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A VIEW OF an official Orange County Registrar of Voters ballot drop box for the 2020 Presidential General Election at Carl Thornton Park in Santa Ana.

California officials claim GOP's ballot boxes are not legal, but Republicans say they may expand the practice

BY STEPHANIE LAI, SARAH PARVINI

For years, Republicans across the country have decried the use of so-called “ballot harvesting,” arguing that laws that allow a third party to collect voters’ completed ballots serve as a breeding ground for election fraud.

In California, the state’s Republican Party has taken Gov. Gavin Newsom and other officials to court over the practice.

Now, California’s GOP is defending its use of the very ballot collection law it once sued over.

In recent weeks, gray metal containers labeled as ballot drop boxes have been placed at various locations — including gun shops, shooting ranges, churches and Republican Party offices — in several California counties.

California Republican Party officials have acknowledged responsibility for the boxes

and have rejected allegations of wrongdoing, in defiance of what the state’s top election official and attorney general say is an illegal practice.

Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra and Secretary of State Alex Padilla on Monday sent a cease-and-desist letter to Republican Party officials demanding that they immediately stop using the private ballot collection containers marked as “official” drop boxes. Republicans counter that they are applying a 2016 state law that allows a voter to designate any person to collect a completed ballot and return it to election officials, a polling place or vote center, or a secure vote-by-mail drop box.

At the center of the battle are questions of whether it is legal to collect ballots through third-party boxes and also what constitutes an “official” ballot drop box. California law says a mail voter may designate another per-

son to return their ballot.

The dispute marks the latest escalation of a national debate between Democrats and the GOP over allegations of voter suppression and voter fraud in the run-up to the Nov. 3 election, a battle that many political analysts fear is undermining public confidence in the election’s integrity.

Becerra and Padilla, who has called the ballot boxes “fake” and misleading, have demanded that GOP officials provide by Thursday a list of all voters whose ballots have been collected using the boxes, to ensure that the documents were collected with permission. Both are “prepared to take action to enforce state law, should it be necessary,” according to the cease-and-desist letter.

“State law is absolutely clear: These unoffi-

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Newport Beach approves reforms for short-term rentals, up for review by state Coastal Commission

BY LILLY NGUYEN

In a 4-3 vote, the Newport Beach City Council passed another set of reforms aimed at restricting short-term rentals in the city, but at least two of the additional regulations will have to come before the state Coastal Commission before they can be implemented locally.

Approved Tuesday night was the addition of a three-night stay minimum requirement; a limit on short-term lodging permits; changing the age requirement for rentals to 25; and permit transferability, which would allow short-term lodging permits to be transferred to immediate family members upon the death of a permit holder and new owners upon the sale of the property.

City officials directed city staff to alter language to state that op-

erators can be cited if their tenant receives a parking ticket within 100 feet of the rental property.

Mayor Will O’Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Avery and Councilman Kevin Muldoon dissented.

O’Neill pointed to concerns about transferability, saying that it was tied to the implementing a limit on permits because it needed to be laid out what would qualify a permit as no longer valid to allow for properties on a waiting list for a permit to then receive one from city staff. O’Neill said he felt that the city was not “there” in providing clear language on transferability of permits.

Avery said he felt that the city had good operators for the most part, but that it needed to have a

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NEWPORT ISLAND resident Gary Cruz points out parking congestion in February that he says is exacerbated by short-term rentals on the island.

Newport doctor's rights denied, judge says

An indictment is dismissed against the physician, who was accused in a drug distribution case.

BY PAUL ANDERSON

SANTA ANA — A federal judge in Santa Ana on Wednesday dismissed an indictment against a Newport Beach physician accused in a drug distribution case, ruling that his constitutional rights to a jury trial were denied due to an order barring trials in the federal courthouse in the Central District of California during the COVID-19 pandemic.

