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H.B. city attorney race pits Gates vs. Field

Former assistant city attorney who claimed age discrimination when working under Gates is now his challenger.

BY MATT SZABO

Michael Gates has sued the state of California. He's had very public squabbles with Huntington Beach City Council members over the last couple of years regarding his role.

Now, to keep his job, the city attorney has to beat a challenger who sued him.

Welcome to Surf City, where political storylines with juicy plots are the norm. And so it will go again this November.

Gates, 47, is running for a third term. He's opposed by Scott Field. Both filed their paperwork last week and were officially certified for the ballot.

Field, a longtime assistant city attorney, with Neal Moore, a former deputy city attorney, filed an age discrimination suit against Gates and the city in 2019. It was settled last year for a total of \$2.5 million. The city also spent \$1.5 million fighting the case.

Field, now 66, no longer works for the city, but he's not content sitting on the sidelines.

Gates was first elected city at-

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NMUSD reforms its virtual learning model

School district officials adjust TK-12 Cloud Campus access according to safety guidelines, family needs.

BY SARA CARDINE

At the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Newport-Mesa Unified School District crafted a reopening plan to segue students from remote learning into brickand-mortar schools in either a hybrid or fully in-person model, based on transmission rates of the coronavirus.

Many families lauded the plan. But others, fearing the risk of sending at-risk kids back to campuses where they might be exposed to the virus or bring it back to a compromised family member, sought a 100% virtual learning option.

District officials complied, and the TK-12 Cloud Campus was born. Teachers were reassigned and coursework retooled to accommodate a format where kids learned together on Zoom for a part of the school day and worked independently on assignments

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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION



Raul Roa

CIF SOUTHERN Section Commissioner Rob Wigod smiles from behind his desk at the CIF office in Los Alamitos on Wednesday.

Retiring CIF commissioner continues his mission to boost high school athletics

BY ANDREW TURNER

After four decades in education — and more than half of that time spent with the CIF Southern Section — Rob Wigod, the section's commissioner of athletics, announced earlier this month that this year will be his last in the position.

Wigod, who grew up in Long Beach and coached baseball at Los Alamitos High School prior to going to work as an administrator with the CIF, has headed the state's

largest section since Aug. 2, 2011. During his time as commissioner, Wigod

Rob Wigod, the CIF Southern Section's commissioner of athletics since 2011, plans to step down at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

the biggest challenge of his tenure was: the coronavirus pandemic. The restoration effort to bring back high school sports, including the section and state playoffs, "energized" him, he said.

"I started this journey a long time ago as a high school teacher and coach," Wigod said. '... I would never have thought of walking away and leaving a brand-new commis-

said there was no doubt in his mind what sioner with having to try to pick up these pieces. It was very important to me that we were able to reestablish."

Wigod joined the CIF as an assistant commissioner on Sept. 1, 2000. He plans to step down on Aug. 1, 2023, at which time he will be retiring with the third-longest service time as the CIF commissioner.

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Union Market tenants face uncertain future



ABOVE: Owner Chong Bok Manalo behind the counter at Braga, located in the Union Market. **RIGHT:** Co-owners Leonard Chan, left, and Dominic Iapello at Stowaway.

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Ambiguous legal situation leaves a handful of remaining business owners at Union Market in Tustin wondering what's to come after Aug. 31.

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Recently, Chong Bok Manalo has taken to blasting music from her bakery stall, Braga, at the Union Market at the District at Tustin Legacy to get customers' attention.

"I make loud music to show we are in here," said Manalo. "Just follow the music."

Positioned at the back of the food hall, Braga is among the few tenants left at the nearly abandoned market.

The space, which opened in 2014, is described as an "industrial-chic market with an open plan offering food stalls, restaurants and boutiques" on its website, but after a shaky opening and a high turnover rate, the Union Market may be on its last

"Around the beginning of March, the market was served with a pay or quit," said Leonard

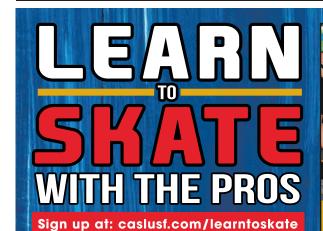
Chan, co-owner of the market's popular tiki concept, Stowaway. 'It wasn't directed at any of us, it was directed at our landlord at the time, Andrea Young.'

Young subleased the space from master landlord and owner of the District, Vestar/Kimco, and then rented spaces to other businesses. Now a lawsuit between the two parties may prevent the market's current tenants from finishing out those subleases.

Chan said legal notices continued to arrive, but he and his Stowaway business partner, Dominic Iapello, were assured by Vestar that the matter was being resolved.

"In fact, the one thing we did hear was someone from the Vestar office told a tenant here, "We are going through some legal things, we can't talk about it, but

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INCUMBENT City Atty. Michael Gates, left, and challenger Scott Field, right, are candidates in the Huntington Beach city attorney race. Field is one of two people who filed an age discrimination suit against Gates and the city in 2019 that was settled for \$2.5 million.

RACE

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torney in 2014, beating incumbent Jennifer McGrath by nearly 14 points. He ran unopposed in 2018, after potential challenger Jerold Friedman was disqualified because his degree wasn't from a law school accredited by the American Bar Assn.

Now Gates, a Republican, finds himself in a contested election to retain his seat. He said his initial reaction was surprise when Field, a Democrat, decided to run.

"For two years, the city had viewed it as a frivolous lawsuit, and suddenly [Field] gets a settlement at the 11th hour," Gates said. "So, sort of taking advantage of the process, he gets a ton of money from the city, which is taxpayer money. Now he's trying to run against a city attorney that really, by any measure, has community support. We've done a good job. I don't really have any issues with results.

"It's peculiar. It's verv dramatic, but whether there's any real substance to it? I think it's light on substance, high on drama."

Both candidates are longtime Huntington Beach residents. Gates graduated from Marina High and lives in Huntington Beach with

his wife and five children. Also married, Field has lived in the city since 1989 and started working for the city attorney's office six years later. He and his wife are the parents of two adult children who are graduates

of Huntington Beach High. Field said he was demoted twice after Gates took over.

sought to clean house," Field said. "That would be safe to say. I think he just wanted everybody gone."

Field said he felt compelled to run after he read a report, commissioned by the City Council, that was critical of the city's handling of his own lawsuit. The 69-page report by Craig Steele of the Richards, Watson & Gershon firm was released to the public last month.

The report found no evidence that Gates or members of his staff had broken the law, but Steele did find that Gates practiced an "overly aggressive assertion of the authority of his office."

It also recommended changes to the city charter, so that the city attorney's role could be more clearly defined. Though Gates said he recused himself from the beginning, the report alleges that he sat in on nu-

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LEARNING

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the rest of the time.

The virtual school gave families the flexibility to travel without interrupting instruction and ensured students could continue learning online without the disruption of shifting from hybrid to in-person learning, and potentially back again, as coronavirus infections ebbed and flowed.

Newport Beach resident Missy FitzSimons enrolled son Owen and daughter Zoe in the Cloud in the fall of 2020 after finding they'd done well at distance learning the previous semester.

"We wanted more consistency and also a safer environment at that time," she said Friday. "We got them organized on a schedule at home. They were able to work without distractions and be done by noon — they loved it."

Cloud Campus enrollment reached a peak of 1,800 students during the 2020-21 school year, according to district figures. But now that in-perlearning across NMUSD campuses has fully returned to pre-pandemic levels, participation in virtual classes has, consequently, shrunk.

În 2021-22, Newport-Mesa Unified recorded 415 students in grades K-12 attended the online school, while so far, about 336 students have committed for the upcoming school year, which begins Monday.

Instead of scrapping the online learning model, school and district officials are rebranding Cloud Campus as an option for families who may not have the same health and safety concerns they had at the peak of the pandemic but whose children may still benefit from online learn-

"Virtual school is the new way of doing independent study," Principal Racquel Stephens said of the online delivery model. "It serves a very unique

population of parents who would like to educate their children in the home environment but who also want a connection to the district."

