had moved into the street repair phase. "Most of the water that came up created a bulge on the asphalt along with the digging in a different direction," explained Vukojevic. "We will backfill holes including closing up where we installed steel plates, which are safety issues."

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.



Courtesy of Mark Vukojevic

NEWPORT BEACH'S utilities crew dug a deep hole in search of the water main break on Bayside Drive.

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#### **AVISO PUBLICO**

AVISO DE PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS DE 30 DÍAS Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA QUE SE REALIZARÁ POR LA CIUDAD DE COSTA MESA SOBRE LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL 2024-2025

SE DA AVISO QUE el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa llevará a cabo un período de comentarios públicos y una audiencia pública para el Plan de Acción Anual 2024-2025, en conformidad con las regulaciones federales (24 CFR 91).

Como receptora de fondos federales de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) y de Programa de Colaboración de Inversiones (HOME), la Ciudad debe preparar un Plan Consolidado cada cinco años. También se requiere que la Ciudad actualice el Plan de Acción relacionado anualmente. El Plan Consolidado es un plan estratégico de cinco años que identifica las necesidades de vivienda y de la comunidad; y estrategias, programas y recursos para abordar estas necesidades. El Plan de Acción delinea las actividades que serán financiadas anualmente bajo los programas CDBG y HOME consistentes con el Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años. La Ciudad adoptó su Plan Consolidado 2020 - 2025 el 19 de mayo de 2020. La Ciudad ha preparado su Plan de Acción Anual 2024-2025, que ahora está disponible para revisión pública.

#### Período de Comentarios Públicos de 30 días

Se requiere que la Ciudad haga un borrador del Plan de Acción Anual disponible para revisión pública 30 / arido de a



A U.S. NAVY security boat crew stands watch for intruders in Anaheim Bay on April 12.

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this fall, O'Brien said.

"A ship like that brings a lot more sailors and if they have Marines embarked that's a whole other level of support and coordination that we'll need to do with the city of Seal Beach and Seal Beach Police Department that we have good relations with and we'll have good communications leading up to that," O'Brien said.

Navy officials have been working on the ammunition pier project plans for over a decade. Since breaking ground in December 2019, contractors dredged over 700,000 cubic yards from Anaheim Bay, poured more than 16,300 cubic yards of concrete and will have driven over 900 steel piles into bedrock.

"I could not be prouder

here for two years so there's a lot of people who have invested their careers in seeing this project come to completion."

Considering the next closest Naval Weapons Station is in Washington, over 1,000 miles from the U.S. Pacific Fleet's hub in San Diego, the new ammunition pier raises Seal Beach's strategic importance for the Navy.

Big deck ships that once had to anchor off Camp Pendleton to have arsenals of missiles carried in by helicopters can now sail into Anaheim Bay, saving the military fuel and time.

Since Huntington Harbour was developed in the 1960s, civilian boats have passed through the Navy's jurisdiction while entering and exiting the harbor. Navy security forces would close the harbor while warships arrived or departed the ammunition pier.

Navy operations. Base officials are still running a public relations campaign to educate boaters about the harbor's reconfiguration.

"That's been a game changer because it's allowed us a better security posture, better safety and everything that I have heard from the local boaters is that they like it better too," O'Brien said.

Developing the new pier has been a years-long process, and it's reassuring to see it finally coming to fruition, said Dean Grose, chairman of the Regional Military Affairs Committee, a group of civilian volunteers supporting service members in Seal Beach and Los Alamitos.

"It will be very beneficial to the military and beneficial to Seal Beach and the surrounding communities because Navy personnel will be able to get off ships and go into town to patronize businesses," Grose said.

2024 y finalizará el 20 de mayo de 2024. El borrador del Plan de Acción Anual 2024-2025 estará disponible para revisión pública en el mostrador público en Costa Mesa City Hall, segundo piso: 77 Fair Drive. Costa Mesa, CA. El Ayuntamiento está abierto de lunes a jueves y viernes alternativos, de 8 am a 5pm. El borrador también se publicará en el sitio web de la Ciudad :https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/citydepartments/development-services/housing-and-community-development. Los comentarios por escrito sobre el borrador del plan de acción deben enviarse a la atención de Mikelle Daily, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 o por correo electrónico a HCD@costamesaca.gov. Todos los comentarios escritos deben ser recibidos por la Ciudad a más tardar las 12 del mediodía el 21 de mayo de 2024.