U.S. District Judge Cormac Carney dismissed the indictment against Jeffrey Dove Olsen with prejudice, so prosecutors could not just file another case against him or seek another indictment from a grand jury. Prosecutors could appeal the ruling with the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Olsen was indicted in July 2017 on 35 counts that alleged he prescribed and distributed “large amounts of oxycodone, amphetamine salts, alprazolam and hydrocodone to confidential sources, an undercover agent and numerous addicts without a legitimate medical purpose over the course of three years,” according to federal prosecutors who said two of the doctor’s patients died from overdoses of pain medication.

The issue came to a head this week when Olsen refused to waive any more time for his trial, but U.S. District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez, the chief judge of the Central District, refused to budge on the prohibition of jury trials at this time.

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Woman found dead at Newport park ID'd

A deceased woman found in Eastbluff Park earlier this month was identified by the Orange County coroner’s office as Merry Watanasrimongkol, 36.

Orange County Sheriff’s Department spokeswoman Carrie Braun said that Watanasrimongkol was a transient and does not have a last known residence. Coroners said Watanasrimongkol died due to pulmonary thromboemboli, a lung condition in which material — typically a blood clot — is wedged in an artery in the lungs.

The woman was found on Oct. 3 when a passerby came across her body at about 8 a.m. and reported it to police.

— Lilly Nguyen



Photo by Spencer Grant

ANNOUNCER RICK “Rockin’ Fig” Fignetti is behind the first Rockin’ Fig Vintage Surf Festival, which takes place Saturday in Huntington Beach.

‘Rockin’ Fig’ Fignetti brings vintage surf festival to Huntington Beach on Saturday

BY MATT SZABO

Rick Fignetti has made an indelible mark on the surfing community as a surfer, U.S. Open of Surfing announcer and owner of “Rockin’ Fig Surf Headquarters” on Main Street in Huntington Beach.

When Surf City officials came to him asking him about possible events, the Surfing Walk of Fame member had some feedback.

“A lot of the events don’t even really pertain to us,” Fignetti said. “You get some car, comic book, Marvel-type deal, you know what I

mean, and that’s really not the clientele of a lot of the merchants down here. I just said, ‘You ought to do something cool that relates to everybody in Surf City, Huntington Beach.’ Maybe something with vintage surfboards, Hawaiian style ... A few days later they came back to me and said, ‘Hey, we want to do it.’”

Fignetti and the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District combined to shape the first Rockin’ Fig Vintage Surf Festival, which takes place Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. on the third block of Main Street be-

tween Olive and Orange avenues.

Businesses on the third block will be participating and offering special shopping and dining offers. Vintage surfboards will be on display, a Hawaiian priest will come down to bless the event and the Surf City Go-Go Girls will be dancing, Fignetti said.

The city plans on making it an annual event.

“The third block on the [COVID-19] shutdown hasn’t really been doing that well,” Fignetti said. “I mean, it was doing OK

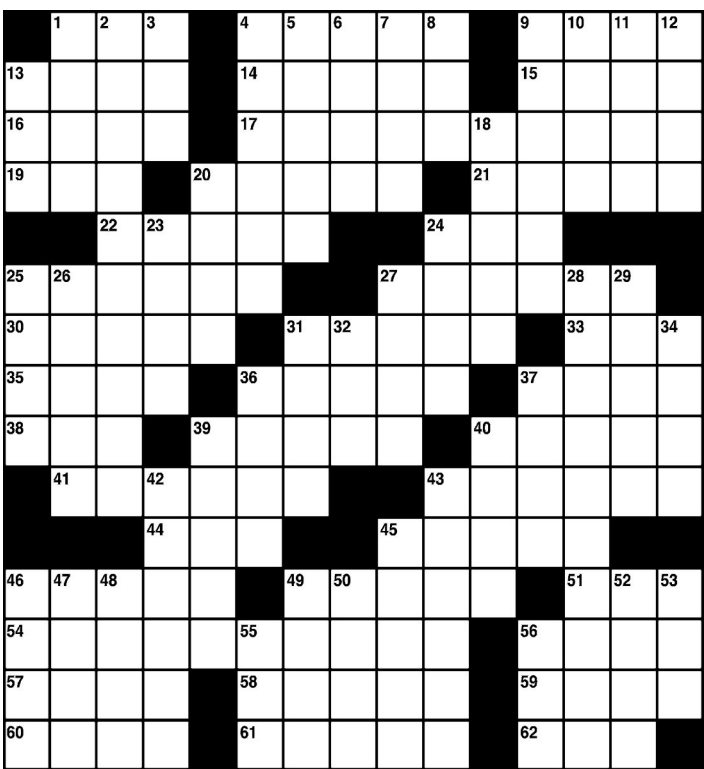
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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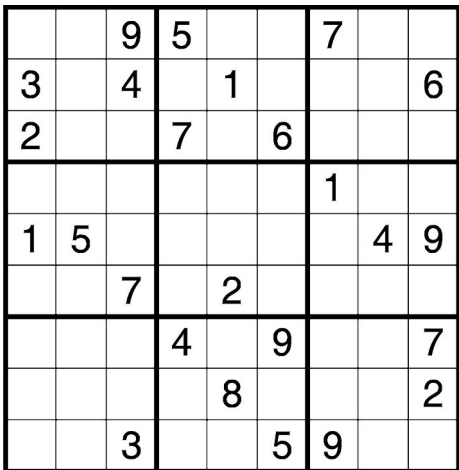
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SUDOKU