Stephens on Wednesday led an online information session for families who might still be interested in enrolling students in the Cloud Campus this fall. Unlike previous school years, students are not required to commit to an entire semester and have the flexibility of moving between virtual and in-person learning.

She emphasized the many clubs and electives offered through the school from cooking and astronomy to book clubs and computer coding - and said parents often organize optional in-person field trips and get-togethers. In June, students participated in in-person graduation and promotion events.

Cloud students additionally benefit from the technology they learn and use in the classroom, which could potentially put them at an advantage in college and the workplace, Stephens told parents.

"After a very short time at Cloud, our students become experts at tech," she said, reciting a list of platforms and programs used during a typical school day. "You'd be surprised at how fast they learn them — they run circles around

FitzSimons said while her family initially decided to enroll for health and safety reasons, she was surprised at the unintended benefits the Cloud Campus brought with it.

Owen, typically shy in social situations, felt more emboldened to make friends and join clubs online.

"The next thing we know, he's in ASB, he's in book clubs and all these extracurricular activities he would have been too shy to participate in in an in-person setting,"

For Zoe, the change was even more remarkable.



Courtesy of Newport-Mesa Unified School District

A CLOUD CAMPUS student follows along with a school assignment while working from home during the 2021-22 school year.

Having struggled for years with dyslexia and seeking accommodations in the classroom, FitzSimons said the technological platforms at Cloud Campus made learning and communicating easier for her. She quickly became a straight-A student.

When the family sat down this summer to talk about enrollment in the upcoming academic year, Owen decided to shift back to in-person learning for his freshman year at Corona del Mar High School, so he could attend the school's Academy of Global Studies and play on the tennis team.

About to enter the seventh grade, Zoe decided she'd rather continue learning online.

"It was a game changer for her. Now she's this total wizard who knows how to email teachers when she needs help," her mom said. "It's just given her an access to the curriculum she didn't have before. That's why she's deciding to stay at Cloud Campus.'

To operate a fully online K-12 learning model cost just over \$4.3 million during the 2021-22 school vear, with about 95% paid for by state and federal sources, including COVID-19 relief funds, according to figures provided by the district.

More than \$4.7 million has been budgeted for the 2022-23 school year so far. But even if federal and state pandemic assistance recedes, NMUSD is likely to continue developing the Cloud Campus into a new tool for students and families.

"Most of the districts in Orange County have a fully virtual option, so in establishing a virtual school at Newport-Mesa, we are going with the times," Stephens said in an interview Thursday. "Online learning isn't going away it's just about how are we going to use it and how are we going to position ourselves?"

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By the Mepham Group

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COMMENTARY | SCOTT M. BARTELL, PHD

PFAS are 'forever' chemicals contaminating our water sources and affecting our health

he National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine recently released its nearly 300-page Guide on PFAS Exposure, Testing and Clinical Follow-up. After more than 15 years of experience studying PFAS chemicals in our drinking water and their health effects, I believe that action is long overdue to minimize the serious health effects of these toxic chemicals.

PFAS, also known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are largely unregulated man-made chemicals that have been used widely since the 1950s to manufacture and/or to improve various types of everyday products such as nonstick cookware, stain-resistant clothing and carpets, and food packaging. Everyone has been exposed to these "forever" chemicals by consuming PFAS-contaminated food or by using products made with PFAS, but scientific studies show that PFAS exposures can cause decreased vaccine response, testicular cancer, kidney cancer, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, high cholesterol, hypertension during pregnancy and other health

conditions.

Another source of PFAS exposure for some communities is contaminated drinking water. PFAS have been detected in many water supplies around the world, including right here



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TWAN NGUYEN examines a machine testing water for chemicals at the Orange County Water District.

in Orange County. The Orange County Groundwater Basin provides 77% of the water supply to north and central Orange County and has tested positive for a variety of PFAS chemicals that likely originated from wastewater treatment facilities upstream on the Santa Ana River. While I applaud the work that the state of California, Orange County Water District and our local water providers are doing to reduce PFAS exposures, including restricting PFAS in food packaging and cookware sold in California after 2023, requiring manufacturers to consider PFAS alternatives for stainresistant treatments of carpets, upholstery, clothing and shoes, more closely monitoring common PFAS chemicals in our water supplies, shut-

ting down affected wells, using alternative water sources and building new or enhanced water treatment systems, we should do much more.

Although reducing current and future exposure is important, some of the most notorious PFAS chemicals accumulate in the body and remain there for years or even decades after exposure, and these PFAS have been shown to cause serious health problems. In its report, the National Academies recommends offering PFAS blood testing to people with a history of elevated exposure to PFAS, for example from drinking water containing PFAS chemicals, and that doctors should consider those blood test results and past exposures when providing

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COMMENTARY | JOSEPH KLUNDER



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THE COLLEGE CENTER building at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. A contributor to the Pilot extols the value of a community college education.

Local community colleges can ensure real-world survival, success

he last three years have seen drastic social changes. Lockdowns stifled movement, income dried up, pursuing new opportunities was difficult, even impossible. Many workplaces, schools and everyday social activities must still be online. Everyone wishes for life to return to normal.

But when the pandemic ends for good, whether in a few months or years, how can we best situate ourselves for the near future?

Local community colleges build a strong foundation and bridge gaps during common challenges ordinary people face.

Despite its hassles, the lockdown has provided an opportunity to catch up on reading, practice specific skills that need improvement or take community college classes. Coastline Community College, for example, offered a well-functioning system for online courses, even as top-ranked schools like

Yale charged full tuition for Zoom classes.

Many prisoners, military personnel outside Orange County or the elderly in nursing homes have benefitted from online coursework from Coastline or Orange Coast College. Food pantries, computer loaning services and even mobile Wi-Fi have ensured that lockdowns do not necessarily mean time without material and electronic access to the outside world. I have even seen full courses completed in as few as three days, especially with ample professor support.

Further, our community colleges have strengthened partnerships with relevant organizations to ensure a transition to four-year colleges is seamless and inexpensive. With enough planning and hard work, around 75% (90 units) of a typical bachelor's degree can transfer to a California public university. Even colleges outside California,

including Arizona State University, Louisiana State University and dozens of lesser known 100% online bachelor's programs accept local California community college classes.

Under the current environment, if everything goes perfectly, a student could go from finishing high school to completing an online bachelor's degree in under two years and \$10,000 before financial aid.

More broadly, how do we ensure all this universitylevel education leads to real-world success? One of the most viable answers comes from Career and Technical Education programs at community colleges

For those unfamiliar, CTE is a descendant of traditional vocational education once seen in high schools and colleges. However, unlike vocational education of the past, CTE is better funded and

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MAILBAG

Expensive desalination plants are not the right response to drought

There is no doubt that California is experiencing a major drought, however this does not mean that drastic means such as ocean desalination with marine environmental harm needs to be implemented. On May 12, the California Coastal Commission rejected Poseidon's plans to build a \$1.4-billion desalination plant in Huntington Beach, on the grounds of increased costs to the ratepayers, lack of necessity and the potential for severe marine environmental damage. Poseidon had touted its Carlsbad plant as proof of a successful operation and since then it has been reported that the Carlsbad plant is in need of millions of dollars in repairs being passed on to the ratepayers. Poseidon spent millions of dollars contributing to the campaign funds of office holders including the governor to gain their support.

At the present time the Orange County Water District is able to recycle 130 million gallons of fresh water daily, and this will continue to provide sufficient water to counteract



AN ABAND- ONED almond orchard in

Newman, Calif. A reader writes that California doesn't need to build desalination plants in response to the drought.

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the drought. The remainder of the state should do the same.