#### Plan de Acción Anual 2024-2025

Todavía no se ha anunciado los fondos del HUD para el año fiscal 2024-2025. Sin embargo, para fines de planificación, la Ciudad anticipa recibir una asignación de \$1,010,506 en fondos CDBG y \$407,408 en fondos HOME para el año fiscal 2024-2025 basado en la asignación del año pasado e información preliminar sobre el Presupuesto Federal 2024 aprobado. Además, \$187,000 en fondos CDBG no comprometidos del año anterior, \$30,900 en fondos de ingresos del programa CDBG, y \$108,670 en fondos de ingresos del programa HOME, \$54,702 en fondos administrativos no utilizados del año anterior de HOME están disponibles para programación. Las cantidades totales a continuación reflejan los fondos del año anterior potencialmente disponibles y las asignaciones de fondos CDBG y HOME para el año fiscal 2024-2025. Los fondos realmente disponibles pueden ser menos y se reflejarán en el Plan de Acción final. El uso propuesto de los fondos CDBG y HOME incluye lo siguiente:

#### Actividad Propuesta de CDBG

<ul> <li>Servicios Públicos para personas de bajos ingresos</li> </ul>	\$ 151,575
<ul> <li>Cumplimiento de códigos de vivienda y construcción en áreas elegibles</li> </ul>	\$ 385,000
Administración de rehabilitación de viviendas	\$ 50,000
<ul> <li>Mejoras en la infraestructura y las instalaciones públicas</li> </ul>	\$ 439,730
Administración del programa	<u>\$ 202,101</u> Total - <b>\$1,228,406</b>
Actividad Propuesta de HOME Programa de rehabilitación de viviendas unifamiliares Vivienda Asequible/Organización de Desarrollo de Vivienda Comunitaria (CHDO)	\$ 264,226 \$ 61,111
Asistencia de Alquiler Basada en Inquilinos (TBRA) Administración del programa	\$ 150,000 <u>\$ 95,443</u> Total - <b>\$ 570,780</b>

De acuerdo con las directrices del HUD, una vez que el HUD anuncie las concesiones de CDBG y HOME para el año fiscal 2024-2025, la ciudad ajustará proporcionalmente los fondos para las actividades enumeradas anteriormente con el fin de igualar las concesiones finales, o según lo indique el Concejo **Municipal** 

#### Audiencia Pública

Se requiere que la Ciudad facilite una audiencia pública sobre el Plan de Acción Anual 2024-2025. SE DA AVISO que el Concejo Municipal de Costa Mesa llevará a cabo una audiencia pública en su junta regular el martes, 21 de mayo de 2024, a las 7:00 p.m. o tan pronto como sea posible después, en el ayuntamiento de Costa Mesa, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