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.

- 2 Southernmost continent

3 Guitarist Paul

4 Like a no-show

5 Orchestra section

6 Female relative

7 Command to Rover

8 Egg producer
- 9 Wears away

10 Tibia or fibula

11 Radar screen image

12 Job opening

13 Seize a fugitive

18 Contaminate

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23 Calif.-to-Colo. direction

- 24 Diplomacy
- 25 Extensive
- 26 Long-running Broadway musical
- 27 ___ smoothie; healthy shake
- 28 High-flying circus acts
- 29 Michigan's ___ Ste. Marie
- 31 ___ up; get emotional
- 32 Bad ___; undeserved reputation
- 34 "I couldn't care ___!"
- 36 Sketched
- 37 Sightseeing trip
- 39 Singer Ross
- 40 "For not ___ that is the question" ("Hamlet")
- 42 Single-masted sailboats
- 43 Jimmy or Tommy
- 45 Aristocratic title
- 46 Castro's land
- 47 High point
- 48 December purchase, for many
- 49 Location
- 50 Owl's comment
- 52 Hold on to
- 53 Strange
- 55 Scrap of cloth
- 56 By way of

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BOXES

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cial, unauthorized ballot drop boxes violate state law," Padilla said in an interview with NBC News on Tuesday. "We've put the parties on notice to cease and desist this activity. And if they don't do so in short order, we'll entertain all legal options to address it." A spokesman for Bercerra's office said that they have not yet received a formal response to their letter. The California Republican Party did not respond to a request for comment from The Times. A party spokesman told the Associated Press that they would stop labeling their ballot boxes "official" to avoid confusion and said that they may expand their use.

Republican Party officials also have declined to provide state officials with a complete listing of the number of drop boxes and their locations.

President Trump jumped into the fray Tuesday evening by retweeting a Times story. "You mean only Democrats are allowed to do this? But haven't the Dems been doing this for years?" the president wrote. "See you in court. Fight hard Republicans!"

The existence of the boxes was disclosed when a Newport Beach Republican official posted a photo of himself on Twitter on Thursday posing next to a metal delivery box, the size of an office filing cabinet, marked "official ballot drop off box." The container was not, however, provided or overseen by Orange County elections officials, said Orange County Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley.

Similar containers have appeared in several communities across the state, from gun shops in Fresno to churches in Castaic and Simi Valley.

A list of locations sponsored by the Fresno County Republican Party on its website showed a dozen ballot drop-off locations not authorized by elections officials. The list has since been removed.

The state law in question, amended in 2016 and again in 2018, replaced a previous rule that limited ballot delivery to a family member or someone living in the same household, and explicitly prohibited collection by political parties and campaigns. Republicans, in particular, have criticized the loos-



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CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE Alex Padilla, left, and Orange County Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley hold a news conference on Orange County's comprehensive plans to safeguard the election and provide transparency in Santa Ana.

ened process by mocking it as "ballot harvesting."