Richard C. Armendariz Huntington Beach

Most people who run for City Council in Newport Beach seem to have a political agenda in mind. Consequently, it is refreshing to see someone like Jim Mosher step forward who only wants to fulfill what he perceives as a civic duty.

No one in the city knows more about city government than Mosher. He answers most questions you pose to him immediately or he will refer you to the specific source where you can find the answer. He frequently comes forward to offer advice to the council because it is of

utmost importance to him that our city and council members abide by the rules and regulations set for them.

Unlike any other candidate in Newport Beach,
Mosher regularly attends
every meeting, not only of
council, but of every other
official meeting of the city.
You would think frequent
council attendance would
be a major prerequisite to
running for that body as
well as of personal interest
to the other candidates.

Referring to the minutes of past council meetings, one would be hard pressed to find evidence that Mosher's opponents have attended any of them, much less made a recommendation to the council

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

Back-to-school grammar tips for the students in your life

now someone who is heading back to school this fall? Here are some grammar tips I compiled for you, my dear (not-school-aged) reader, to pass along to that special student in your life.



in place of "its." When you want to show possession, as in "The dog wagged its tail," don't use

apostrophe. Instead, use "it's" only when you mean "it is" or "it has": It's raining. It's been nice talking to you.

Don't write "your" in place of "you're." If you want to tell someone "you are right," the shorter form is "you're right." The one without an apostrophe, "your," shows possession: Is that your phone?

Don't write "who's" when you mean "whose." With an apostrophe, "who's" means "who is" or 'who has": Who's there? Who's been eating my porridge? "Whose" deals with possession: Whose car is that?

Know the difference between "they're," "their" and "there." Seeing a pattern here? Apostrophes cause a lot of confusion. "They're" with an apostrophe



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

STUDENTS RETURN to Costa Mesa High School on the first day back to school for students in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 2020.

means "they are": They're nice. "Their" shows possession: Their grades got better. "There" is a location, "Put it there," or a way to say something exists, "There are a lot of people outside."

Be careful with "let's" and "lets." "Let's" is a contraction meaning "let us": Let's eat! Without an apostrophe, it's a verb conjugated for a third-person subject: Troy lets his dog off the

Don't use an apostrophe to make a plural. Words ending in vowels - like tuba, tsunami, boo, hello and bayou - look weird when you put an S at the end. But that's how you make them plural: tubas, tsunamis, boos, hellos, bayous. That applies to proper names, too. Jane and Sam Newberry are the Newberrys. No apostrophe, unless you want to put one after the S to show joint possession, like "the Newberrys'

house."

Use "could have" or "could've," never "could of." It may sound like your friend is saying "I could of eaten that whole pizza," but he's not. He's saying, "I could've."

Use "affect" as a verb and

"effect" as a noun: Caffeine doesn't affect me. That drug has bad side effects. (In rare cases, "effect" can be a verb meaning to bring something about: "to effect positive change." Even rarer, "affect" can be a noun meaning mental state. But you'll probably never need those.)

Use "led" when you want the past tense of "lead." George Washington led his troops. Don't get confused by the metal lead, which is pronounced like "led."

Don't double-space between sentences unless you think your teacher expects it. Professional publishing stopped double-spacing after periods a long time ago, but some educators didn't get the memo. So use only one space after a period unless your teacher wants to see two.

"Between you and me" is **proper English.** Avoid "between you and I" in schoolwork.

Try dropping "Joe and" to choose between "Joe and I" and "Joe and me." To know whether to write "Thanks for meeting with

Joe and I" or "Thanks for meeting with Joe and me," try the sentence without Joe. You'd never say, "Thanks for meeting with I." So just as "Thanks for meeting with me" is correct, so is "Thanks for meeting with Joe and me."

Don't be afraid of grammar jargon in Spanish or French class. When you feel panic rising in your chest because a language teacher starts talking about indirect object pronouns or past participles, relax. You're already a master. You use these things perfectly every day in English for example "I sent him an email" uses the indirect object "him" and the direct object "an email." Your teacher will give English translations so you'll see instantly what these terms mean. You've got this!

Check a dictionary to learn plurals and past forms. Not sure if it's "dreamed" or "dreamt"? Just look up "dream" in the dictionary and you'll see both are correct. Want to know the plural of "species"? Look up the word and you'll see the note: "plural: species."

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CHEMICALS

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patient care. This is a good start to what, I believe, needs to be a much stronger strategy to address this public health hazard.

Orange County residents can take their own action by requesting information about PFAS levels in their own water through their water provider's mandated annual water quality report, also known as a consumer confidence report, which is often available online. If PFAS chemicals are detected in their water, they

can reduce their exposure to PFAS by installing home water filters that are approved for PFAS removal. UCI is currently part of a national multisite study on PFAS, designed to help scientists better understand the health of effects of PFAS exposure. Some residents of Anaheim, Orange, Yorba Linda and Garden Grove. areas that are close to the Santa Ana River recharge basins for our groundwater supply, are participating and have had their blood tested for PFAS chemicals, as well as for cholesterol, thyroid function and other

health markers, at no cost.

We can take action to reduce our exposures to these chemicals, learn more about their health effects and ensure that people with elevated exposures get the appropriate medical care. Learn more about the UCI PFAS Health Study by visiting the website at https://sites.uci.edu/ pfas/.

SCOTT BARTELL is a professor of environmental and occupational health with the Program in Public Health at the University of California, Irvine, and is the lead investigator for the UCI PFAS Health Study.

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streamlined into the Department of Labor classification system. Contrary to popular belief, CTE education has a *lower turnover* and higher return on investment per credit hour than traditional liberal arts education.

These factors become even more powerful when someone must know what to do next.

The energy industry presents a relevant example. The early days of the pandemic nearly shut

down the lucrative petroleum industry, but now efficient sources of oil supply are in great demand. With gasoline prices still high at the pump, skills in renewable energy will undoubtedly be higher than the commendable pre-pandemic demand of 20% annual industry growth.

How should an eager person take advantage of this immediate demand for skills?

Orange Coast, Golden West and Coastline's courses on renewable energy installation provide one answer. Likewise,

taking the three years of calculus, physics, linear algebra, etc., for transfer to Embry Riddle's 100% online accredited two-year engineering fundamentals program provides another pathway. When someone becomes employed, earns a regular paycheck and believes their experience makes them a good fit, a four-year college becomes more relevant, desirable and "definitely worth it."

JOSEPH KLUNDER is a native of Newport Beach and now works as a high school teacher and counselor in China.

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Event brings country's best pitmasters to O.C.

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

True barbecue is among the foods individuals devote their lives to learning to prepare properly. Like a brew master to beer or an itamae to sushi, a pit master spends years developing craft and technique, often taking up traditions passed down through generations.

Daniel Castillo, owner and pitmaster at Heritage Craft Barbecue, is one such devotee, and to mark the two-year anniversary of his San Juan Capistrano restaurant, Castillo hosted the Craft BBQ Invitational on Aug. 13 at Sea Terrace Park in Dana Point. The inaugural one-day event featured a lineup of 50 of the most celebrated pitmasters from all over the country.

"It started off as an anniversary for us; now it has become more of a festival moving forward," Castillo

The difference between the invitational and most barbecue festivals is this one was not a competition but rather the gathering of a community.

