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C.M. property manager faces complaints from tenants

Residents held a Dec. 9 demonstration outside the Red Hill Avenue regional office of FPI Management in a day of action planned against the company and its corporate landlord partners.

BY SARA CARDINE

Tenants of an apartment complex in Baldwin Hills traveled to Orange County last week to protest alleged unfair treatment from a Costa Mesa property management company whose staff they claim has harassed residents and threatened to evict them.

A group amassed during a Dec. 9 demonstration outside the Red Hill Avenue regional office of FPI Management, which manages nearly 150,000 units nationwide, including a handful of Orange County properties and the 4063 Nicolet Ave. apartments in Los Angeles.

That's where residents, primarily people of color,

maintain FPI has attempted to evict them from their homes in an effort to raise rents while neglecting to maintain the units.

The event was part of a day of action organized by the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), a membership-based advocacy group that mobilizes citizens in support of economic and racial justice causes, including housing.

Similar events took place in San Diego, where New York investment management company Blackstone, Inc. recently purchased 6,000 units to be managed by FPI, and at Blackstone's San Fran-

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Courtesy of ACCE

TENANTS FROM a Baldwin Hills apartment complex protest outside the Costa Mesa office of FPI Management.



Photos by Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

INCOMING MAYOR Kevin Muldoon, left, switches seats with outgoing Mayor Brad Avery during the final meeting of the year for the Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday. "I would like to thank my colleagues for their trust," Muldoon said.

Newport Beach names Kevin Muldoon as mayor

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Say hello to Newport Beach's new Mayor Kevin Muldoon and Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom.

As part of the annual reorganization of the seven-member dais, the Newport Beach City Council named Muldoon as mayor unanimously. Muldoon will be replacing outgoing Mayor Brad Avery. Both the mayor and mayor pro tempore roles are largely ceremonial in nature, though that may change in the future depending on the voters of Newport Beach on the "Elect Our Mayor" ballot measure.

The mayor pro tem role was contested between Councilwoman Joy Brenner, first elected to the panel in 2018, and council relative newcomer Blom, with the latter receiving the title in a close, 4-3 vote.

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NEWLY APPOINTED Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom, right, shakes hands with outgoing Mayor Brad Avery, as the council rearranges its seating at the dais.

H.B. declares local emergency in response to trash strike

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night unanimously declared a local emergency in response to an ongoing labor dispute between the city's waste hauler, Republic Services, and its employees.

The declaration authorizes city staff to administratively issue limited and temporary permits to a company to perform trash collection and waive some regulations related to the co-mingling of refuse and the transfer of refuse across county lines.

This move allows the execution of an alternative service plan to mitigate disruption in trash collection during labor negotiations.

The city entered a contract with Republic Services in 2006. City Manager Oliver Chi said the city was notified about the ongoing labor dispute between the company and its staff on Dec. 9.

Unionized staff — represented by Teamsters Local 396 — have been on strike since Dec. 9, forming picket lines in front of the company's facilities in Huntington Beach and Anaheim.

Employees allege there have been unfair labor practices committed during negotiations, including threats to employees that spoke to media after the union voted to authorize the strike in late November.

Other complaints include being required to work 14-hour shifts, poor work conditions, allegations of the company's use of noncontracted labor and retaliation when employees filed grievances with the company.

City officials met with repre-

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STRIKING MEMBERS of Teamsters Local 396 force a driver to wait before entering a Republic Services facility in Huntington Beach.

Kevin Chang Staff Photographer

Laguna council elects Sue Kempf mayor

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Laguna Beach City Council underwent a shift in leadership on Tuesday, as the five-person panel voted unanimously to make Sue Kempf the town's new mayor.

Kempf, who joined the council in 2018 and previously served on the planning commission, has been involved in initiatives such as the Neighborhood and Environment Protection Plan, the Promenade on Forest, and the Wildfire Mitigation and Fire Safety Plan.

"I am humbled and honored to serve our community as Laguna Beach mayor," Kempf said in a prepared statement. "Over the last few years, our city council has worked together and made great progress on quality-of-life enhancements, additional fire safety and mitigation measures, and process streamlining improvements for our community.

"Collaborative work within the city council and with city staff is key to continuing that momentum and moving forward together. I look forward to partnering with residents, our business community and my colleagues on the city council to enhance services and further define our priorities for the future."



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

NEWLY APPOINTED Mayor Sue Kempf, right, reads a list of accomplishments by three-year, outgoing mayor Bob Whalen, left, from a proclamation recognizing his service during a Laguna Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Kempf expressed an interest in seeing the feedback from the community that will come about through the city's survey to residents.