The law, experts say, explicitly states that any individual can return a ballot to an official designated drop box. But they draw a distinction between a voter who has willingly given their ballot to another person for delivery and a voter who turned their ballot into a drop box they did not know was unofficial.

According to experts, the use of third-party ballot collection boxes is not illegal, but the false designation of an "official" drop-off box is because the boxes are not sanctioned by election officials.

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, who wrote the law and its amendment in 2018, said that the intent of the two bills was to open up access for voters to participate in elections.

The wording in the amendments doesn't give the state GOP the legal standing to use unofficial boxes, said Gonzalez, a Democrat whose district encompasses southern San Diego County.

"The mental hoops you need to jump through to assume that a person opening the box is the designated person is beyond me," Gonzalez said. "It is clear that you can designate a person, but not a lock box."

"I just think it's unfortunate after crying foul for years about voter fraud, the Republican Party has taken it in their own hands and committed voter fraud," Gonzalez added.

Raúl Macías, counsel at the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, said that the GOP's claim that "this is just like ballot collection assistance is ridiculous on its face."

"California ballot collection law allows voters to entrust a specific person to return ballots on their behalf," he said. "This entails political operatives defrauding voters into thinking they're submitting ballots to election officials rather than to the GOP."

Some of the GOP ballot boxes, Macías added, are labeled as official.

"The voters don't know who they are entrusting their ballot to," he said. "It sounds to me like the GOP officials are likely committing a felony by likely impersonating election officials."

Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School, agreed that state Republicans were misleading voters. A voter cannot

"designate" someone to be a third party turning in their ballot if the voter is unaware that they dropped off their ballot at an unofficial box.

Scholars argue that the back-and-forth could weaken already waning efficacy in the electoral system in a year marked by a pandemic, fears about mail delays and cutbacks at the U.S. Postal Service and lawsuits filed by Republicans — including the Trump campaign — in an effort to restrict ballot access or prevent expansions of the franchise. Republicans say they are aiming to fight the potential for fraud; Democrats argue the GOP is trying to disenfranchise voters.

"One of the potential, real problems here is that voters right now are already hearing these conspiracy theories around the postmaster general and boxes in Oregon being moved off the street. It's undercutting confidence in USPS, and so people are turning to drop boxes," said Paul Mitchell, vice president of the data firm Political Data Inc. "But this could end up undermining confidence in drop boxes."

Macías, of the Brennan Center for Justice, said that it would be one thing for a voter to designate a gun store owner as a person to return a ballot on their behalf, rather than a box in front of the store.

"California has comprehensive regulations providing for security of official drop boxes," he said. "Those include providing for their sturdy construction, the ability to withstand attempts at removing those drop boxes. Their slots are required to be narrow enough to prevent tampering, and ballots have to be collected regularly from those drop boxes by two election official employees."

Macías said he believes that the GOP wants to bring attention to their opposition of the state law "by trolling election officials."

"These tactics fit a familiar pattern of attempting to suppress voting," he said. "Undermining confidence, creating confusion, spreading disinformation — these are forms of voter suppression. It lays a groundwork to later claim you can't trust the voter results."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Will O'Neil of Newport Harbor commits to USC

BY MATT SZABO

Newport Harbor High senior baseball player Will O'Neil has a name very similar to the mayor of Newport Beach.

One "L" in the last name is all that separates O'Neil from Mayor Will O'Neill.

"It's super-funny," O'Neil said. "I'm in this charity thing called [National League of Young Men], and in a couple of weeks I'm going to have to introduce him to a crowd [at an event]. It'll be funny."

O'Neill is running unopposed for reelection this fall. Turns out, O'Neil also is making news this fall.

The left-handed pitcher has verbally committed to continue his baseball career at USC, he said Wednesday.

"I really liked the ac-

ademics and how close it is to home," O'Neil said. "My family can come watch me play, and it's a great conference. I really like the coaches a lot."