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A PITMASTER prepares food during the Heritage Barbecue Craft BBQ Invitational at Sea Terrace Community Park on Aug. 13 in Dana Point.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF COSTA MESA REGARDING SUBMISSION OF THE HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Costa Mesa City Council will hold a public comment period and public hearing for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, a Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, in compliance with federal regula-

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law and allocated federal ARP funds to local On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law and allocated federal ARP funds to local cities through the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME, As a recipient of HOME funds, the City of Cotat Meas is eligible to receive a HOME-ARP allocation in the amount of \$1.316.742. To receive its HOME-ARP funds, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD as a substantial amendment to the City's previously approved Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes how the City intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds to address the needs of qualifying populations. The City has prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan a, Substantial Amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, which is now available for public review. The Allocation Plan proposes the

of HOME-ARP funds for the following Proposed HOME-ARP Activity

- Development of Affordable Housing Program administration

15-Day Public Comment Period 15-Day Public Comment Period
The City is required to make a draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan available for public review for 15 days. The City previously held a 15-day public comment period normal period way 3, 2022 prior to the May 3, 2022 City Council Meeting and Public Hearing. A second 15-day public comment period was held from July 3, 2022 to July 19, 2022. No comments were received. The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is available for public review again from August 21, 2022 to September 6, 2022 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. A Mot to 5 PM. The draft is also posted on the City's Websile: https://www.costamesaa.a.gov/city-hall/city-departments/development-services/housing-and-community-development.
Written comments regarding the Allocation Plan must be submitted to the attention of Mikele Daily at Costa Mesa City Hall, 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 PM September 6, 2022.

The City is required to hold a public hearing regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, a Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022.

Annual Action Plan. NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Costa Mesa City Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday

September 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter, at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

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 commiscations, photos or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be emailed to the <u>cityclerk@costamesaca.gov</u>, 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 12:00PM on the day of the hearing, September 6, 2022. 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 Gerk's Office at (74) 754-8252. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at https://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 corr spondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

AVISO PÚBLICO

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DE COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS DE 15 DÍAS QUE SE REALIZARÁ POR LA CIUDAD DE COSTA MESA EN RELACIÓN AL PLAN DE ASIGNACIÓN DEL HOME-AMERICA RESCUE PLAN (ARP), Y UNA MODIFICACIÓN SUSTANTIVA AL PLAN ANUAL DE ACCIÓN 2021-2022

El 11 de marzo de 2021, el Plan de Rescate Americano de 2021 (ARP) se firmó como ley y se asignó fondos federales ARP ciudades locales por el Programa de Colaboración de Inversiones (HOME). Como beneficiario de los fondos HOME, la Ciudad de Costa Mesa es elegible a recibir la asignación HOME-ARP en la cantidad de \$1,816,742. Para recibir los fondos HOME-ARP, la Ciudad tendrá que desarrollar un Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP y enviar el plan al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD) como una modificación sustantiva al plan previamente aprobado, el 2021-2022 Plan Anual De Acción. El Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP detalla como la Ciudad planea distribuir los fondos de HOME-ARP para evaluar las necesidades de las poblaciones cuales califican. La Ciudad ha preparado el HOME-ARP Plan, Modificación Sustantiva al Plan de de Acción 2021-2022 cual está disponible para revisión del público. El Plan de Asignación propone el use de los fondos para las

Actividades Propuestas de HOME-ARP

- Servicios de apoyo para personas en riesgo de/o pasando por indigencia Desarrollo de vivienda justa
- Programa de administración

Periodo de Comentarios Públicos de 15 Días

La Ciudad está requerida hacer un borrador del Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP y hacerlo disponible para revisión del público por 15 días. La Ciudad previamente hizo una audiencia de comentarios públicos de un periodo de 15 días del 18 de abril de 2022 al 3 de mayo de 2022 antes de la junta del Concejo Municipal y audiencia pública el 3 de mayo de 2022. Otra audiencia pública de comentarios públicos de 15 días fue llevada a cabo el 3 de julio de 2022 al 19 de julio de 2022. Ningún comentario fue recibido. comentanos publicos de 15 dias true llevada a cabo e 3 de julio de 20/22 al 19 de julio de 20/22, Inigiun comentano lue recibido. El borador Plan de Asignación de HOMC-APP está disponible para revisión orta vez del 21 de agosto de 20/22 al 6 designativa de 20/22 en el mostrador público en el Ayuntamiento de Costa Mesa, segundo piso - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. El Ayuntamiento está abierto lunes a jueves y viernes alternativos, Bam a 5pm. El borrador está publicado en el sitio web de la Ciudad: <a href="https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-halic/tidy-departments/development-services/housing-and-community-development-ser

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.gou y se proporcionaria na 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 Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por la Ciudad en una memoria Los del por la ciudad en una memoria Los del por la composición de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en una memoria Los del por la composición de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en una memoria Los del porte del po Officina del Secretario de la Ciudad. Por favor envir entatriales al Secretario de la Ciudad. Lo ANTES POSIBLE, PERO NO MÁS YARDE DE LAS 12:00 pm el dia de la audiencia, 6 de septiembre de 2022. Todos los materiales, fotografías, PowerPoint y videos enviados paras us enhibición en una reunión pública deben ser revissados previamente por el personal para verificar su idoneidad per 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 deb 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 redac tarán de ninguna manera y se publicarán en línea tal como se envíen, incluida la información de contacto personal. Para obtene ayuda, comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad al (714) 754-5225. La agenda del Ayuntamiento y los documen tos relacionados también se pueden ver en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <u>http://costamesaca.gov,</u> 72 horas antes de la fecha de La audiencia pública.SI 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 de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa

hard it is working early mornings and late nights; it's a marathon," Castillo said. "It takes a special individual to pull that off, and it's something we can all relate to."

When such passion is put into a craft, disciples are inevitable. If you smoke it, they will come.

A thousand tickets were sold for the event that included local pitmasters like Rebecca King, pitmaster and owner of the Bad Jew, based in Los Angeles, and known for porkstrami reuben sandwiches. King staged at Birdie G's in Santa Monica, which makes its own pastrami, and she learned how to smoke meat from friends at Flatpoint Barbecue.

"For the barbecue community, it makes it almost less competitive," said King. "Because you are all in one place, and this event isn't about who is selling the most. It is just about getting together and meeting each other and having more fun.'

The event also featured plenty of Texas barbecue, like Feges BBO from Houston, which served porkjowl pastrami at the event.

"We are centered around central Texas barbecue," said Feges pitmaster Patrick Feges. "My wife and I have a fine dining background so we bring that to it. We change up the sides. We don't do your regular Texas barbecue sides — we try to keep it fresh and seasonal.'

For Feges, the invitational was an opportunity to network.

"It is a chance for us to get together and trade ideas, show each other tricks, and spread the gospel of Texas barbecue," Feges

Feges also said he was impressed by SoCal's enthusiasm for Texas 'cue.

"It is really awesome to see all these people out here from California excited about Texas barbecue," he said. Other Texas barbecue

legends included Snow's BBQ, 2M Smokehouse, Interstellar BBQ and Killen's BBQ. Among California's best were Moo's Craft BBQ and Slab BBQ.

In the past two years, Heritage has had much to celebrate. Michelin gave it



ATTENDEES walk amid the vendors during the Heritage Barbecue Craft BBQ Invitational last weekend.

recognition in 2021, and the restaurant recently announced plans to expand into San Diego County. Heritage Barbecue and Brewing in Oceanside will be a 10,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor space with a full bar and 18 beers on tap with plated, composed dishes.

"It is going to be a different concept. It is a sit-down restaurant, and we are doing a different menu," Castillo said.

Castillo said beer brewing would be a focus too.

This, above all else will be a brewery — that will be the heart of it," said Castillo. "So a different kind of craft, if you will."

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or expressed the slightest concern about what the council might be doing.

If they had, political rivals would know that Mosher's information and insight are beyond reproach. This is primarily because Jim is apolitical, a rare quality in these intensely divisive times. And after the intensely political environment set up by our current council, wouldn't it be nice to have a member who has only the betterment of the city in mind?

It is not often that we get to vote for someone with Mosher's level of

experience and knowledge of City Hall. And how often do we get a candidate with a PhD from Caltech running for City Council?

