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CLINICAL PHARMACIST Stephanie Chao fills a syringe with Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach.

Vaccine arrives in O.C.: 'We can finally see an end to the storm'

As coronavirus cases continue to rise, local healthcare workers line up to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at Hoag and Mission hospitals.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

For Dr. Robert Goldberg, the arrival of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the ray of sunshine in a dark storm.

Goldberg, a pulmonologist and critical care physician at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, said that he and other healthcare workers have been waiting for so long. There'd been highs and lows during the

course of the pandemic. At its start this spring, there'd been worries that the hospital might be busy and overrun with patients.

Then, cases seemed to decrease — until they didn't.

The last few weeks have seen cases skyrocket in Orange County, which Goldberg said seemed to reach points higher than in March and April. But though it will be some time before the general public will be vaccinated, Goldberg thinks the arrival of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is a start to fighting back against the pandemic.

"We can finally see an end to the storm," Goldberg said.

Goldberg, along with dozens other healthcare workers across Orange County, received the vaccine on Thursday after shipments arrived at area hospitals on Wednesday. Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian reported it received 1,950 doses to vaccinate its staff in Newport Beach and Irvine. Mission Hospital said it vaccinated more than 140 nurses and physicians at its campuses in Laguna Beach and Mission Viejo on Thursday. Dr. Michael Hurwitz, the chief of staff at Hoag, said that his staff and colleagues are "thrilled" to be vaccinated, and when they first put out the call to vaccinate for high-risk personnel — those seeing patients in the emergency room or intensive care units, for example — hospital workers couldn't sign up fast

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O.C. hospitals told not to divert ambulances

BY RUBEN VIVES, HAYLEY SMITH

The Orange County Health Care Agency has issued an order that forbids hospital emergency rooms from redirecting ambulances to other medical facilities.

The order — the first of its kind in the region — went into effect at 7 p.m. Tuesday after 20 of the county's 25 emergency medical centers became so

overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients that they began diverting ambulances to other facilities in Orange County. As a result, ambulances were having difficulty finding a hospital that would take patients.

"This is not sustainable," Carl Schultz, emergency medical services director for the Orange County Health Agency, said in a written statement.

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Schultz said ReddiNet, the

web-based emergency communications system that is used to report hospital, patient and emergency event status, would not accept "diversion status" from hospitals for a period of 72 hours. Hospital diversion is defined as a notification that patients who are arriving by ambulance will not be accepted by the

receiving facility.

"If the situation remains at its present state, this suspension of

diversion will continue," Schultz said, acknowledging the stress it would put on hospitals. "I acknowledge these directives will be challenging to implement, but current circumstances dictate such action is required to

support the EMS system."

The flood of COVID-19 patients has put unprecedented pressure on Orange County hos-

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Return to distance learning imminent

NMUSD officials make the decision for secondary students, citing COVID concerns.

BY SARA CARDINE

Citing rising coronavirus infections and related absences among students, teachers and support staff — and the burden that's placing on the successful operation of the district — Newport-Mesa Unified officials have decided to pull secondary students back to distance learning in January.

Supt. Russell Lee Sung said in a special meeting Thursday the district faces a workforce crisis as more employees test positive for the virus or self-quarantine and as Newport-Mesa's health department staff become overwhelmed by contact tracing and reporting duties.

Anticipating a further surge following the upcoming winter break, officials recommended middle and high school students return to distance learning upon the Jan. 4 start of the new segments continuing to Jan. 23

mester, continuing to Jan. 22.

"It's not just one thing — this is one of those decisions that is based on the totality of a lot of factors and considerations," Lee-Sung told board members. "We are very concerned about what will happen after the holidays."

Elementary schools, which have proved smaller and easier to manage, will continue to report to campus next semester under the same hybrid learning model.

Asst. Superintendent Sara Jocham, who oversees the district's health services department, provided a breakdown of virus cases recorded so far, explaining employees are spending hours and hours each day on the phone with the infected and the exposed.

From Oct. 27 through November, 71 students reported testing positive for coronavirus, while another 178 self-quarantined. So far in December, 128 positive cases have been reported with 72 students in quarantine, requiring nearly 600 follow-up calls from school nurses.

Meanwhile, 75 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 since October, while another 129 have reported symptoms of the virus and 181 reportedly had close contact with an infected individu-

Some 141 students and staff coronavirus cases are currently being monitored, compared to 29 in early November. Jocham said

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SNOOPY WAVES

to people lined up in cars waiting to view the Snoopy House exhibit during a drive-through holiday toy drive at IKEA in Costa Mesa on Wednesday.





Snoopy House finds temporary shelter in nonprofit toy drive at Costa Mesa IKEA

BY SARA CARDINE

Since 1966, Costa Mesa residents have celebrated the holidays by visiting Snoopy House — a Christmas-themed homage to Charles Schulz's comic strip "Peanuts" that stood for decades at a local residence before moving to the lawn outside City Hall in 2011.