#### Comentarios Públicos:

Los miembros del público que desean participar en la junta podrán encontrar las instrucciones en la agenda. También podrán enviar sus comentarios por correo electrónico a la Secretaria de la Ciudad a cityclerk@costamesaca.gov donde se proporcionarán al Concejo Municipal, se pondrán a disposición del público y serán parte del registro. Cualquier comunicación escrita, fotografía u otro material para copiar y distribuir al Concejo Municipal que tenga 10 páginas o menos, puede enviarse por correo electrónico a cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, enviarse a la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad. Por favor envíe materiales a la Secretaria de la Ciudad. LO ANTES POSIBLE, PERO NO MÁS TARDE DE LAS 12:00 pm el día de la audiencia, 21 de mayo de 2024. Todos los materiales, fotografías, PowerPoint y videos enviados para su exhibición en una reunión pública deben ser revisados previamente por el personal para verificar su idoneidad para el público en general. No se aceptarán enlaces a videos de YouTube u otros servicios de transmisión, se deberá enviar un archivo de video directo al personal antes de cada reunión para minimizar las complicaciones y reproducir el video sin demora. El video debe tener uno de los siguientes formatos, .mp4, .mov o .wmv. Solo se puede incluir un archivo por orador para comentarios públicos. Tenga en cuenta que los materiales enviados por el público que se consideren apropiados para el público en general no se redactarán de ninguna manera y se publicarán en línea tal como se envíen, incluida la información de contacto personal. Para obtener ayuda, comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad al (714) 754-5225. La agenda del Ayuntamiento y los documentos relacionados también se pueden ver en el sitio web de la Ciudad en http://costamesaca.gov, 72 horas antes de la fecha de la audiencia pública. SÍ LA ACCIÓN MENCIONADA ANTERIORMENTE SE RECHAZA EN LA CORTE, la impugnación puede limitarse solo a los asuntos planteados en la audiencia pública descrita en el aviso, o en la correspondencia escrita entregada al Concejo Municipal en la audiencia pública o antes de ella.

Brenda Green, Secretaria Municipal, Ciudad de Costa Mesa Publicado: 20 de abril de 2024

of the work that people have done well before my time," O'Brien said. "I've only been in command

In 2021, the Navy finished a new civilian boat channel and causeway that separates pleasure craft from

Daniel Langhorne is a contributor to the Daily Pilot.

#### **THE DAILY** COMMUTER PUZZLE

*By Jacqueline* E. Mathews ACROSS 1 Exactly right: 2 wds. 7 Go for with gusto: 2 wds. 13 Traveling, as a band: 2 wds. 14 Mythical character who opened a box

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## **AROUND TOWN**

# Cleanup planned at the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel

To mark this year's Earth Day, a two-hour cleanup will be held today at the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel entrance at the corner of Mesa Drive and Irvine Avenue in Costa Mesa. Volunteers are encouraged to help out.

The event organized by OC Coastkeeper and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Parking will be available on Mesa Drive or Anniversary Lane behind the channel.

# Women's Democratic Club to meet April 25

The OASIS Senior Center in Corona del Mar will be the venue on Thursday, April 25, when the Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club will hold its monthly in-person meeting. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for networking; the speakers' program starts at 6 p.m.

This month's program will focus on the trends of racism and freedom of speech restrictions as a nation and in local communities. Featured guest speakers are Don Schwartz, retired professor of history at CSU Long Beach and Huntington Beach City Councilwoman Natalie Moser.

Although admission is free, registration is required. Visit NBWDC.org to register.

# Foundation offers 2 CdM students fellowship

Newport Beach students Preston Kousoulas, 17, and Evan Razmjoo, 16, both of whom attend Corona Del Mar High School, have been welcomed as members of the 2024 Fellowship of the Orange Class County-based Dragon Kim Foundation.

The nonprofit is a social entrepreneurship incubator for high school youth. Kousoulas and Razmjoo will be given three weekends of leadership training and up to \$5,000 from the foundation to implement a social service project in the



Susan Hoffman

A TWO-HOUR CLEANUP will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel, beginning at 9 a.m. Above, the area is shown cluttered with debris after rains in 2023.

community this summer.

The duo plan to launch "CodeQuest Kids," a project driven by their passion for coding that aims to equip underserved children with an introduction to coding skills. By conducting coding boot camps they will introduce students in grades six through eight to the world of programming and teach them to craft their own 2D video games.

fellowship The was founded in 2015 in honor of the late Dragon Kim, a talented young musician, athlete and scholar who wanted to help others through positive change. To learn more, visit dragon kimfoundation.org.

# New GM for Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach

The Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa announced Thursday the appointment of Jon Benson as its new general manager.

Benson, who once served as the property's director of food and beverage, is returning to oversee operations of the 519-room resort. He has been with Hyatt for more than 35 years, most recently as general manger of its Hana-Maui Resort.

"I could not be more thrilled to rejoin the team at Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach," Benson stated in a news release announcing his appointment. "This property has always held a very significant personal and professional importance to me and my family, and I am honored to have

been selected to usher in a new era of success for this beloved hotel."