Jim Mosher's incomparable level of intellect, humility and dedication to the betterment of Newport Beach make him a stellar candidate for that posi-

> **Lynn Lorenz** Newport Beach

Moorlach would be a bad choice for Costa Mesa

John Moorlach, a "do nothing" Republican office holder at all levels and loser to Democrat Dave Min for our state Senate

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seat, is sticking his nose back into it by running for Costa Mesa mayor against John Stephens. I have supported John Stephens and Katrina Foley as involved "can do" politicians because they listen to constituents and effectively represent their communities. They are bright, dedicated and hard-working public servants. John Stephens is always affable, approachable and forward-looking. In contrast, John Moorlach is aloof, has no vision and would consider this position a partisan prize instead of a commitment. The people of Costa Mesa were wellserved with Katrina Foley at the helm. They continued to be well-served by John Stephens. It would be a huge step backwards to allow a retread like Moorlach back into office.

> **Tim Geddes** Huntington Beach

About Miller and the truth

I read a letter to the editor (Daily Pilot Mailbag, Aug. 12) in last week's edition alleging an attack by Tom Miller against Joe Stapleton at the Orange County GOP endorsement committee meeting, and I happen to know exactly how the meeting went

down, and it's a far from how it's been depicted in this letter from four former Newport Beach may-

The true story is Miller asked the committee if truth and integrity play a part in their endorsement process. When the committee chair asked why such a question was being presented, Miller alleged his opponent had lied on the official endorsement questionnaire about whether or not he had ever been arrested. Miller felt the committee should be made aware of the situation and should eliminate Stapleton from any such endorsement.

The attack on Miller for speaking the truth is one of the many reasons politics has become so toxic. Miller has no agenda other than to continue to make our great city even greater, and all "Team Newport" wants to do is discredit him because they realize he is a threat to their attempt to take total control.

It's time for us all to stand up and put our local government back in the hands of the people ... Say "no more" to Team New-

My vote is going to Tom Miller!

Frank Cammarata Newport Beach

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trust me things are going to get better," said Iapello.
Instead, things got worse.

Central Bar and Kettle Bar vacated in May. Rumors swirled among the tenants that Vestar planned to evict

Iapello and Chan said they attempted to explore their options, first with Young and then Vestar, offering to take over the Central Bar or helping to find new tenants to fill in the empty stalls.

"We approached them and said if that's on the table, we'll take over the space," said Chan. "If you guys don't want that, and you guys want to manage the space again, we will just fill up all the tenants. We don't want a referral fee, we just want to see this place thrive."

In July, they received a response from Vestar's legal representation confirming that their client was entertaining a new concept that would not allow for current subtenants to remain on the property. Aug. 31 was named as a potential moveout date.

'We don't know what is going on. We don't when the utilities are going to be shut, if we are going to have toilet paper, if our doors are going to be locked. There is just this huge unknown," said Chan. "How come we haven't been given notice? Why don't we have more time to find a new location?'

Manalo voiced similar concerns.

"I understand Vestar, but they need to consider every tenant because we didn't



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OWNER SEBASTIAN CABRERA at Black Steel Barbershop in the Union Market at the District at Tustin Legacy in Tustin. Cabrera had plans to expand his shop with more chairs.

do anything," said Manalo. "Why didn't the company let us know?"

A marketing representative from Vestar told TimesOC via email they were unable to comment on pending litigation.

Manalo and her husband put most of their retirement money into their business, which is less than halfway through its fouryear lease. Braga is known for cakes, custom macarons and their popular mugwort cookie, and Manalo is still taking orders via Instagram @braga_baker.

Vicky Liu, owner of Little Pan Fried Bun, didn't even get the chance to open her soup dumpling concept.

"Originally, this was supposed to be my second location," said Liu, whose first location is in Santa Ana. "It was almost ready to open this month, and then

I got this information that we need to close."

Liu took over her space from the previous tenant and began paying rent in December 2020, while preparing to open by securing permits and repairing equipment. Then she signed a lease with Young. "I bought from the other

party, but I wanted to have my full ownership, so I signed a new contract with her," said Liu, "and she agreed to that."

Young could not be reached for comment.

Sebastian Cabrera Black Steel Barbershop had just upgraded to a larger space and was making plans to add more barber chairs.

"I moved when this spot became available, then three months later [Union Market] gets a notice on the window saying pay or quit,"

said Cabrera.

Cabrera said he takes his tools home every night.

"I take my stuff home with me in case they lock the doors," Cabrera said. "An eviction is an eviction." Sam Zheng, owner of

boba tea concept Leaf N Cream, opened during the summer of 2019 with a fiveyear lease.

"I did not owe my landlord any rent, I paid all my rent on time," said Zheng. "I have all the payment proof."

Zheng plans to focus on his location on Newport Avenue in Tustin while he looks for a new second location.

"Right now, I really don't know what to say to my customers," said Zheng.

Meanwhile owner and chef at Roba Noodle, Jin Heo, said he hasn't received any notification of pending

Vicky Liu stands in her unfinished eatery at the Union Market in Tustin on Aug. 11.

LITTLE

FRIED Bun owner

PAN





SAM ZHENG at Leaf N Cream, located in the Union Market at the District

at Tustin

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eviction.

"There are so many rumors right now," said Heo. 'We didn't hear anything from Vestar. Then someone told me we have to leave at the end of August, but I didn't hear that directly, no letter or phone call or email. I didn't get anything."

Once he is notified, Heo said he plans to ask for more time.

"If I have to leave, I understand that, but my request is give us more time to find a new location," said

The confusion extends to the customers too.

A one-star Yelp review dated Aug. 14 reads: "What happened to Union Market?!? My husband and I were at the District last night and decided to walk around Union Market to see if we could find a place

to eat. Shocked (is an understatement) by what we saw ... the place looks abandoned!"

A post on Reddit asks. "Does anyone have any insight on the sudden closures at the union market in Tustin district?"

Chan launched a petition to save Stowaway and all Union Market tenants that has garnered 2,046 signa-

"We just wanted to create awareness, and we wanted our voice to be heard," said Chan.

Stowaway had three years left on their lease, but Chan said their loose timeline for closing is the end of September.

Until then, they are on borrowed time.

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ATHLETICS

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Good things come in threes, as the proverbial saying goes. That number applies to the number of times the section has been able to cover the dues of its member schools with Wigod at the helm.

'That's been done three times under the commissioner's tenure, but it was never done in the previous 100 years of this organization that I know of," Thom Simmons, assistant commissioner of the CIF, said. "During Rob's 11 years as commissioner, we've refunded the dues to our schools three times."

Championship revenue accounts for close to 70% of the section's budget, said Wigod, who added that the CIF also secured a grant from the California

Department of Education. In forgiving member schools' dues for this year and last year, Wigod said section schools saved an estimated \$1.5 million

combined. The commissioner also expressed pride in the growth of girls' sports, the implementation of a playcentered system around competitive equity and the section's presence on social media.

Wigod noted the girls' wrestling postseason is now on par with boys' wrestling. Boys' and girls' lacrosse championships were recently brought into the fold, as well as traditional competitive cheer championships.

"Our girls' beach volleyball championships are going to be coming up for the first time this year," Wigod added. "Right now, next month, there's a proposal

to vote on girls' flag football as a CIF-approved sport to start in the fall of

The competitive equity playoffs have been predicated on an effort to utilize the most recent data to drive divisional placement for the playoffs.

"We want to get to the point where we could actually at the end of the ... current regular season, like we do in football, that we would be able to do the divisions at the end of the season," Wigod "Right now, the challenge to do that is to get every score of every game from every school."

Combining the top divisions in regular season polls and the formation of open divisions have served as a start in implementing exclusively the current season's results to produce playoff brackets.

While gathering complete data remains a work in progress, Wigod said the model of examining teams' performance from the most recent two seasons is still an improvement over

the former approach, which placed teams in playoff brackets based off their league.

known as someone who was never afraid to try ways that we can do better," Wigod said. "I really believed that the entire time I've been here. I don't think we're ever done with the work that we do in terms of trying to make this better."

