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SKATEBOARDERS PLAY in a parking lot on the 6900 block of Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach on Friday.

Orange County may soon get off state's COVID-19 watch list

BY LILLY NGUYEN, MATT SZABO

Orange County may soon be removed from the COVID-19 watch list on Saturday, just in time for school.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported Friday another 372 cases and 26 deaths. Ten of those deaths were of skilled nursing facility residents and 16 were residents not living in a facility.

This brings the total number of cases in Orange County to 45,308 and the total number of deaths to 882.

Current statistics place the 14-day case

rate per 100,000 residents to 95.6. The testing positivity rate Friday was 5.5%. Both are below the California Department of Health's respective thresholds.

The county agency also reported that 30% of beds in intensive care units and 58% of ventilators are available. There were 397 cases still hospitalized on Friday with 117 currently in intensive care units.

About 36,830 cases have recovered.

The county is now on its second day of meeting current state thresholds, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Wednesday was the first day that the county fell below all six thresholds that the state uses to determine whether or not it could be removed from the state watch list, which could mean that school districts may be able to reopen for in-person teaching if the county is able to stay off the list for 14 days. The county must first remain beneath the monitoring thresholds for three consecutive days to be removed from the list, which could be as soon as Saturday.

"If this trend continues, Orange County

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Lyft, Uber to continue operating in state

An appeals court temporarily allows the companies to stay in business until there is a legal resolution.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With the granting of an emergency stay order Thursday, Uber and Lyft will be able to continue operations in California for now.

Social media in Orange County surged with posts from drivers about the granting of the emergency stay, which will hold off an order from San Francisco Superior Court Judge Ethan Schulman that requires the companies to classify their drivers as employees with benefits rather than as independent contractors.

Initial appeals of the order were dismissed and both Uber and Lyft filed pleas for the immediate stay to a state appeals court that were subsequently granted.

Rideshare drivers were seen picking up passengers at John Wayne Airport on Thursday afternoon.

Both companies will now have to provide a sworn statement from their chief executives by early September that says they will come into compliance if the court does not decide in their favor.

Both companies have five days from Thursday to agree to the process laid out by the court.

Arguments are scheduled for Oct. 13.

A blog post posted by Lyft

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Jonathan Klinsmann, who grew up in Newport Beach, signs with L.A. Galaxy

Newport Beach native Jonathan Klinsmann, a soccer goalkeeper and the son of former United States men's national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann, has signed to play with the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Klinsmann, 23, was signed from Swiss Super League club St. Gallen on Thursday. He is on a Major League Soccer roster for the first time, after previously playing with Hertha Berlin from 2017 to 2019 in the Bundesliga.

"Jonathan is a young goalkeeper with valuable experience playing in Germany and Switzerland while representing his country on various levels," Galaxy coach Guillermo Barros Schelotto said in a statement.

"We think he can continue to progress as a member of the L.A. Galaxy. We look forward to strengthening our goalkeeper position with another talented player."

Klinsmann was born in Germany but grew up in Newport Beach, attending Mater Dei High



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JONATHAN KLINSMANN, playing goalkeeper for Hertha Berlin, makes a save during a UEFA Europa League match on Dec. 7, 2017.

School and UC Berkeley. He played for the U.S. at the 2017 FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Korea.

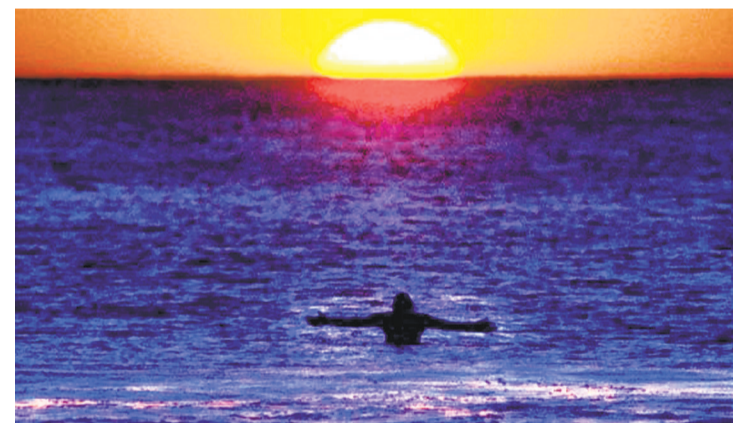
He is the fourth goalkeeper on the Galaxy roster, joining starter

David Bingham, Justin Vom Steeg and Eric Lopez.

The Galaxy play at rival Los Angeles FC in an "El Tráfico" match Saturday at 3 p.m.