# Spring Garden and Outdoor Living Tour set

Tickets are on sale now for the Rossmoor Woman's Club's 20th annual Spring Garden and Outdoor Living

#### **CROSSWORD ANSWERS**



Tour, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Sunday, May 19. The fundraiser will feature six Rossmoor homes, two elementary schools, floral demonstrations, a plant sale, raffle and more. One of the featured gar-

dens, a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat, is inspired by the owner's antiques collections as well as her pilgrimage to the famous Camino de Santiago in Europe. Another home employs murals, plants and statuary in homage to its owner's late spouse and in appreciation of friends and family who have helped her through her grief.

Other gardens on the tour feature amenities such as pools, bars and barbecue areas for family-oriented entertainers, a putting green and a hot tub for retirees seeking low-maintenance. The tour this year also includes vegetable and herb gardens tended by pupils at Richard Henry Lee and Rossmoor elementary schools under the auspices of the Orange County Mas-

ter Gardeners Program.

The self-guided tour includes an outdoor marketplace at Arbor Village. Tickets, which contain addresses and a map to all the homes, are \$20 per person. They may be purchased in advance from any club member, from a selection of local merchants or on the club website, rossmoor womansclub.org.

# Spring Garden Art Fair on tap before Mother's Day

Sherman Library & Gardens' Volunteer Assn. is hosting the Spring Garden Art Faire on Saturday, May 11.

The event, which will feature the sounds of harp music performed by members of the Orange County Harp Troupe, showcases not only the garden in its

spring glory but themed artwork in a wide variety of media.

The Sherman's volunteer group that's known as the Sowers will present one-ofa-kind spring items for people and pets, with 100% of proceeds benefiting Sherman Library & Gardens. Children can create a birdhouse at the craft table and make a Mother's Day card to take home.

Instructor-led classes will feature spring-themed throughout the projects day, and the horticulture staff will help interested guests create a bouquet for purchase.

The event is free with garden admission, which is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Sherman Library & Gardens is located at 2647 E. Coast Hwy. in Corona del Mar.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Costa Mesa City Council will hold a public comment period and

# SUITS

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dition to a number of other charges.

The names of the plaintiffs in the lawsuits have been withheld, but they were identified by the attorneys as residents of Orange County. One couple, identified only as A.B. and C.D. in the documents, lost two viable embryos. Another, identified as E.F. and G.H., lost their sole embryo. Both were created in April 2023, though egg retrievals occurred at separate intervals for each couple respectively.

"Ovation Fertility is not by any means a tiny or unsophisticated shop," Wolf said during an online news conference prior to the filings. "This is a tragedy for dozens of would-be parents. Some of the victims lost all of their remaining embryos and, to them, this is not about lost time or money or physical pain.

"Ovation robbed them of the chance to have biologically related children,' Wolf continued. "To make matters worse, this disaster was completely preventable.

Efforts to reach Ovation Fertility for comment on the lawsuits did not receive a response by press deadline.

Ovation Fertility was founded in 2015 and has several locations nationwide. The company focuses on in vitro fertilization and also provides diagnostic and donor services, surrogacy programs and fertility storage.

Wolf said he does not believe anyone purposefully doused an incubator with hydrogen peroxide, but the fact remained that it was an error on the part of Ovation Fertility that he believed may have affected "dozens" of its customers.

'We want to be entirely



#### Courtesy of Max Karlin

ATTORNEY ADAM WOLF. who is with Peiffer Wolf Carr Kane Conway & Wise, LLP, speaks during a media conference on Thursday.

clear, this is not something that affected people at the margins. This killed their embryos. In certain states, those are human beings,' he continued. "But whatever that is, whatever an embryo is to somebody, [the couples] had their hopes and dreams of having a child from that embryo, and that embryo was killed through the excessive amounts of hydrogen peroxide that was placed in this incubator at Ovation's Newport Beach facility."

Attorneys are seeking a jury trial in addition to past, present and future non-economic and economic damages to be determined at trial, punitive damages, attorney's fees; pre- and post-judgment as allowed by law and any other relief deemed proper by a judge, according to documents.