"First of all, I'm looking forward to getting the survey results back be-

cause I think, in terms of strategic planning for our town, it will be good to have broad input from residents, and we haven't had that in the past,"

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Courtesy of Newport-Mesa Unified School District

FORMER NMUSD BOARD President Karen Yelsey, left, holds a commemorative plaque Tuesday with newly appointed President Michelle Barto.

Newport-Mesa district names new president

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport-Mesa Unified School District officials on Tuesday appointed board member Michelle Barto to serve as president, following a board reorganization during which one trustee representing westside Costa Mesa claimed to have been shut out from leadership positions.

And that wasn't the only moment of contention, as parents who'd convened in a demonstration before

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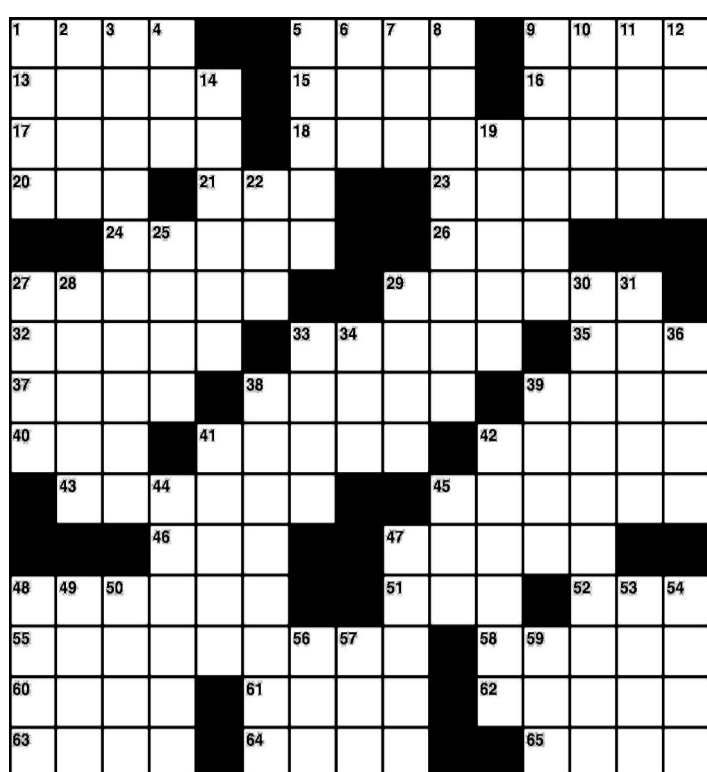
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

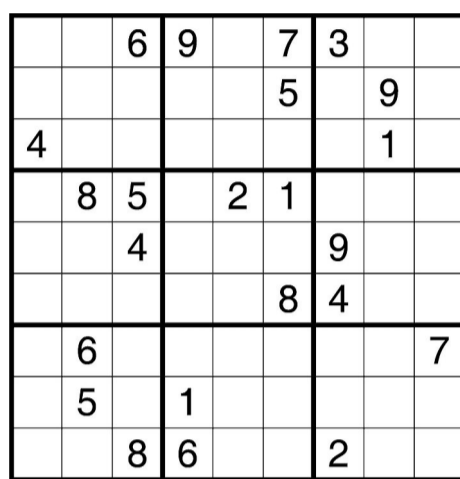
- ACROSS**
- 1 Begin to awaken
 - 5 Sneaker or loafer
 - 9 Buddies
 - 13 Iraq's currency
 - 15 Brown seaweed
 - 16 Part of a Hawaiian tour package
 - 17 _ same time; together
 - 18 Poverty
 - 20 Colorful pond fish
 - 21 Group of whales
 - 23 Babbled
 - 24 Sounds of pain
 - 26 "He's got the whole world in _"
 - 27 "Jeopardy!" answers, mostly
 - 29 iPhone feature
 - 32 More brusque
 - 33 "The _ Mutiny"; film for Bogart
 - 35 Folklore pixie
 - 37 As strong _ ox
 - 38 Shindig
 - 39 Ice sheet afloat
 - 40 Teacher's favorite
 - 41 Sulking
 - 42 Finnish steam bath
 - 43 Put to sleep before surgery
 - 45 Epée user
 - 46 Bone in a cage
 - 47 Mountain peak
 - 48 Take long steps
 - 51 Sever
 - 52 "Come one, come _!"
 - 55 Help a new immigrant, perhaps
 - 58 Els with a club
 - 60 Farmyard cry
 - 61 Private hideout
 - 62 Donald & Daisy
 - 63 Cookware
 - 64 Reb's Civil War foe
 - 65 Quilting parties
- DOWN**
- 1 Mount
 - Rushmore's state: abbr.
 - 2 One of Michael Jackson's brothers
 - 3 Frighter; cow
 - 4 Supportive cry
 - 5 Loses traction on ice
 - 6 Cackling bird
 - 7 Outdated
 - 8 January 6
 - 9 Polite person's word
 - 10 Rosemary
 - Clooney, to George
 - 11 "Arsenic and Old _"; 1944 film
 - 12 Took to court
 - 14 Fix
 - 19 Dirty buildup
 - 22 Stop _ dime
 - 25 _ mitts; hand