The section is also work-"I would want to be ing to hold some of its

championships in major venues. The CIF will hold a football title game at the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1944, and Wigod said the section is also working toward securing a major venue for its basketball fi-

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merous closed session meetings and blurred the line between the city's interests and his own.

Gates said he only participated in the lawsuit as a defendant, which he was entitled to do.

"I can tell you that this job is hard enough," he said. "Having the council members then turn around and accuse you of wrongdoing, especially on a false basis, is particularly aggravating. If they would leave me alone, life would be good. I never pick these fights, I'm never the antagonist, but I will respond if I'm pushed. The community deserves to hear the truth about what's going on, rather than just hearing a bunch of false charges coming out of a few of the council members' mouths."

Yet, the constant rift between Gates and the council is troublesome to some,

including Field. "Ethically, every attorney has a duty to represent their client and listen to their client and implement what their client wants to do, within the law." Field said. "When you have a corporate body, it's run by the City Council, and that's your client. But [Gates] doesn't see it that way. He actually acts adversely to his client. That's not being an attorney. He's in constant conflict with the City Council ... and he's all about self-aggrandizement. He just wants to make him-

self a bigger person." Recommendations

change the city attorney, city clerk and city treasurer positions from elected to appointed were all on the table but ultimately shelved for the November election.

Gates said some members of the City Council have held personal grudges with him. Last December, Mayor Barbara Delgleize, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey and Councilman Dan Kalmick introduced an agenda item that would allow the council to select and procure the services of an outside legal firm.

A month earlier, Gates had taken to the dais during public comments to defend his record. In an interview at the time, Posey called it a "campaign speech" designed to try to embarrass the City Council.

Now a measure on the ballot for voters in November could potentially add a new section to the charter that more clearly defines the relationship between the city attorney and the

council. "I think the politics of it all, if you look at it from a 30,000-foot level, I have a very good relationship with the community because I'm in constant contact with the taxpayers and the voters and the residents of Huntington Beach," Gates said. "City Council members have taken exception to that over and over and over. They've even pled with me to stop posting on Facebook and stop making public comments, and that's just something I refuse to do. As part of my job as an elected official, it's part of my duty to have a relationship with the voters,

the residents."

He added that he believes council members want him to behave like city attorneys in neighboring cities, but they are appointed to their positions,

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Field, who was previously the city attorney in Mission Viejo and Temecula before coming to Huntington Beach, said he wouldn't mind Surf City having a more low-profile city attorney and is ready to take that role.

"If I was elected, I would follow the ethics of my profession," he said. "When four people out of seven vote for something, I'm going to help them implement whatever that is, within the law. I'm going to follow their direction. It would be like if you go see a doctor and he tells you, 'I know everyone says I should do A-B-C, but I'm going to do X-Y-Z. And you say, 'No, I want you to do this proper procedure. I don't want you to experiment on me.

"A doctor has a relationship with that patient, and that's sacred. Frankly, attorneys are the same way. We have a relationship with our client. Our job is not to do what we want, it's to help the client achieve his or her

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Event brings country's best pitmasters to O.C.

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

True barbecue is among the foods individuals devote their lives to learning to prepare properly. Like a brew master to beer or an itamae to sushi, a pit master spends years developing craft and technique, often taking up traditions passed down through generations.

Daniel Castillo, owner and pitmaster at Heritage Craft Barbecue, is one such devotee, and to mark the two-year anniversary of his San Juan Capistrano restaurant, Castillo hosted the Craft BBQ Invitational on Aug. 13 at Sea Terrace Park in Dana Point. The inaugural one-day event featured a lineup of 50 of the most celebrated pitmasters from all over the country.

"It started off as an anniversary for us; now it has become more of a festival moving forward," Castillo

The difference between the invitational and most barbecue festivals is this one was not a competition but rather the gathering of a community.

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A PITMASTER prepares food during the Heritage Barbecue Craft BBQ Invitational at Sea Terrace Community Park on Aug. 13 in Dana Point.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE CITY OF COSTA MESA REGARDING SUBMISSION OF THE HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Costa Mesa City Council will hold a public comment period and public hearing for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, a Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, in compliance with federal regula-

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law and allocated federal ARP funds to local On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law and allocated federal ARP funds to local cities through the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME, As a recipient of HOME funds, the City of Cotat Meas is eligible to receive a HOME-ARP allocation in the amount of \$1.316.742. To receive its HOME-ARP funds, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD as a substantial amendment to the City's previously approved Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes how the City intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds to address the needs of qualifying populations. The City has prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan a, Substantial Amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, which is now available for public review. The Allocation Plan proposes the

of HOME-ARP funds for the following Proposed HOME-ARP Activity

- Development of Affordable Housing Program administration

15-Day Public Comment Period 15-Day Public Comment Period
The City is required to make a draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan available for public review for 15 days. The City previously held a 15-day public comment period normal period way 3, 2022 prior to the May 3, 2022 City Council Meeting and Public Hearing. A second 15-day public comment period was held from July 3, 2022 to July 19, 2022. No comments were received. The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is available for public review again from August 21, 2022 to September 6, 2022 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. A Mot to 5 PM. The draft is also posted on the City's Websile: https://www.costamesaa.a.gov/city-hall/city-departments/development-services/housing-and-community-development.
Written comments regarding the Allocation Plan must be submitted to the attention of Mikele Daily at Costa Mesa City Hall, 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 PM September 6, 2022.

The City is required to hold a public hearing regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, a Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022.

Annual Action Plan. NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Costa Mesa City Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday

September 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter, at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

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 commiscations, photos or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be emailed to the <u>cityclerk@costamesaca.gov</u>, 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 12:00PM on the day of the hearing, September 6, 2022. 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 Gerk's Office at (74) 754-8252. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at https://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 corr spondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

AVISO PÚBLICO

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DE COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS DE 15 DÍAS QUE SE REALIZARÁ POR LA CIUDAD DE COSTA MESA EN RELACIÓN AL PLAN DE ASIGNACIÓN DEL HOME-AMERICA RESCUE PLAN (ARP), Y UNA MODIFICACIÓN SUSTANTIVA AL PLAN ANUAL DE ACCIÓN 2021-2022

El 11 de marzo de 2021, el Plan de Rescate Americano de 2021 (ARP) se firmó como ley y se asignó fondos federales ARP ciudades locales por el Programa de Colaboración de Inversiones (HOME). Como beneficiario de los fondos HOME, la Ciudad de Costa Mesa es elegible a recibir la asignación HOME-ARP en la cantidad de \$1,816,742. Para recibir los fondos HOME-ARP, la Ciudad tendrá que desarrollar un Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP y enviar el plan al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD) como una modificación sustantiva al plan previamente aprobado, el 2021-2022 Plan Anual De Acción. El Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP detalla como la Ciudad planea distribuir los fondos de HOME-ARP para evaluar las necesidades de las poblaciones cuales califican. La Ciudad ha preparado el HOME-ARP Plan, Modificación Sustantiva al Plan de de Acción 2021-2022 cual está disponible para revisión del público. El Plan de Asignación propone el use de los fondos para las

Actividades Propuestas de HOME-ARP

- Servicios de apoyo para personas en riesgo de/o pasando por indigencia Desarrollo de vivienda justa
- Programa de administración