O'Neil, the oldest of Tim and Rory O'Neil's four children, said he was also considering programs like Loyola Marymount, Cornell and the University of San Diego.

He said he has put in the work during the coronavirus pandemic, hitting the weight room four times a week and throwing bullpen sessions once or twice a week as well.

He also continued playing club baseball with the Saddleback Cowboys, coached by Mater Dei coach Richard Mercado and Santa Margarita coach Chris Malec.

His fastball velocity has improved to the



WILL O'NEIL chose USC over Loyola Marymount, Cornell and the University of San Diego.

Raul Roa

upper 80s and tops off at 90 miles an hour, he said.

"That's the hardest I've probably worked in baseball," O'Neil said of his pandemic workouts. "I've always had the dream of playing Division I baseball, and I just took full advantage of it. There was nothing really else to do but play baseball, so I just focused on that and it helped me tons."

O'Neil hopes coach Evan Chalmers' Sailors are allowed to play this spring, for what would

be his third varsity season. At USC, he will link back up with former Newport Harbor teammate Johnny Olmstead, who appeared in six games for the Trojans last season as a freshman infielder and hit a grand slam in his first official college at-bat.

Former Corona del Mar High standout Preston Hartsell also plays for the Trojans as an outfielder.

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RENTALS

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partnership with short-term rental operators and added that he felt the city couldn't "enforce our way out of it." Muldoon, on the other hand, argued in favor of greater enforcement on short-term rental units.

Much of the discussion from the City Council on Tuesday focused on the issue of transferability and the city's emergency ordinances on short-term rentals, which are in place until the city rescinds its locally declared emergency. Council members debated whether or not to push forward with the reforms to the state.

Operators pushed back against the regulations, arguing against the implementation of a "second phase" of reforms when city officials only recently approved changes in July.

Residents, in contrast, argued in favor of more stringent guidelines, but added that there needed to be greater enforcement on short-term lodging.

Council members Joy Brenner, Diane Dixon and Jeff Herdman, who were part of the ad hoc committee studying the issue, argued to push forward on the proposed changes. Brenner said she felt the Coastal Commission needed to review the provisions, raising concerns that the current temporary hold on permits

may be released by the time the issue reaches the state.

"If we get the nod from [Coastal Commission] that this is OK, then we got more work to do," Herdman added. "If we don't get the nod from Coastal, all this talk is for naught. We need to move forward with Coastal and see what they're going to permit us to do and what we're not going to be able to do."

Raising the age minimum requirement and parking tickets will go into effect in 30 days upon final approval expected at the City Council's next meeting on Oct. 27, but introducing a cap on the number of permits and minimum night stay will need to go before the Coastal Commission before they can be implemented locally.

City Council members also majority voted to have city staff bring back options to possibly freeze issuance of permits on Newport Island and transition to owner-occupied and owner-operated short-term rental units over a 12-month period on Newport Island after approval by the state Coastal Commission.

A staff report prepared for Tuesday's meeting said the city has 1,500 active short-term lodging permits in Newport Beach, including 1,436 on coastal zone properties and 64 on non-coastal zone properties.

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DOCTOR

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"Quite frankly, the court is at a loss to understand how the Central District continues to refuse to resume jury trials in the Orange County federal courthouse," Carney wrote in his ruling as he noted various other federal agencies have offices that are open and that first responders still report to work, as well as employees in essential businesses.

"Orange County restaurants are open for outdoor dining and reduced-capacity indoor dining," Carney added. "Nail salons, hair salons, body waxing studios,

massage therapy studios, tattoo parlors and pet groomers in Orange County are open, even indoors, with protective modifications."

Carney also pointed out that children have returned to in-class instruction and wrote, "Even movie theaters, aquariums, yoga studios and gyms in Orange County are open indoors with reduced capacity. Yet the federal courthouse in Orange County somehow remains closed for jury trials. The Central District's refusal to resume jury trials in Orange County is indefensible."