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 A6.

- protectors
 - 27 Mouse's downfall
 - 28 Wily tricks
 - 29 Word with Carson or Kansas
 - 30 Unwillingness
 - 31 By oneself
 - 33 Sleeveless wrap
 - 34 "People _ Funny" of old TV
 - 36 Terror
 - 38 _ stove; one-room schoolhouse heater
 - 39 Groupies
 - 41 Domestic workers
 - 42 Flowed out slowly
 - 44 Beverages
 - 45 To and _
 - 47 Cash register user
 - 48 Go no further
 - 49 Nirvana, for one
 - 50 Blow one's top
 - 53 Take a fancy to
 - 54 "The _ said, the better"
 - 56 TV remote battery
 - 57 Sardine container
 - 59 Massage
- Tribune Media Services

Sean Joyce appointed to the interim city manager role in Huntington Beach



City of Huntington Beach

SEAN JOYCE was appointed at a Huntington Beach City Council meeting Tuesday to serve as the city's interim city manager.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Huntington Beach has found an interim replacement for current City Manager Oliver Chi, who is headed for a new post in Irvine.

The Huntington Beach City Council, at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, unanimously named Sean Joyce to City Hall's top job on a temporary basis.

Joyce, who coincidentally served as Irvine's city manager for 12 years before retiring in 2018, is set to begin his time with Surf City

on Monday. Most recently, Joyce stepped in as the interim city manager for South Pasadena, a role he held from September 2020 until May.

"Thank you all for your confidence in me," Joyce told the council on Tuesday night.

"I know that there's a lot on your collective plates. There are great aspirations that you have shared with me and I give you my commitment that I will do everything I can, working

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TENANTS

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cisco office. The goal is to impel corporate landlords to work with tenants to negotiate rent increases, facility improvements and other important issues, says communications director Anya Svanoe.

"We represent tenants who are at risk of eviction or are being harassed or illegally kicked out of facing rent increases," Svanoe said Tuesday. "We teach people how to organize their buildings and form a tenants union in their building to collectively bargain with the manager."

ACCE representatives working with the Nicolet apartment tenants issued letters to FPI Management and Blackstone, calling on leaders to address issues, ranging from mold to insect infestation to a lack of security.

Residents are also requesting the company terminate an on-site property manager they say has harassed them and taken actions including issuing three-day notices threatening eviction and towing tenants' cars without warn-



Courtesy of ACCE

RESIDENTS OF Nicolet Avenue apartments in Baldwin Hills protest Dec. 9 outside the Costa Mesa Red Hill Avenue regional office of FPI Management, which they claim has harassed and attempted to unfairly evict tenants.

ing, according to tenant stories provided to ACCE.

"My first demand to the FPI's Costa Mesa office is to fire this man from all of the wrong that he is doing to the tenants here and get [him] removed ASAP," resident Gwen Atkins shared in her story.

"The second demand for FPI's Costa Mesa office is to stop their division tactics,

like putting tenants against each other."

Svanoe said ACCE is planning future actions involving FPI.

The company's reputation and social media manager did not respond by press deadline to multiple requests for comment.

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Amassed cargo ships are a sign of broken public policy

Across Orange County and Los Angeles waters, cargo ships are overpacked into ports, publicly displaying the backlog in transportation and clogged commerce across the world. Overall demand is significantly higher than the ability of production, leading to backlog and inflation.

For example, a major break in transportation comes from the passage of AB5 and its effect on truck drivers. The law uses what is known as the "ABC" test, which governs who can be labeled an independent contractor and makes it difficult for owner-operators to function in California. There's also a push to get ships flowing in and out of ports. Policies such as the SHIP ACT introduce legislation prohibiting the idling or anchoring of cargo ships in Southern California, which could increase the circulation of transportation.