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public hearing for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, in compliance with federal regulations (24 CFR 91). As a recipient of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, the City must prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years. The City is also required to update the related Action Plan on an annual basis. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year strategic plan that identifies housing and community needs; and strategies, programs and resources to address these needs. The Action Plan delineates activities to be funded on an annual basis under the CDBG and HOME programs consistent with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The City adopted its FY 2020 FY 2024 Consolidated Plan on May 19, 2020. The City has prepared its 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, which is now available for public review.

#### **30-Day Public Comment Period**

The City is required to make a draft of the Annual Action Plan available for public review for 30 days. The required 30-day public comment period will begin April 20, 2024 and end May 20, 2024. The draft 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review at the public counter at Costa Mesa City Hall 2nd Floor - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, 8 AM to 5 PM. The draft will also be posted on the City's website: Housing and Community Development | City of Costa Mesa (costamesaca.gov). Written comments regarding the draft action plan must be submitted to the attention of Mikelle Daily, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 or by email to HCD@costamesaca.gov. All written comments must be received by the City no later than 12 noon on May 21, 2024.

#### FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

HUD funding for FY2024-2025 has yet to be announced. However, for planning purposes, the City anticipates receiving an allocation of \$1,010,506 in CDBG funds and \$407,408 in HOME funds for FY 24-25 based on last year's allocation and preliminary information about the approved 2024 Federal Budget. In addition, \$187,000 in prior year uncommitted CDBG funds, \$30,900 in CDBG program income funds, and \$108.670 in HOME program income funds, \$54,702 HOME prior year unused admin funds are available for programming. The total amounts below reflect the potentially available prior year funds and the FY 2024-2025 CDBG and HOME funding allocations. Actual available funds may be less and will be reflected in the final Action Plan. The proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds include the following:

#### Proposed CDBG Activity

<ul> <li>Public Services for lower-income persons</li> </ul>	\$ 151,575
Code enforcement of housing and building codes in eligible areas	\$ 385,000
Housing rehabilitation administration	\$ 50,000
<ul> <li>Infrastructure &amp; public facility improvements</li> </ul>	\$ 439,730
Program administration	<u>\$ 202,101</u>
-	Total - \$1,228,406

#### **Proposed HOME Activity**

			570,780	
•	Program administration	Ś	95,443	
٠	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$	150,000	
٠	Affordable Housing/Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO	) \$	61,111	
•	Single-family housing rehabilitation program	\$	264,226	

Consistent with HUD guidelines, once HUD announces CDBG and HOME awards for FY 2024-2025, the City will adjust the funding for the activities listed above proportionally in order to equal the final grant awards, or as otherwise directed by the City Council.

#### **Public Hearing**

The City is required to hold a public hearing regarding the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Costa Mesa City Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter, at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

#### **Public Comments**

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments 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 Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing, May 21, 2024. 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. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, 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

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estate, or both of STEVEN LEE SWAB aka Svivester Swab Steven E Swab, Steven C Swab, Steven Lee Swan, Stever

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GINA D. SWAB in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GINA D. SWAB be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/08/2024 at 1:30 PM in Dept.: CM05. The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should

appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

attorney knowledgeable in California law. 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.

Petitioner GINA D. SWAB 4195 CHINO HILLS PKWY #197 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 (657) 284-4694 4/20, 4/27, 5/04/2024 PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY PILOT





209 VIA DIJON, LIDO ISLE 4 Beds / 4 Baths / 3,761 SF / 5,816 SF Lot / List Price: \$6,350,000



## 235 VIA LIDO SOUD, LIDO ISLE 3 Beds / 4 Baths / 2,794 SF / 2,880 SF Lot / List Price: \$12,600,000 / Represented Buyer & Seller



## 231 VIA FIRENZE, LIDO ISLE

3 Beds / 4 Baths / 3,176 SF / 3,600 SF Lot / Sold Price: \$4,200,000 / Represented Seller Sold Over Asking Price With Multiple Offers



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