Once there, the installation morphed into a civic event that featured free photos with Santa Claus, train rides and live performances and took on a life of its own as attendance expanded to around 15,000 visitors, accord-

ing to Dane Bora, a public affairs manager for the city of Costa Mesa.

"Since it came to City Hall

"Since it came to City Hall, people have come up to us and said they haven't missed a year in 24 years, or even 40 years," Bora said. "There are a lot of diehard Snoopy House fans who want to keep that tradition alive."

With this year's coronavirus pandemic in full swing, however, the future of Snoopy House was looking uncertain — until fate, and maybe a touch of holiday magic, intervened.

City officials were racking their brains to figure out how they

might present a COVID-19-safe event that complied with restrictions against large gatherings at the same time local nonprofit Power of One Foundation was organizing a toy drive for area families in need.

The two groups were put in touch and a plan began to take shape

Now, several of the Snoopy House characters and sets have been incorporated into a drivethrough toy collection and giveaway event at the Costa Mesa IKEA that opened Wednesday

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UC Irvine looks to pair with state for in-prison bachelor of arts program

BY LILLY NGUYEN

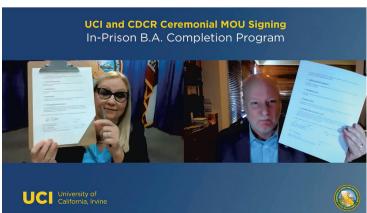
Inmates at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego will now have a chance to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology from UC Irvine.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and UCI signed a memorandum of understanding on the design

of what the university says is the first in-prison bachelor of arts program offered by the University of California system. The memorandum was signed on Wednesday.

The program, which is called Leveraging Inspiring Futures Through Educational Degrees or

See **UC Irvine,** page A4



Screenshot by Lilly Nguyen

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT of Corrections and Rehabilitation Secretary Kathleen Allison and UC Irvine Chancellor Howard Gillman hold up signed memorandum of understandings for an in-prison bachelor of arts program in sociology.

VACCINE

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enough.

"I think what I'm expressing is relief," said Hurwitz, who will also be receiving the vaccine. "I think everybody is feeling that. People here at the hospital are really exposed to a wide cross-section of the public all day long. I think they feel safer. They feel like they're being protected so they can do their important, critical work."

"Frankly, I'm very relieved that the vaccine is here and that we now have an opportunity in the first place to protect critical healthcare personnel to take care of the community and I'm looking forward for people to be vaccinated, protect themselves so that we can get back to life as it was before the pandemic," Hurwitz add-

California previously allocated about 327,000 doses and is expected to receive at least 1 million more by the end of the



Courtesy of Mission Hospital

DR. ROBERT GOLDBERG, a pulmonologist and critical care physician at Mission Hospital, left, receives his vaccine from Dr. James Keany, who works in the emergency room.

month between the additional 393,900 from Pfizer-BioNTech and 672,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, if it receives U.S. authorization as expected.

"I think the vaccine, for those of us taking care of patients ... as a healthcare provider right in the thick of it, I'm so grateful and excited," said Dr. Nathan Gilmore, who works in the intensive care unit at Hoag and received the vaccine

Thursday. "It's a stressful time to be a doctor and a nurse and be in health care. Knowing you personally are at risk is one of the scariest parts. Having a vaccine now is such a relief."

"It gives me a lot more confidence. I'm still going to wear [personal protective equipment] and social distance and respect the

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SECONDARY

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health services employees and site administrators are working on nights and weekends to keep people informed about what steps to take.

"This was busy and hard when we had 29 (cases)," she said. "Now that we have 141, it's becoming almost paralyzing to the work we

Leona Olson, assistant superintendent of human resources, reported similar challenges. She explained support staff — including instructional aides, food service workers and custodians — have been especially impacted by the virus, followed by teachers. And locating substitute teachers has been daunting.

"We are finding now substitutes are turning down jobs, not feeling comfortable going into the classrooms," Olson said.

Board members received 278 public comments on the recommendation. Among them was elementary school employee Katie Riccio, who suggested Newport-Mesa return all schools to a distance learning model, not just secondary schools.

"This is a safety issue for the entire district, not just secondary schools," Riccio said. "The COVID rates in Orange County are soaring and staying open, even in the hybrid model, puts students and staff alike at a higher risk for contracting the virus."

Parent Rachel Duffy, however, said she was more afraid of the risks associated with continued distance learning than of the coronavirus.

"Please keep our children in school. Their mental well-being is at stake," she urged board members. "I'm not concerned about my child getting COVID but, rather, feeling suicidal." Trustee Krista Weigand asked why officials seemed to go back on their word after saying closures would not occur until rates were above 5% at a single school or grade level. Lee-Sung explained while the 5% trigger is a state guideline, there was no way the district could sustain that kind of a

"The thought of us waiting until that 5% to close is absolutely frightening to me," he said. "Right now, we're looking at .5% to 1% ... and look at what it has done to our organization. This recommendation is the right thing to do under the totality of circumstances."

Board members voted 6-1 to return secondary schools to distance learning for the start of the spring semester through Jan. 22, with Weigand casting the lone dissenting vote.