Though production will take time to recover from the past few years, policy changes to AB5 and proper attention to shipping will help clear up the supply chain.

Cloe Hughes
Orange

Elected mayor proposal has flaws

Recently, a prominent local attorney, on behalf of several elected and citizens of Newport Beach, wrote and sent a letter to the city attorney citing several flaws in the resolution passed at the Oct. 26, 2021, City Council meeting having to do with the directly elected mayor initiative proposed by Councilman Will O'Neill. The vote was 4-3 with council members Brenner, Dixon and Mayor Avery dissenting.

Every one of the points in the letter were shot down by the city attorney, including the scheduled special election date for this initiative appearing on the ballot rather than the June 2022 General Election ballot. This special election will cost the city \$215,000.

In response to the letter, the city maintains that it has *not* failed to



CARGO SHIPS CAN be seen anchored off the coast of Huntington Beach on March 3.

address the impact and problems associated with the consolidation of seven districts into six. The effect is obvious, and this analysis is a requirement of the California Voters Act. Clearly, the number of constituents that a council member represents has a direct effect on that representative's ability to effectively execute their responsibilities (that is if they even consider keeping in regular contact with their constituents a responsibility of their position). This will have the effect of disenfranchising constituents, neighborhoods and villages within a district. Yet the city maintains the consolidation of districts will have no impact.

The city, by virtue of language in the city charter, maintains that City Council members are not "employees" of the city. I can speak from experience when I tell you that council members do receive a monthly stipend that at the end of each year is reported to the IRS on a W-2 form. The IRS considers this stipend "income";

the city charter states it is a "stipend." Why do I bring this up?

The California Voters Act requires that the employment status affected by this initiative be analyzed. As written, the effect of a directly elected mayor has quite a significant effect on the employment status of the city manager, his or her staff, and additional staffing to support the mayor (and cost in terms of salary and benefits). Yet the city maintains that there will be no effect on staffing because a directly elected mayor and city council members are not considered "employees" of the city.

The biggest objections to the elected mayor proposal are that it creates an abnormally powerful mayor who could serve eight years on council followed by another eight years as mayor for a total of 16 years in office. This is in direct conflict to what the voters approved in the form of term limits in our city. Third, this proposal was conceived without any input

from the public. Shouldn't a change as significant as this be discussed before being voted on? This entire process smacks of the potential for corruption that often results with such radical change.

I encourage you to go to *No ElectedMayor.com* to read more about this flawed initiative.

Jeff Herdman
Newport Beach
Former City Council member

Consistency is key beyond editing

Wise writing mirrors wise living. As June Casagrande outlines the importance of consistency in editing, I also suggest that consistency — in spite of Ralph Waldo Emerson's warning that "consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds," which was an assertion of individualism and choice as opposed to blind conformity — is a key component of personal integrity as well as good writing.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

Mobile home owners under threat in H.B.

While I was pleased to read Daily Pilot reporter Matt Szabo's upbeat article on Huntington Beach looking ahead to 2022, and while I appreciate the leadership of both Mayor Kim Carr this year and next year's mayor Barbara Delgleize, all is not sunny for a significant segment of homeowners who want to "raise families and invest in the long term." They are the manufactured-housing homeowners in the mobile home parks controlled by corporate or investment-group interests that have terrorized park residents over the past decade.

While a majority of the city's 18 mobile home parks, almost evenly split between senior (55-plus) and all-age parks, are "family-owned" investments and run responsibly, a growing number of mobile home parks have been bought by investor groups who have little interest in either the welfare of park residents or the surrounding community. Space rent spiking and other abuses are commonplace in these "corporate" parks. The predator owners are protected by a current city charter ban on rent control which came about with Measure EE back in 2002.

As abuses mount, many are seeking a "carve-out" to Section 803 of the city charter that would allow an exemption for mobile home parks. It is estimated that well over 90% of the investment real property covered by the rent control ban would not be affected by a proposed RSO (rent stabilization ordinance) for local mobile home parks.

Mobile home owners are deserving of special treatment because, unlike other investment properties where the owner controls both the land and the improvements (dwellings), there is one owner for the land and another

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Kempf said in a phone interview on Wednesday. “We don’t do surveys very often, and so I think this is a good opportunity. ... There will be a lot of good data that will help us guide our decision-making [and] planning processes next year.”