Periodo de Comentarios Públicos de 15 Días

La Ciudad está requerida hacer un borrador del Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP y hacerlo disponible para revisión del público por 15 días. La Ciudad previamente hizo una audiencia de comentarios públicos de un periodo de 15 días del 18 de abril de 2022 al 3 de mayo de 2022 antes de la junta del Concejo Municipal y audiencia pública el 3 de mayo de 2022. Otra audiencia pública de comentarios públicos de 15 días fue llevada a cabo el 3 de julio de 2022 al 19 de julio de 2022. Ningún comentario fue recibido. comentanos publicos de 15 dias true llevada a cabo e 3 de julio de 20/22 al 19 de julio de 20/22, Inigiun comentano lue recibido. El borador Plan de Asignación de HOMC-APP está disponible para revisión orta vez del 21 de agosto de 20/22 al 6 designativa de 20/22 en el mostrador público en el Ayuntamiento de Costa Mesa, segundo piso - 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. El Ayuntamiento está abierto lunes a jueves y viernes alternativos, Bam a 5pm. El borrador está publicado en el sitio web de la Ciudad: <a href="https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-halic/tidy-departments/development-services/housing-and-community-development-ser

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.gou y se proporcionaria na 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 Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por fuer exerción especial de la Ciudad en una memoria USB o enviarse por correo a la Deficie del Secretaria de la Ciudad por la Ciudad en una memoria Los del por la ciudad en una memoria Los del por la composición de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en una memoria Los del por la composición de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en una memoria Los del porte del po Officina del Secretario de la Ciudad. Por favor envir entatriales al Secretario de la Ciudad. Lo ANTES POSIBLE, PERO NO MÁS YARDE DE LAS 12:00 pm el dia de la audiencia, 6 de septiembre de 2022. Todos los materiales, fotografías, PowerPoint y videos enviados paras us enhibición en una reunión pública deben ser revissados previamente por el personal para verificar su idoneidad per 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 deb 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 redac tarán de ninguna manera y se publicarán en línea tal como se envíen, incluida la información de contacto personal. Para obtene ayuda, comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad al (714) 754-5225. La agenda del Ayuntamiento y los documen tos relacionados también se pueden ver en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <u>http://costamesaca.gov,</u> 72 horas antes de la fecha de La audiencia pública.SI 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 de la Ciudad de Costa Mesa

hard it is working early mornings and late nights; it's a marathon," Castillo said. "It takes a special individual to pull that off, and it's something we can all relate to."

When such passion is put into a craft, disciples are inevitable. If you smoke it, they will come.

A thousand tickets were sold for the event that included local pitmasters like Rebecca King, pitmaster and owner of the Bad Jew, based in Los Angeles, and known for porkstrami reuben sandwiches. King staged at Birdie G's in Santa Monica, which makes its own pastrami, and she learned how to smoke meat from friends at Flatpoint Barbecue.

"For the barbecue community, it makes it almost less competitive," said King. "Because you are all in one place, and this event isn't about who is selling the most. It is just about getting together and meeting each other and having more fun.'

The event also featured plenty of Texas barbecue, like Feges BBO from Houston, which served porkjowl pastrami at the event.

"We are centered around central Texas barbecue," said Feges pitmaster Patrick Feges. "My wife and I have a fine dining background so we bring that to it. We change up the sides. We don't do your regular Texas barbecue sides — we try to keep it fresh and seasonal.'

For Feges, the invitational was an opportunity to network.

"It is a chance for us to get together and trade ideas, show each other tricks, and spread the gospel of Texas barbecue," Feges

Feges also said he was impressed by SoCal's enthusiasm for Texas 'cue.

"It is really awesome to see all these people out here from California excited about Texas barbecue," he said. Other Texas barbecue

legends included Snow's BBQ, 2M Smokehouse, Interstellar BBQ and Killen's BBQ. Among California's best were Moo's Craft BBQ and Slab BBQ.

In the past two years, Heritage has had much to celebrate. Michelin gave it



ATTENDEES walk amid the vendors during the Heritage Barbecue Craft BBQ Invitational last weekend.

recognition in 2021, and the restaurant recently announced plans to expand into San Diego County. Heritage Barbecue and Brewing in Oceanside will be a 10,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor space with a full bar and 18 beers on tap with plated, composed dishes.

"It is going to be a different concept. It is a sit-down restaurant, and we are doing a different menu," Castillo said.

Castillo said beer brewing would be a focus too.

This, above all else will be a brewery — that will be the heart of it," said Castillo. "So a different kind of craft, if you will."

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or expressed the slightest concern about what the council might be doing.

If they had, political rivals would know that Mosher's information and insight are beyond reproach. This is primarily because Jim is apolitical, a rare quality in these intensely divisive times. And after the intensely political environment set up by our current council, wouldn't it be nice to have a member who has only the betterment of the city in mind?

It is not often that we get to vote for someone with Mosher's level of

experience and knowledge of City Hall. And how often do we get a candidate with a PhD from Caltech running for City Council?

Jim Mosher's incomparable level of intellect, humility and dedication to the betterment of Newport Beach make him a stellar candidate for that posi-

> **Lynn Lorenz** Newport Beach

Moorlach would be a bad choice for Costa Mesa

John Moorlach, a "do nothing" Republican office holder at all levels and loser to Democrat Dave Min for our state Senate

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seat, is sticking his nose back into it by running for Costa Mesa mayor against John Stephens. I have supported John Stephens and Katrina Foley as involved "can do" politicians because they listen to constituents and effectively represent their communities. They are bright, dedicated and hard-working public servants. John Stephens is always affable, approachable and forward-looking. In contrast, John Moorlach is aloof, has no vision and would consider this position a partisan prize instead of a commitment. The people of Costa Mesa were wellserved with Katrina Foley at the helm. They continued to be well-served by John Stephens. It would be a huge step backwards to allow a retread like Moorlach back into office.

> **Tim Geddes** Huntington Beach

About Miller and the truth

I read a letter to the editor (Daily Pilot Mailbag, Aug. 12) in last week's edition alleging an attack by Tom Miller against Joe Stapleton at the Orange County GOP endorsement committee meeting, and I happen to know exactly how the meeting went

down, and it's a far from how it's been depicted in this letter from four former Newport Beach may-

The true story is Miller asked the committee if truth and integrity play a part in their endorsement process. When the committee chair asked why such a question was being presented, Miller alleged his opponent had lied on the official endorsement questionnaire about whether or not he had ever been arrested. Miller felt the committee should be made aware of the situation and should eliminate Stapleton from any such endorsement.

The attack on Miller for speaking the truth is one of the many reasons politics has become so toxic. Miller has no agenda other than to continue to make our great city even greater, and all "Team Newport" wants to do is discredit him because they realize he is a threat to their attempt to take total control.

It's time for us all to stand up and put our local government back in the hands of the people ... Say "no more" to Team New-

My vote is going to Tom Miller!

Frank Cammarata Newport Beach

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trust me things are going to get better," said Iapello.
Instead, things got worse.

Central Bar and Kettle Bar vacated in May. Rumors swirled among the tenants that Vestar planned to evict

Iapello and Chan said they attempted to explore their options, first with Young and then Vestar, offering to take over the Central Bar or helping to find new tenants to fill in the empty stalls.

"We approached them and said if that's on the table, we'll take over the space," said Chan. "If you guys don't want that, and you guys want to manage the space again, we will just fill up all the tenants. We don't want a referral fee, we just want to see this place thrive."

In July, they received a response from Vestar's legal representation confirming that their client was entertaining a new concept that would not allow for current subtenants to remain on the property. Aug. 31 was named as a potential moveout date.

'We don't know what is going on. We don't when the utilities are going to be shut, if we are going to have toilet paper, if our doors are going to be locked. There is just this huge unknown," said Chan. "How come we haven't been given notice? Why don't we have more time to find a new location?'

Manalo voiced similar concerns.

"I understand Vestar, but they need to consider every tenant because we didn't



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OWNER SEBASTIAN CABRERA at Black Steel Barbershop in the Union Market at the District at Tustin Legacy in Tustin. Cabrera had plans to expand his shop with more chairs.

do anything," said Manalo. "Why didn't the company let us know?"

A marketing representative from Vestar told TimesOC via email they were unable to comment on pending litigation.