— Matt Szabo

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School supplies giveaway lends a hand to Newport-Mesa students

BY ANDREW TURNER

Since sending students home from the classroom in March, the coronavirus has taken a toll on the socialization of young children.

It has not, however, dampened the spirit of giving in the community.

Countless food distributions have taken place for families in need, and with a new school year on the horizon, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast is helping kids get ready.

Families in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District received 200 backpacks filled with helpful items to begin the school year in a back-to-school item distribution at Rea Elementary School in Costa Mesa on Friday afternoon.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of

Central Orange Coast serves the cities of Costa Mesa, Irvine, Newport Beach, Orange and Santa Ana.

The organization gave away 500 backpacks to elementary students in Orange and Santa Ana within the last week.

"This distribution is focused around providing supplies that they're going to need for their academic support, but the biggest thing that we're really focused on this year is social-emotional wellness," said Kristle Duran, the chief operations officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast.

"Our concern is that these kids are going through a complex trauma, that of course they're going to need academic support more than ever be-

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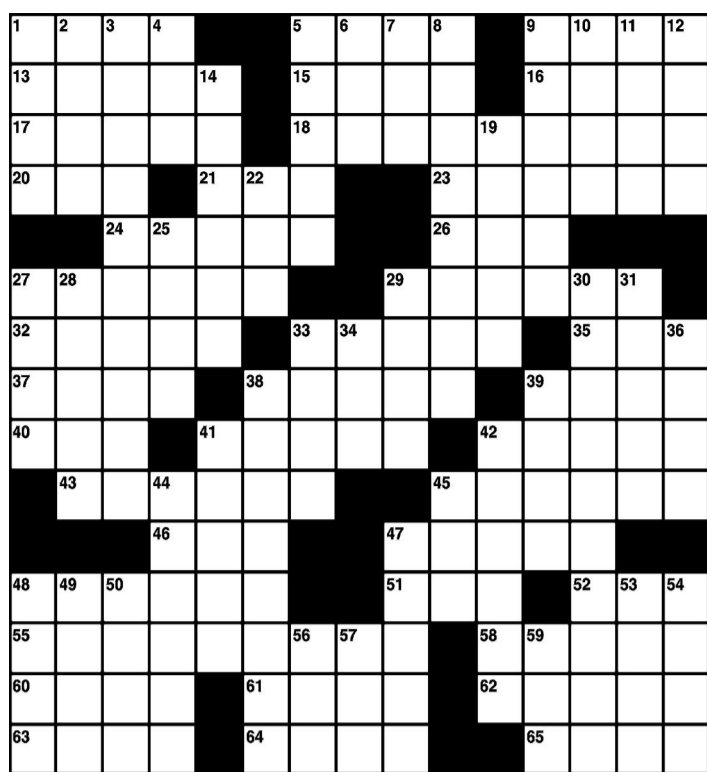
and Andrew Avello, from left, walk away with new backpacks compliments of Newport-Balboa Rotary Club during distribution of back-to-school supplies from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange County at Rea Elementary School in Costa Mesa on Friday.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

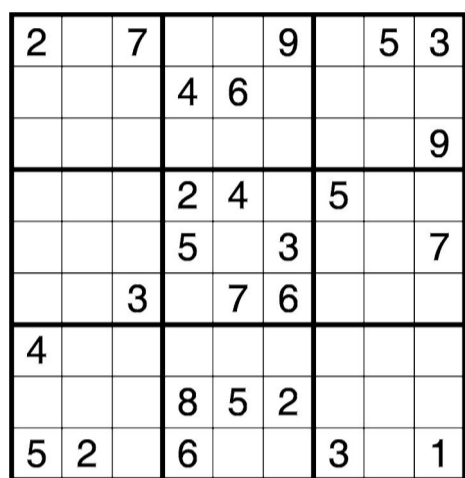
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 62 Actress Sally
 63 Dancing, drawing, etc.
 64 Uptight
 65 Earl _ tea



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 A4.

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JEFF AND Christy Labarthe take an Uber driven by Arad Aryan at John Wayne Airport.