Kempf added that she wants to look at solutions for parking that could alleviate some of the impact on the neighborhoods and provide flexibility to local businesses.

Councilman Peter Blake and Kempf both voiced nominations for Bob Whalen, who served as mayor for the past three years, to take on the role of mayor pro tem. He swapped seats with Kempf following a 3-1-1 vote.

An extensive proclamation highlighted Whalen’s tenure as mayor. He was presented with a commemorative gavel for his most recent year of service.

“I was joking at home that if I were ever to be mayor one more time, I’d have one gavel for each bathroom,” Whalen said.

Councilman George Weiss had nominated Councilwoman Toni Iseman for mayor pro tem, citing Iseman’s status as the senior member of the governing body in terms of years of service on the dais.

“You were spectacular as mayor in so many ways, and for people who are watching, what happens here, it is just the tip of the iceberg,” Iseman said in recognizing Whalen for his mayorship.

“I know how many hours you spend, and spent, outside of that chair and represented us so well, and what tough meetings we had, and how lucky we were to have you to kind of keep the ship upright and going, so I really appreciate that.”

Noting that she also appreciated Weiss’ gesture to nominate her, Iseman said — referring to Kempf, Whalen and Blake — “I think it’s obvious that we live in a 3-2 world, and hopefully that will change because we might as well just have a council of three as long as the three of you always agree, and you kind of always agree.”

After hearing the proclamation read in its entirety, Whalen spoke to a collective effort of the council to achieve the accomplishments that were rattled off.

“All of those efforts show how much we can get done, and did get done, as a group of five, and this really is a moment to look back, but it’s really a night to look ahead,” Whalen said. “I’m very pleased that Sue is going to take over as mayor. I think she’s going to do an excellent job for us. She’s really well connected in the community, and I’m sure she’s going to have her own agenda that she wants to pursue.

“We need to work, and Toni alluded to it, we just need to work collaboratively as a group and try to keep making progress on things. I think we’re capable of that, I hope we are, and it’s been a privilege to be the mayor for three years.”

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MAILBAG

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er for the dwelling (the mobile home). While the landowner may enjoy certain private-property rights, the homeowner should enjoy certain residential-property rights.

City management is aware of the problem and that something needs to be done to protect this vulnerable segment of homeowners. Both Carr and Delgleize have served as council liaisons to the city’s Mobile Home Advis-

ory Board on which I am the former chair. They are aware that problems and concerns must be addressed. Other members of the City Council, perhaps a majority, share sympathies with these put-upon manufactured-housing homeowners, especially seniors and veterans living on Social Security, fixed incomes and meager investments.

The coming year is likely to be a watershed for the manufactured-housing population in Huntington Beach. Appeals to both local government and state

officials are likely to be entertained to stem further assaults on manufactured-housing homeowners and the predatory acquisition of more mobile home parks that would exacerbate the situation.

It is estimated that the lives of approximately 7,000 residents, over 3% of the citizenry, could hang in the balance this coming year. That is what Huntington Beach must look toward in “Riding a New Wave into 2022.”

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

JOYCE

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with a very talented staff.”

Joyce’s contract states he will be retained on the city staff as an at-will employee in the capacity of a retired annuitant — an individual retired from a state agency appointed to do temporary, but critical work.

Joyce will be paid

\$122.68 an hour and receive no benefits outside of his salary.

Councilwoman Kim Carr said she was “absolutely thrilled” about Joyce’s coming on board, echoing sentiments from Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey earlier in the meeting about how Joyce’s reputation preceded his arrival in Huntington Beach.

“So many people speak

so highly of you and I think that you’re going to be a great transition right now as we look for a permanent city manager and it takes a little bit of pressure off of us as well that we can take the time to really be thoughtful and find the appropriate person for the long-term,” Carr said.

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representatives from Republic Services on Dec. 11.

Chi said the city then issued a notice to the company that stated it was failing to do its contractual obligations and that the city, per the contract, was allowed to identify an alternative service for refuse collection at the company’s cost.

Chi said that plan was to be executed by Wednesday at 5 p.m. if the issue was not resolved.

Additionally, Chi said the contract with Republic Services can be canceled if the contractor is unable to perform its obligations within the time frame outlined.

Chi said staff hopes for the plan to be implemented by this weekend.

Republic Services general manager Chris Kentopp said during public

comments that the company valued its long-standing relationship with the city of Huntington Beach and other neighboring jurisdictions, adding that the company was continuing to negotiate in good faith.