Manalo and her husband put most of their retirement money into their business, which is less than halfway through its fouryear lease. Braga is known for cakes, custom macarons and their popular mugwort cookie, and Manalo is still taking orders via Instagram @braga_baker.

Vicky Liu, owner of Little Pan Fried Bun, didn't even get the chance to open her soup dumpling concept.

"Originally, this was supposed to be my second location," said Liu, whose first location is in Santa Ana. "It was almost ready to open this month, and then

I got this information that we need to close."

Liu took over her space from the previous tenant and began paying rent in December 2020, while preparing to open by securing permits and repairing equipment. Then she signed a lease with Young. "I bought from the other

party, but I wanted to have my full ownership, so I signed a new contract with her," said Liu, "and she agreed to that."

Young could not be reached for comment.

Sebastian Cabrera Black Steel Barbershop had just upgraded to a larger space and was making plans to add more barber chairs.

"I moved when this spot became available, then three months later [Union Market] gets a notice on the window saying pay or quit,"

said Cabrera.

Cabrera said he takes his tools home every night.

"I take my stuff home with me in case they lock the doors," Cabrera said. "An eviction is an eviction." Sam Zheng, owner of

boba tea concept Leaf N Cream, opened during the summer of 2019 with a fiveyear lease.

"I did not owe my landlord any rent, I paid all my rent on time," said Zheng. "I have all the payment proof."

Zheng plans to focus on his location on Newport Avenue in Tustin while he looks for a new second location.

"Right now, I really don't know what to say to my customers," said Zheng.

Meanwhile owner and chef at Roba Noodle, Jin Heo, said he hasn't received any notification of pending

Vicky Liu stands in her unfinished eatery at the Union Market in Tustin on Aug. 11.

LITTLE

FRIED Bun owner

PAN





SAM ZHENG at Leaf N Cream, located in the Union Market at the District

at Tustin

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eviction.

"There are so many rumors right now," said Heo. 'We didn't hear anything from Vestar. Then someone told me we have to leave at the end of August, but I didn't hear that directly, no letter or phone call or email. I didn't get anything."

Once he is notified, Heo said he plans to ask for more time.

"If I have to leave, I understand that, but my request is give us more time to find a new location," said

The confusion extends to the customers too.

A one-star Yelp review dated Aug. 14 reads: "What happened to Union Market?!? My husband and I were at the District last night and decided to walk around Union Market to see if we could find a place

to eat. Shocked (is an understatement) by what we saw ... the place looks abandoned!"

A post on Reddit asks. "Does anyone have any insight on the sudden closures at the union market in Tustin district?"

Chan launched a petition to save Stowaway and all Union Market tenants that has garnered 2,046 signa-

"We just wanted to create awareness, and we wanted our voice to be heard," said Chan.

Stowaway had three years left on their lease, but Chan said their loose timeline for closing is the end of September.

Until then, they are on borrowed time.

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ATHLETICS

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Good things come in threes, as the proverbial saying goes. That number applies to the number of times the section has been able to cover the dues of its member schools with Wigod at the helm.

'That's been done three times under the commissioner's tenure, but it was never done in the previous 100 years of this organization that I know of," Thom Simmons, assistant commissioner of the CIF, said. "During Rob's 11 years as commissioner, we've refunded the dues to our schools three times."

Championship revenue accounts for close to 70% of the section's budget, said Wigod, who added that the CIF also secured a grant from the California

Department of Education. In forgiving member schools' dues for this year and last year, Wigod said section schools saved an estimated \$1.5 million

combined. The commissioner also expressed pride in the growth of girls' sports, the implementation of a playcentered system around competitive equity and the section's presence on social media.

Wigod noted the girls' wrestling postseason is now on par with boys' wrestling. Boys' and girls' lacrosse championships were recently brought into the fold, as well as traditional competitive cheer championships.

"Our girls' beach volleyball championships are going to be coming up for the first time this year," Wigod added. "Right now, next month, there's a proposal

to vote on girls' flag football as a CIF-approved sport to start in the fall of

The competitive equity playoffs have been predicated on an effort to utilize the most recent data to drive divisional placement for the playoffs.

"We want to get to the point where we could actually at the end of the ... current regular season, like we do in football, that we would be able to do the divisions at the end of the season," Wigod "Right now, the challenge to do that is to get every score of every game from every school."

Combining the top divisions in regular season polls and the formation of open divisions have served as a start in implementing exclusively the current season's results to produce playoff brackets.

While gathering complete data remains a work in progress, Wigod said the model of examining teams' performance from the most recent two seasons is still an improvement over

the former approach, which placed teams in playoff brackets based off their league.

known as someone who was never afraid to try ways that we can do better," Wigod said. "I really believed that the entire time I've been here. I don't think we're ever done with the work that we do in terms of trying to make this better."

The section is also work-"I would want to be ing to hold some of its

championships in major venues. The CIF will hold a football title game at the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1944, and Wigod said the section is also working toward securing a major venue for its basketball fi-

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merous closed session meetings and blurred the line between the city's interests and his own.

Gates said he only participated in the lawsuit as a defendant, which he was entitled to do.

"I can tell you that this job is hard enough," he said. "Having the council members then turn around and accuse you of wrongdoing, especially on a false basis, is particularly aggravating. If they would leave me alone, life would be good. I never pick these fights, I'm never the antagonist, but I will respond if I'm pushed. The community deserves to hear the truth about what's going on, rather than just hearing a bunch of false charges coming out of a few of the council members' mouths."

Yet, the constant rift between Gates and the council is troublesome to some,

including Field. "Ethically, every attorney has a duty to represent their client and listen to their client and implement what their client wants to do, within the law." Field said. "When you have a corporate body, it's run by the City Council, and that's your client. But [Gates] doesn't see it that way. He actually acts adversely to his client. That's not being an attorney. He's in constant conflict with the City Council ... and he's all about self-aggrandizement. He just wants to make him-

self a bigger person." Recommendations

change the city attorney, city clerk and city treasurer positions from elected to appointed were all on the table but ultimately shelved for the November election.

Gates said some members of the City Council have held personal grudges with him. Last December, Mayor Barbara Delgleize, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey and Councilman Dan Kalmick introduced an agenda item that would allow the council to select and procure the services of an outside legal firm.

A month earlier, Gates had taken to the dais during public comments to defend his record. In an interview at the time, Posey called it a "campaign speech" designed to try to embarrass the City Council.

Now a measure on the ballot for voters in November could potentially add a new section to the charter that more clearly defines the relationship between the city attorney and the

council. "I think the politics of it all, if you look at it from a 30,000-foot level, I have a very good relationship with the community because I'm in constant contact with the taxpayers and the voters and the residents of Huntington Beach," Gates said. "City Council members have taken exception to that over and over and over. They've even pled with me to stop posting on Facebook and stop making public comments, and that's just something I refuse to do. As part of my job as an elected official, it's part of my duty to have a relationship with the voters,

the residents."

He added that he believes council members want him to behave like city attorneys in neighboring cities, but they are appointed to their positions,

not elected. "I'm doing no different than any other elected city attorney ... but they simply don't like my relationship with the public," he said. "They would prefer to have an attorney working di-rectly with the City Council who stays more low-profile and quiet."

Field, who was previously the city attorney in Mission Viejo and Temecula before coming to Huntington Beach, said he wouldn't mind Surf City having a more low-profile city attorney and is ready to take that role.

"If I was elected, I would follow the ethics of my profession," he said. "When four people out of seven vote for something, I'm going to help them implement whatever that is, within the law. I'm going to follow their direction. It would be like if you go see a doctor and he tells you, 'I know everyone says I should do A-B-C, but I'm going to do X-Y-Z. And you say, 'No, I want you to do this proper procedure. I don't want you to experiment on me.

"A doctor has a relationship with that patient, and that's sacred. Frankly, attorneys are the same way. We have a relationship with our client. Our job is not to do what we want, it's to help the client achieve his or her

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