Carney was also skeptical of arguments that the coronavirus poses too much

of a risk to jurors, pointing out that the grand jury has used an extra-large room to continue to meet in the federal courthouse and hand down indictments.

Carney also noted how the nearby Orange County Superior Courthouse resumed jury trials in June, and that other types of hearings have resumed in the federal courthouse.

Gutierrez said in an interview in the Daily Journal last month that jury trials may resume when Orange County makes it up from the red tier to the less-restrictive orange tier, Carney wrote in his ruling.

Orange County is close to making it to the orange tier, which allows for more busi-

nesses to open and to expand capacity.

"It is not a question of if the court should have held Mr. Olsen's criminal jury trial during this stage of the coronavirus pandemic, but a question of how the court should have held it," Carney wrote. "If it is not impossible to hold grand juries in the state court across the street from that courthouse, it was clearly not impossible to hold a criminal jury trial for Mr. Olsen."

Carney acknowledged that the "seriousness" of the charges against Olsen tilted toward dismissing the indictment without prejudice, which would allow prosecutors to refile charges or seek another in-

dictment.

"Indeed, the government contends that Mr. Olsen knew that two of his patients died from overdose(s) on the same pain medications he had previously prescribed, yet continued to prescribe dangerous combinations and unnecessary amounts of pain medication to his patients," Carney wrote.

But the judge ruled that doing so would not push a change in the policy prohibiting jury trials.

"The primary factor driving the chief judge's decision was the risk that people might get sick from the coronavirus," Carney wrote. "But his decision was made with little or no regard for

Mr. Olsen's constitutional right to a public and speedy trial. Indeed, in his order denying the court's request to summon jurors for Mr. Olsen's trial, the chief judge made no mention of the Constitution at all."

Carney concluded that "barring re-prosecution in this case by dismissing with prejudice is the only sanction with enough teeth to create any hope of deterring additional delay in the resumption of jury trials and avoiding further dismissals of indictments for violations of defendants' constitutional rights to a public and speedy trial."

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SURF

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during the summer, but it's been a little slow. I thought maybe a nice little promo like this could bring some people down and make it like a little party, Surf City style ... It just sounds like a day full of fun. Break out your Aloha shirt, and maybe get a discount on food or beverage. Everybody's embracing it, a lot more than I thought. It's not for me; it's for all of us."

Susie Smith, owner of Makin' Waves Salon next door to Fignetti's business, said she will have Hawaiian flower hair accessories and other Hawaiian items for retail sale for the surf festival.

"We're looking forward to it," Smith said. "I think the best thing about it is just honoring the history of what Main Street was built on, surfing. Sometimes with all of the new stuff, I think that gets a little filtered out, so it's nice to do something that's considered vintage."

Fignetti said social distancing and mask use will be mandatory at the festival, of course. The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 19 new deaths due to COVID-19 Wednesday, bringing the county death

toll to 1,360 people during the pandemic. Ten of Wednesday's deaths were skilled nursing facility residents, and two were assisted living facility residents.

"Wear your mask, that's for sure, but I feel like maybe people are ready to get out a little bit more," Fignetti said. "We'll see what happens. Hopefully 10,000 people or 100,000 people don't show up, but if we have a small crowd that keeps on coming and going it seems like we'll have a fun day."

There were 213 daily positive COVID-19 tests re-

ported Wednesday, and the cumulative case total now sits at 56,283. There are 160 patients currently in the hospital, including 60 in intensive care units.

Below are the coronavirus case counts and deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 10,789 cases; 298 deaths
- Anaheim: 9,605 cases; 294 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,490 cases; 78 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,904 cases; 36 deaths
- Irvine: 1,770 cases; 13 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,180 cases; 25 deaths

- Fountain Valley: 531 cases; 18 deaths
 - Laguna Beach: 236 cases; fewer than five deaths
- Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:
- 0 to 17: 4,081 cases; one death
 - 18 to 24: 8,486 cases; four deaths
 - 25 to 34: 12,060 cases; 20 deaths
 - 35 to 44: 8,944 cases; 37 deaths
 - 45 to 54: 9,113 cases; 111 deaths
 - 55 to 64: 6,749 cases; 192 deaths