However, Kentopp asserted Republic Services officials believe the city did not need to engage a third-party hauler to provide services in the city as it might cause further confusion or disruptions.

Representatives from Teamsters Local 396 also spoke at Tuesday night’s meeting. They described negotiations earlier that day as very positive and said they were optimistic about reaching a resolution soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey described the actions by council on Tuesday as a proactive step to delegate authority to staff if it is needed and a step that can be revoked if that

authority is no longer needed.

“This is kind of wild that this got added to [the meeting’s] agenda. We all assumed that this was kind of a one-day stoppage when this kind of came out. I know some of the community said we should have known about this, blah, blah, blah. ‘This was in November!’

“Well, there was a strike authorization, but not a vote to strike. This surprised I think everybody, including folks in organized labor,” Councilman Dan Kalmick said.

“So, kudos to staff on just jamming on getting alternatives set up,” Kalmick continued, adding that he was hopeful the company and its employees could soon come to an agreement.

“I do agree with Mayor Pro Tem Posey that we have to put some tools in our tool belt for contingency plans to make sure

that we don’t have to come back tomorrow night to do something that we could have done tonight.”

Residents are advised to put their trash bins out on their regularly scheduled collection days.

If their trash is not picked up, then they are asked to leave the bins out until they are emptied.

Street sweeping is also expected to continue, but the city will not be issuing sweeping citations through Dec. 26.

If residents are in urgent need of disposal services, they are encouraged to drop off their trash from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the city’s public works yard at 17371 Gothard St., Greer Park, Edison Park, Murdy Park and the Meadowlark Golf Club.

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Approved by
James M. Houlihan
Deputy PWD/City Engineer

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For further information, call Kathryn Cho, Project Manager at (949) 644-3014

NOTICE:

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This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GERALD D. BARRONE

Case No. 30-2021-01232919-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 GERALD D. BARRONE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Robert D. Barrone, Paul W. Tichenor & James D. Cashion in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robert D. Barrone, Paul W. Tichenor & James D. Cashion 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 Feb. 2, 2022 at 10:30AM in Dept. No. C08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE W, SANTA ANA CA 92701.

IF YOU PLAN TO APPEAR: (1) You must attend the hearing by video remote using the court's designated video platform (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.

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

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

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NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CURTIS LEON GARRETT 30-2021-01212039-PR-OP-CJC

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROSETTA GREER in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROSETTA GREER 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 **January 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8** 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 the court's designated video platform; (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.

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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: DOUGLAS C. MOREHEAD

CASE NO. 30-2021-01227950-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 DOUGLAS C. MOREHEAD.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM R. COLVIN in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM R. COLVIN 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 with limited authority. (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 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 in this court as follows: 01/05/22 at 10:30AM in Dept. C-08 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

Notice in Probate Cases

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION CHRISTOPHER ALLEN REDMOND 30-2021-01232308-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: **CHRISTOPHER ALLEN REDMOND.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VINCENT REDMOND, SR. in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VINCENT REDMOND, SR. 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 **February 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8** 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 the court's designated video platform; (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: YEN-NING KAO

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **YEN-NING KAO**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JUSTIN C. KAO in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JUSTIN C. KAO 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 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.)

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. C8 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 the court's designated video platform; (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 Sale of Personal Property at Private Sale Case# 30-2021-01217665-PR-LA-CJC

In the Superior Court of California, for the County of Orange In the matter of the Estate of Shelley Toombs, deceased

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder, subject to confirmation of said Superior Court, on or after the 24th day of December, 2021 at the office of TLD Law located at 2010 Main Street, Ste. 1000, Irvine, California 92614 all the right, title and interest of said deceased at the time of death and all the right, title and interest the estate has acquired in addition to that of said deceased in and to all the certain personal property situated in the city of Huntington Beach, County of Orange, State of California, particularly described as follows: SLT Pension Corporation dba Synergistic Planning.

Terms of the sale are cash in lawful money of the United States on confirmation of sale, or part cash and balance upon such terms and conditions as are acceptable to the personal representative. Ten percent (10%) of amount bid to be deposited with bid. Bids or offers to be in writing and will be received at the aforesaid office at any time after the first publication hereof and before date of sale.