OPERATING

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Thursday morning said it planned to shut down operations in California at midnight, arguing that the company would need to rehaul its entire business model to comply with Assembly Bill 5, a state labor law signed in September 2019 that aims to decrease worker misclassification. Lyft argues compliance with AB 5 would reduce service for passengers, raise costs for riders and reduce drivers by about 80% with those remaining to work in shifts with capped hourly earnings. Uber posted Tuesday that it may need to suspend rideshare operations in the state if the company was not successful in its appeal and stated its support of Proposition 22, a ballot measure backed by both companies that would define rideshare companies and delivery drivers as independent contractors. "While we won't have to suspend operations tonight, we do need to continue fighting for independence plus benefits for drivers," Julie Wood, a



ARYAN HELPS Jeff and Christy Labarthe with their luggage at John Wayne Airport on Thursday.

spokesperson for Lyft said in a statement. "That's the solution on the ballot in November," Wood said, "and it's the solution drivers want because it preserves their ability to earn and to use the platform as they do now — whenever they want — while also getting historic new benefits." "Without it, 80 [to] 90% of Californians who earn on app-based platforms will lose that opportunity," Wood said. Uber spokesperson Javi Correoso said, "We are glad that the court of ap-

peals recognized the important questions raised in this case and that access to these critical services won't be cut off while we continue to advocate for drivers' ability to work with the freedom they want." Neither company had specific numbers for how many drivers are registered in Orange County, but Lyft reported an estimated 305,000 California drivers in 2019 and Uber reported close to 100,000. lilly.nguyen@latimes.com Twitter: @lilibirds

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will be off the monitoring list on the state website," Dr. Clayton Chau, the county agency's director and acting health officer, announced during a news conference on Thursday. "The projected Day 15 would then be Sept. 6."

Chau said that the county will still be subject to Gov. Gavin Newsom's July 13 order that called for the shutdown of all indoor dining and closure of bars, zoos and museums.

Chau also said that the county has received approval from the state for 24 elementary schools and six schools in the Los Alamitos Unified School District to open for in-person teaching.

About 100 applications were submitted and are pending approval, Chau said. Most were from private and charters.

The state released guidelines in early August for TK-6 elementary classes in counties that have been off a statewide coronavirus monitoring list for at least 14 days to apply for a waiver to reopen physical campuses for those grade levels.

Local private schools Carden Hall, of Newport Beach, as well as the Pegasus School, of Huntington Beach, have received permission to resume in-person instruction from the Orange County Health Care Agency and the California Department of Public Health.

Carden Hall's first day of school is Aug. 31, school executive director Christy Jones Kalthoff said. Carden Hall, which has students in kindergarten through eighth grade, had summer programs with students on-campus. School administrators have been refining their mitigation strategies, Kalthoff said.

"We're full speed ahead," she said. "We're planning and planning, and I think we'll have a very smooth start to school with our



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

HUNTINGTON BEACH High School junior Katie and senior Skyler (no last names provided), stand outside their campus on Friday. The pair ventured out with their masks for a snack.

safety measures in place ... We can pivot quickly."

The Pegasus School also plans to start on Aug. 31 in-person.

The school has listed guidelines for a return to campus on its website. In applying for the waiver of Newsom's distance learning mandate, head of school Jason Lopez said Pegasus has reduced classes sizes in kindergarten and first grade, introduced outdoor teaching spaces, upgraded plumbing and ventilation systems and increased custodial staff.

The first day of classes for public school districts in the area are:

- Fountain Valley School District: Sept. 9
- Garden Grove Unified School District: Aug. 24
- Huntington Beach City School District: Sept. 10
- Huntington Beach Union High School District: Sept. 2
- Laguna Beach Unified School District: Aug. 24
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District: Aug. 24
- Ocean View School District: Sept. 9

Plans on what in-person learning looks like once

school districts are able to reopen will depend on the district.

As part of reopening plans, most local districts have adopted online, in-person or hybrid classes. Hybrid attendance will allow cohorts of students to attend in-person lessons part-time on alternate days to minimize class sizes in addition to being taught online on their off-days.

Parents will be able to choose between allowing their students to attend modified in-person classes or to remain completely online.

Laguna Beach Unified School District Dept. Supt. Leisa Winston said its district will discuss at its Sept. 3 meeting the possibility of opening up campuses sooner if the county comes off the list and Newport-Mesa Unified spokeswoman Annette Franco said the district is currently focused on delivering distance learning with classes in session starting Monday.

Ocean View School District Supt. Carol Hansen said that the district does not plan to stay in distance

learning for a prolonged period.

"It is OVSD's intent to return to school in an in-person hybrid method soon after it is deemed safe," Hansen said. "We have developed extensive safety protocols for when we return to campus, including requiring face coverings for students and staff, temperature checks, hand washing protocols, individual student desk partitions and classroom plexiglass barriers for teachers."

The Fountain Valley School District said it would open in accordance with the state's directive, but plans on starting classes in September with distance learning.

"If Orange County came off of the monitoring list [Tuesday], the earliest we would be able to return for in-person instruction would be Sept. 2, 2020, a date that is too late and unfair to our stakeholders to make a decision on the first week of school," said FVSD Supt. Mark Johnson in a statement.