- 65 to 74: 3,376 cases; 271 deaths
 - 75 to 84: 1,909 cases; 293 deaths
 - 85 and older: 1,515 cases; 431 deaths
- Updated figures are posted daily at [occovid19](https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARVIN FRANK BLASKI 30-2020-01161817-PR-PW-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MARVIN FRANK BLASKI**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **FARMERS AND MERCHANTS TRUST COMPANY** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **FARMERS AND MERCHANTS TRUST COMPANY** 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 October 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams;
(2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions;
(3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.
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 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.
Attorney for the Petitioner:
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CARLOS G. ROMO 30-2020-01163398-PR-LA-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **CARLOS G. ROMO**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **GABRIELLA ROMO** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **GABRIELLA ROMO** 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 **November 05, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams;
(2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions;
(3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.
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 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.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BREIDA DAVIS 30-2020-01163230-PR-LA-CJC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **BREIDA DAVIS**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JEROME ANTHONY DAVIS** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JEROME ANTHONY DAVIS** 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 **November 04, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
(1) If you plan to appear, you must attend the hearing by video remote using Microsoft Teams;
(2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mental-health.html> to appear for probate hearings; and for remote hearing instructions;
(3) If you have difficulty connecting to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance.
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 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.
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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Costa Mesa ("City") invites sealed bids for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation and such other facilities as may be required for:

REHABILITATION OF ALLEY NO'S, 13, 55, 60,105,114 CITY PROJECT #20-20

1. **BID OPENING:** Sealed bids will be received by the City of Costa Mesa (City) at the Office of the City Clerk, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California, before a submittal deadline of **10:00 A.M., Monday, November 16, 2020**. All proposals shall be submitted electronically via *PlanetBids* and is explained below in Section 3 – BID DOCUMENTS AND VENDOR REGISTRATION. No paper bids or any other form of submittal will be accepted. Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids shall be rejected. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to see that its bid is received in proper time.

The bid opening will be conducted shortly after **10:00 A.M., Monday, November 16, 2020** by the City Clerk. Upon opening all the valid submitted bids, and verifying their contents, the City Clerk's office will contact each bidder via email and distribute the results and summary of the bid opening.

2. **BID CONTENTS:** All bids must be submitted on the proposal form included in the bid packet. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal form furnished by the City and made in accordance with the provisions of the bid requirements. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project Name, Project Number, and name of the bidder typed or clearly printed on the envelope. The sealed envelope shall not contain other distinguishing marks.

3. **BID DOCUMENTS AND VENDOR REGISTRATION:** In order to ensure open interactions with potential vendors and to conduct a fair, transparent and competitive procurement process, the City of Costa Mesa is facilitating an online vendor registration system through *PlanetBids*. By registering as a vendor to the City, potential vendors will be automatically notified via email of the City's Request for Estimate (RFE), Request for Bid (RFB), Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitations. While these solicitations have always been posted on the City's website, the *PlanetBids*' system will enable vendors to be more connected to these opportunities as they arise. This proactive approach will eliminate the obligation of vendors to constantly check the City's website for bid or proposal opportunities.

The *PlanetBids*' system can also be used to view bid and proposal award results and history. Registration on *PlanetBids* is free of charge and there is never any charge to be notified of bid and proposal opportunities from the City of Costa Mesa or to view award history. Proposals and Cost Files are due by the Due Date in electronic format ONLY to the Project Manager via the City of Costa Mesa *PlanetBids* Portal at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=45476>. For all inquiries, contact Contract Administrator: Robert Staples, Public Services Department, e-mail: robert.staples@costamesaca.gov. Please note that proposals and cost files must be submitted electronically as separate documents. The City is not responsible for and accepts no liability in the event a response is late due to any network, internet, or any other technical problem or interruption. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that their Proposal is received before the stated deadline. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that his or her Proposal is received before the stated deadline.