Dated: 12/6/21
Mary Makler, CLPF
Personal Representative of the Estate
Attorney(s) at Law:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KIMBERLY LOUISE WARREN, aka KIM LOUISE WARRENSHIREY, aka KIM LOUISE SHIREY

30-2021-01234217-PR-LA-OC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **KIMBERLY LOUISE WARREN, aka KIM LOUISE WARRENSHIREY, aka KIM LOUISE SHIREY.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Todd Spitzer, OC Dist. Attorney-Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Todd Spitzer, OC Dist. Attorney-Public Administrator 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 **February 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C9** 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 the court's designated video platform; (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.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Tengan twins lead Fountain Valley girls' basketball to win

Margaret Tengan had a team-high 18 points for the Fountain Valley High School girls' basketball team in its 62-50 win over El Toro on Tuesday in a nonleague road game.

Audrey Tengan scored 14 points, Hannah Walsh had 10 points, Audrey Chow added eight points and Sarah Henry chipped in with six points for the Barons.

Fountain Valley (7-3) has won six of its last seven games.

El Toro (8-4) is tied with Riverside Hillcrest for fourth in the CIF Southern Section Division 3A rankings this week.

Newport Harbor 55, Foothill 42: Chase Dionio had 20 points, five assists and five steals, as the Sailors earned a nonleague victory on the road on Tuesday.

Cydney Jover scored 13 points for Newport Harbor (11-2). Emma Fults added seven points, 14 rebounds and three steals. Kate Bland also contributed four points, four rebounds and three assists.

Laguna Beach 47, El Modena 34: Sophie Marriner led the visiting Breakers with 18 points and 15 rebounds on Tuesday night in a



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

FOUNTAIN VALLEY'S Margaret Tengan attempts to score against Newport Harbor in a Wave League game in January 2020.

nonleague game.

Kate Cheng added 13 points and 10 rebounds to help Laguna Beach (11-2) defeat El Modena (8-3), which is ranked No. 8 in the CIF Southern Section Division 4A poll.

Kenna Rudolph and Alexandra Grombchevsky each handed out

four assists for the Breakers, who have won a season-high six games in a row.

Northwood 48, Edison 45: Mia Cassell paced the host Chargers with 15 points and 10 rebounds in a nonleague contest Tuesday evening.

Bailey Chang scored 12 points, and Kat Rumsey added 10 points for Edison (4-9).

Estancia 50, Century 42: Mackenzie Sanchez had a near triple-double performance with nine points, nine rebounds and eight assists to lead the visiting Eagles on Tuesday in a nonleague game.

Carolina Meza had a team-high 14 points and four steals for Estancia (3-3), and Sophia Sihabouj scored 13 points to go with eight rebounds and three assists.

BOYS' SOCCER

Cypress 2, Marina 0: The host Vikings were shut out for the third consecutive outing on Tuesday in a nonleague match.

Marina (1-3-1) faces another Empire League opponent in Kennedy at home on Friday.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Fountain Valley 6, Godinez 0: The Barons more than doubled their season-long output in goal scoring in Tuesday's nonleague match on the road.

Taylor Heit recorded a hat-trick for Fountain Valley (2-2-1). Katrina Vidal, Veronica Campbell and

Kayla Knoob each scored one goal, and Nylah Mirshaftei made two saves to earn the clean sheet.

Ocean View 3, Costa Mesa 2: The visiting Seahawks earned back-to-back wins for the first time this season to even their record to 3-3.

Kyra Kirsch and Brianna Calderon scored the goals for Costa Mesa (2-6-1), which has dropped its last four games.

WRESTLING

Huntington Beach 42, Laguna Beach 36: The Oilers earned a narrow victory on the road to take their Wave League opener on Tuesday.

Parker Brown (106 pounds), Baron Zepeda (113), James Kramer (145), Micah Chavez (152), Zade Harrison (160) and Jeremy Kanter (182) all won their matches by pin for Laguna Beach.

Laguna Beach won six of the nine matches wrestled on the mat, but the Breakers were unable to provide a wrestler to compete in five of the 14 weight classes, with the resulting forfeits culminating in their downfall.

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Tuesday's meeting also spoke out against the likelihood of an impending COVID-19 vaccine mandate for K-12 students in public comments that occasionally bordered on threats.

During the reorganization, Barto accepted the presidential gavel from Karen Yelsey after a series of appointments to committees and liaison positions. Both trustees represent Newport Beach.

Trustee Charlene Metoyer, who serves northern portions of Costa Mesa,

was named vice president in a 5-2 vote, with fellow board members Ashley Anderson and Leah Ersoylu opposed.

During nominations for board clerk, Metoyer nominated trustee Carol Crane, while Ersoylu put forth Anderson, who represents schools on Costa Mesa's west side.