"With there being [20] days until the beginning of the school year, we know

that one of the most important things we can do at this time is provide concrete information that allows staff and families to make the necessary plans and arrangements related to ensuring a successful kickoff to the school year," Johnson said.

The Huntington Beach City School District did not respond to requests for comment on reopening.

"Do I have fear and anxiety? Of course I do. Do we expect there might be outbreaks? Of course, we will, but we have to do it," Chau said. "We know that this lockdown has caused emotional turmoil for some of our children and we know that in-home online learning is not the best education. Beside learning the knowledge, our students need to come together in a community, in a classroom."

"I really appeal to all of us as the adults in the community. Please wear that mask. Please stay physically distant from each other. Please stay

home when you're sick because we have to create a safe environment for our students to come back to school and for our teachers," Chau said.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities:

- Santa Ana: 8,810 cases; 220 deaths
- Anaheim: 7,726 cases; 204 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,005 cases; 57 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,492 cases; 15 deaths
- Irvine: 1,377 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 987 cases; 18 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 441 cases; eight deaths
- Laguna Beach: 162 cases; less than five deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at occcovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. For information on getting tested, visit occcovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing.

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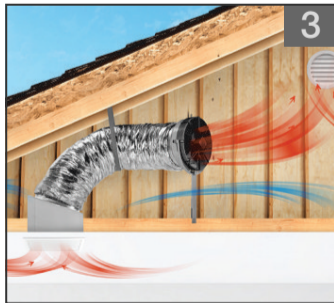
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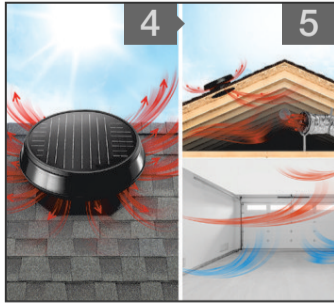
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It's time for voters to learn about the city council races

Running for city council should be compared to being interviewed for a new job in an occupation that should be taken seriously.

One would expect that these representatives would have a proven track record and would continue to share these results after four years.

In Newport Beach, every resident can cast their vote across the board for an incumbent or a new candidate in our city.

Together, we hold hands along our coastal gem to make certain that we make a better path for our children, move forward with smart and responsible growth, while maintaining the charm of our town.

Newport Heights and Cliff Haven are unique areas in which thousands of children travel to and from three schools: Newport Heights Elementary, Horace Ensign and Newport Harbor.

The models of these dynamics are continuously changing with these schools during COVID; but nonetheless, we have an abundance of children, junior guards and families traveling throughout our neighborhoods and yet safety still remains a major issue in our neighborhoods.

In my professional years, if I did not perform in four months, let alone four years, I would have been terminated and replaced by someone who could obtain those

desired results.

I have interviewed the new candidate, and I will be hiring Nancy Scarbrough for District 2 to represent me in 2020.

As for the incumbent, a nice guy, but you know what they say about nice guys. We must begin to put people, before politics.

Peggy V. Palmer
Newport Beach

In Huntington Beach, we now have the list of candidates for City Council that are running to fill three vacant seats.

Voters must decide what kind of council they want to lead us through an unprecedented period of challenges and changes. They must ask themselves some tough questions.

Do we want to add to the well-stocked conservative contingent on the council that is pro-business?

Do we want to elect more "community-centric" council members to both replace termed-out Jill Hardy and represent our residents?

Do we want a balanced City Council or not?

Do we return to the past or forge into the future?

Do we want a council that represents its citizens or its special interests?

It is time to think of the City Council as a whole, as a body determining how local government will treat us and work for us.

Which of the candidates will be

the best fit for our needs? Which candidates will have our best interests at heart?

It is time to place performance over personalities or partisanship.

With less than a dozen weeks to the election, it is time for voters to do their due diligence and educate themselves on the candidates and the issues. Our future depends on it.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Superintendent decision not so super

If the Newport-Mesa school board had made Russell Lee-Sung interim superintendent for a year it would have made sense.

It would have given the new board a chance to have a part in choosing the new superintendent they would be working with. It would have been fair.

During the year 2020-21, the board would open the position for anyone who wanted to apply, and Lee-Sung could apply along with everyone else.

Just in the past few days the district has sent the following unedited statement:

"Due to Covid 19 and the need for stability and consistency as we start school during a pandemic, the Board of Education will not conduct a recruitment for Superintendent at the current time. Instead, the Board of Education in its discretion will decide by summer of 2021 whether to conduct a recruitment for the

position of superintendent."

Apart from not apparently feeling the need to check spelling, punctuation and grammar, this means that Lee-Sung's employment with NMUSD may go on for a very long time.