4. **BID SECURITY:** Each bid must be submitted with a certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond, made payable to or in favor of the City of Costa Mesa, in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by such certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond.

5. **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE:** A valid **California Contractor's License Class "A" (General Engineering Contractor)** issued by the California Contractors State License Board is required at the time the contract is awarded pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 3300. Each bidder must also be qualified as required by law at the time of the bid opening.

6. **REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** Pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work unless registered and qualified pursuant to Section 1725.5.

7. **PREVAILING WAGES:** This Project is a "public work" subject to prevailing wage requirements. Pursuant to provisions of Sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, all workers employed on the Project shall be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work. Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with the Public Services Department of the City of Costa Mesa and are available to any interested party upon request. The applicable State prevailing wages are also set forth on the Department of Industrial Relations' website at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>; these rates are subject to predetermined increases. The prime contractor shall post a copy of the Director's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

8. **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The bidding process and contract are subject to State and Federal non-discrimination requirements, including but not limited to the requirement that no person or business shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or military or veteran status in its solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of individuals or businesses in connection with the bidding process or work performed for the City in connection with the Project.

9. **CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS:** The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any minor irregularities or informalities in any bid.

10. **PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND:** A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the successful Bidder upon award of the Contract.

11. **RETENTION:** In accordance with the Contract, five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as a retention. Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, at the request and expense of the Contractor, approved securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, and City shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Refer to the Sample Contract for further clarification.

12. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** This Project is subject to local, State, and Federal regulations and requirements, as detailed in the bid packet and contract documents.

Brenda Green, City Clerk
City of Costa Mesa
Dated: October 15, 2020



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Coast Community College District ("DISTRICT"), acting by and through its Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids for the award of a contract for the following named Project. Bids will be received up until, but not later than, the bid deadline listed below.

Project Name: **Golden West College Weight Room Roof Replacement**
Bid Number: **Bid #2162**
Advertisement: **10/15/20 & 10/22/20**
Pre-Bid RFI Deadline: **10/28/20, 12:00 P.M.**
Bid Deadline: **11/4/20 Prior to 10:00 A.M.**

A MANDATORY pre-bid job-walk will be held at 10:00 A.M., October 23, 2020, GWC Recreational Building, Weight Room Area.

Place of Bid Receipt: All bids shall be submitted electronically via the PlanetBids Vendor portal located on the District Website (<https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=36722&BidID=77371>), including the forms furnished by the District, prior to the bid closing date and time, and results will be available immediately upon the close of bids. Incomplete, inaccurate, or untrue responses or information provided therein by a bidder shall be grounds for the District to reject such submissions for non-responsiveness.

Project Description: To install new Polyvinyl-Chloride roofing at Weight Room Building. Remove and dispose of existing membrane roofing system from deck and install owner furnished Tremco PVC roofing system. MUST BE A TREMCO APPROVED INSTALLER. It is anticipated that the Project will commence on November 19, 2020 and be completed by January 8, 2021.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Section 3300. The District requires that the bidder possess at the time of bid, and maintain throughout the duration of the Agreement, the following license classification(s):

Bid Package	Trade	License	Engineer's Estimate
1	Roofing	C-39	\$140,000

DIR Registration. Each bidder submitting a proposal to complete the work, labor, material, and/or services ("Work") subject to this procurement must be a Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") registered contractor pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. A bidder who is not a DIR-registered contractor when submitting a proposal for the Work is deemed "not qualified" and the proposal of such a Bidder will be rejected for non-responsiveness. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, all subcontractors identified in a Bidder's subcontractors' list shall be DIR-registered contractors as well.

Prevailing Wage Rate ("PWR") Monitoring and Enforcement. The Work is subject to payment of the PWR. The Contractor and all Subcontractors of every tier shall pay laborers performing any portion of the Work not less than the PWR established for the labor provided. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(4), PWR monitoring and enforcement shall be by the DIR.

More information regarding this project can be found on the PlanetBids Vendor portal listed above. Further inquiries should be directed to the District's Purchasing Department at purchasing@cccd.edu.

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