"She was elected nearly four years ago and has not held any leadership position to this point. That has left sort of a vacuum of leadership representing our west side," Ersoylu explained.

"I'm just woefully and deeply concerned that the issues impacting our west-

side Costa Mesa are not being substantially represented."

Metoyer said she nominated Crane for clerk because her trustee area represents schools in both Costa Mesa and Newport Beach and has served the district ably in other capacities since being elected last year.

Anderson, whose area comprises mainly minority residents, said she came onto a somewhat unfriendly board in 2018 and has been historically characterized as too demanding and overlooked for leadership positions.

"One of the reasons we went to trustee zones,

rather than having at-large elections, was so a minority majority area would have representation and an equal chance at leadership," Anderson said. "Despite the fact that the law was changed, I'm ostensibly being pushed out again."

Board members appointed Crane as clerk in a 5-2 vote, with Ersoylu and Anderson again opposed. After passing the gavel, Yelsey shared some thoughts on her presidential year.

"It has been a year — but I've had a lot of support from the entire board and staff...so that part has not been difficult," she said. "I'm really proud of everything we've accomplished and what we've done to get the kids back in school."

Tuesday's leadership change up came as parents, including the group OC Moms Fight Back, assem-

bled outside the district office to express concerns about mask-wearing and a possible COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students.

In comments, some asked trustees to stand with their cause, while others accused NMUSD of complying with mandates simply to keep receiving state and federal COVID-19 funding.

Parent Anthony Smith cited portions of the Great Barrington Declaration, a 2020 document written by infectious disease professionals, proposing "focused protection" of vulnerable groups and letting healthy people contract the virus to build herd immunity, which has been contested and criticized.

"With this COVID shot you can still give the disease and you can still get the disease," he said. "If my son gets hurt or dies, you best believe I'm not coming back talking."

Newport-Mesa Unified Supt. Wesley Smith clarified while the district might follow state mandates, it would not implement its own vaccine policy like Los Angeles Unified School District. Further, he said, it's likely exemptions might be enacted in California for religious and personal beliefs.

Yelsey, who told speakers the board would not tolerate threats, later spoke on the difficulty of leading the district through a year of pandemic surges and school reopenings.

"Sometimes there are misconceptions about what we can do and what we can't do, and that's unfortunate," she said. "But I think we have done a really good job keeping our eye on what's really important — and that's the kids in the district."

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JEFFREY DARRIN GALLA

30-2021-01220984-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: **JEFFREY DARRIN GALLA**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **BRIANNA GUILD & BRANDI GALLA** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **DANIELLE BRINKMAN** 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 **February 02, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8** 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 the court's designated video platform; (2) Go to the Court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/media-relations/probate-mentalhealth.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: GARY DEAN KUHN

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **GARY DEAN KUHN**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **GWENDOLYN KAY EDELSTEIN** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **GWENDOLYN KAY EDELSTEIN** 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 **February 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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A number of citizens offered words of support to Brenner and questioned why she has not been appointed mayor or mayor pro tem during her tenure on the council.

One called attention to a recent backlash against Blom, who was elected to his seat in 2020, for drinking wine on the dais during council meetings.

Councilman Marshall "Duffy" Duffield nominated Blom for mayor pro tem and Councilwoman Diane Dixon nominated Brenner for the role, describing Brenner as "a councilperson with immense integrity [and] high ethical standards."

"A point has been made that Corona del Mar — her district — has not been represented for the position of mayor pro tem or mayor since 2012 when Nancy Gardner last served," Dixon said.

"One of the speakers made a very important point that essentially, it's marginalizing the important residents — about 12,000 residents in that district — and I think it's im-



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COUNCIL MEMBER Joy Brenner embraces newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom, right, during the last meeting for the Newport Beach City Council for 2021.

portant that Joy Brenner reflect that district as well as the entire city in her service."

Muldoon was first elected to the Newport Beach City Council in 2014 and had a previous stint as mayor in 2017. He will be terming out of office next year.

"I would like to thank my colleagues for their trust," Muldoon said.

"It's truly an honor to have been selected to serve again as mayor and this time even more so because you know what you're getting. Our last couple of

years, we as a city have faced together historic challenges and unforeseeable obstacles.

"My hope as mayor is to lead a united city council and the city into the new year full of new beginnings and blessings. In my mind, there is no stronger shared symbol for renewed hope than the celebration of Christmastime and the new year," said Muldoon, who also announced he and wife Heather are expecting a daughter in June.

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