Sandy Asper
Newport Beach

Lawyer doesn't seem to know the law

Chapman University law professor John Eastman suggests that Sen. Kamala Harris may not meet the citizenship requirement to be vice president of the United States.

How does an American lawyer — one who teaches law, no less — not know that ours is a nation in which citizenship is based on the premise of "blood or soil?"

That is, if one's parent is a citizen of the U.S., or if one is born on U.S. soil, that makes one an American citizen.

Based on Eastman's lack of a grasp on this most elementary issue of the law makes me curious as to why any university would employ him as a professor of law.

May I object?

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

Newport Beach crews keep the city clean

Many thanks to the Newport

Beach Maintenance Department for cleaning up the trash on Ocean Boulevard on a recent Sunday morning in Corona del Mar.

It's just astonishing how much trash is left on Ocean and on the 200 block of the flower streets by all those inconsiderate folks who come to the beaches each day and leave everything from shoes and clothing to dirty diapers, and it's great to see those city workers helping us clear the trash each day.

Richard Burns
Corona del Mar

Thoughts on protests against masks

Re the very real danger of COVID-19 (Orange County reaches 800 coronavirus-related deaths as anti-mask protest goes on in Costa Mesa, Aug. 15):

1.) Tell me please, what is so hard about taking the leaps in comprehension and compassion that we wear masks to protect the well-being of others, as well as ourselves?

2.) No one has a "constitutional" right to endanger the health of other people.

3.) Learn the facts from the Centers for Disease Control and other reliable sources of scientific data if you think the media can't be trusted.

Andrea Burrell
Huntington Beach



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BRIANA AND Brandon Melendez, from left, walk away with new backpacks in Friday's back-to-school giveaway.



NEW BACKPACKS compliments of the Newport-Balboa Rotary Club are ready for distribution day at Rea Elementary.

"A ruler!" he exclaimed sorting through the items. "I can measure stuff."

Anthony added that he is looking forward to learning how to paint and spell words that he could not in the first grade.

Freddy Hernandez, who is going into the second grade at Paularino Elementary, received a backpack with dinosaurs on it.

He said his favorite dinosaur is the Indominus Rex, seen in the movie "Jurassic World."

Patty Hernandez, 33, of Costa Mesa said that Freddy, her son, is eager to return to in-classroom learning.

"It was very [difficult] trying to explain to him, 'Oh, you're not going to go to school today, but you are going to school online,' so that was pretty confusing," she said of parenting during the pandemic. "Now, he's kind of like, 'Oh, when am I going back?'"

Leticia Gonzalez, 39, of Costa Mesa brought her four children to Rea Elementary for the back-to-school giveaway.

Even her 3-year-old son who is not in school yet

did not go home empty-handed, as he left carrying a coloring book.

When the pandemic sent kids home for distance learning, Gonzalez said she had to alter her work schedule so that she could be with her children.

Abiding by the stay-at-home order came with its own set of challenges for Gonzalez's family.

"[My children are] tired of staying at home, because for us, we live in the top floor in an apartment," Gonzalez said.

"They cannot jump or anything in the building in our apartment because the people in the bottom, they get mad. They like to go to the park, stuff like that."

David Blair, the director of corporate relations for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast, said that backpacks filled with school supplies were assembled by Peter and Helen Maxwell, as well as other members of the Rotary Club of Newport-Balboa.

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SUPPLIES

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cause of the gap in education caused by this distance-learning model, particularly from the end of last year."

Newport-Mesa Unified School District will begin its school year online on Monday, but Friday's school supplies distribution brought smiles.

Anthony Martinez, a 7-year-old going into the second grade at Pomona Elementary, could hardly contain his excitement when he opened his backpack, grinning as if he had just opened a birthday present.

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Applications are currently being accepted to fill three (3) vacancies in the City of Huntington Beach Personnel Commission. The vacancies are for two-year terms ending June 30, 2022. The Personnel Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager regarding the determination of hearing procedures and the selection of hearing officers, personnel administration investigations, appeals on grievance matters, appeals from decisions related to the employer-employee relations resolution, reviews impasse matters, and performs other functions as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution. The Commission meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Interested applicants are encouraged to complete a City of Huntington Beach Application for Appointment by no later than Monday, September 21, 2020. Please access the application online via the City's official website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov, click on Government and then on Boards and Commissions. Please complete the application online, then download or printout the completed application, and submit it to: shenderson@surfcity-hb.org or mail it to: City of Huntington Beach, Attn: Sandy Henderson, H.R. Dept., 2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648. For more information, contact Sandy Henderson in Human Resources at (714) 960-8828.

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