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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham 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*.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

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10 Prose writings
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12 "Peter Pan"
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• 18 to 24: 16,366 cases;

• 25 to 34: 23,908 cases;

• 35 to 44: 17,991 cases; 42

• 45 to 54: 18,336 cases;

• 55 to 64: 13,796 cases;

• 65 to 74: 6,985 cases;

• 75 to 84: 3,538 cases;

• 85 and older: 2,479

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cases; 28 deaths

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one death

four deaths

24 deaths

127 deaths

238 deaths

336 deaths

380 deaths

cases; 579 deaths

Updated figures

deaths

• Laguna Beach:

VACCINE

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recommendations knowing the vaccine isn't perfect," he added. "But it is a relief to me and my family.

Gilmore said he feels right now is the biggest challenge for healthcare workers.

"The volumes of patients are higher than they ever have been," Gilmore said.
"We're right at the edge of getting this vaccine, but we're still medically challenged as we try to give every patient the best possible chance of survival including all the other patients sick with other conditions ... and keep up with all that demand."

Orange County Care Agency re-Health Thursday that ported COVID-19 cases grew by another 2,615 and included 13 new deaths. Hospitalizations are up to 1,519 and 343 cases are now in intensive care units. Data reveals just 7.1% of adult beds are available. Across Southern California, which the state

defines as Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, the availability of intensive care unit beds has dropped to 0%.

"There are more people dying now than before and that's going to get worse if we don't continue to protect ourselves and our loved ones," Gilmore "There's no question that Thanksgiving gatherings happened. I've had patients that have died that caught COVID during Thanksgiving, that've died with all the medical treatments possible and they still didn't make it."

Gilmore said he wanted to warn citizens to abstain from attending Christmas parties or New Year's celebrations this year, adding that hospitals would be able to adapt but that there were going to be some patients who wouldn't make it no matter what physicians did. "That can be prevented," Gilmore said.

Hurwitz said that he wanted Orange County



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EMERGENCY ROOM doctor Paula Gonella receives her first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine administered by pharmacist Gene Nguyen at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach on Thursday.

residents to take the opportunity to be vaccinated when it was made available.

"I know they're worried about their personal safety and — from everything I've read and everything I've seen — the vaccine is safe," Hurwitz said. "I think the fact that healthcare workers are stepping forward is a testament to that. The sooner we get everybody vaccinated, the sooner we get businesses back online and we get kids safely in school and we can return to a sense of normalcy."

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

- Santa Ana: 22,570 cases;
- 371 deaths
- 4,622 cases; 94 deaths
- Anaheim: 19,262 cases;
- Huntington
- Mesa: Costa cases; 49 deaths • Irvine: 4,149 cases; 19

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pitals amid rising concerns about the potential collapse of the region's emergency medical system. In an effort to help, the county said it would deploy mobile field hospitals, which help expand hospital capacity by adding additional beds to existing grounds.

In a news release, Orange County health director Dr. Clayton Chau said the deployment of the field hospitals "sounds alarming because it is alarming."

"I implore our residents not to gather with other households and limit upcoming holiday celebrations to those you live with," he said.

The field hospitals are housed in large, semi-type trailers that contain heavyduty canvas tents with hard flooring, temperature-control, running water, toilets and showers, generators, lighting and air purifiers, the agency said. Three hospitals — Fountain Valley Regional, St. Jude Medical Center and UC Irvine have requested the units, which will add between 25 and 50 beds to their existing capacities, officials said.

One medical professional at St. Jude told Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee that the hospital was reaching its limit.

"They're using every available bed," Chaffee told City News Service. "The emergency department has an overflow. ... All the Orange County hospitals are in the same situation."

The state has opened temporary field hospitals in Costa Mesa, Porterville, Sacramento and Imperial, with other facilities on standby in Riverside, Richmond, Fresno, San Diego and San Francisco.

According to the latest state data, there were 1,486 coronavirus-positive tients hospitalized in Orange County as of Wednesday — an all-time high that's more than double the total from two weeks ago.

The number of COVID-19 patients in intensive care had risen to 319 countywide on Wednesday. A month ago, there were 85.

The county is also dealing with an uptick in outbreaks at skilled nursing homes, assisted living facilities and county jails.

As of Wednesday, 32 skilled nursing facilities and 36 assisted living facilities had at least two confirmed cases of coronavirus infection. An outbreak in the county's jails that started last week has now infected 627 inmates, up from 416 reported Monday. The county is awaiting results of 86 more tests.

Dr. Paul Sheikewitz of Providence St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, who was among the first to receive the Pfizer vaccine Wednesday, said the hospital was nearing its limit.

"The greatest challenge is the burden of the number of patients we see versus the number of staff able to take care of patients," he told City News Service.

The hospital's chief executive, Dr. Jeremy Zoch, said the latest surge "has been pretty incredible."

Last summer, when we had our surge over July, we had the National Guard in here helping us. ... But, frankly, this surge we have 75% more patients than the last surge," he said. "It has challenged us."

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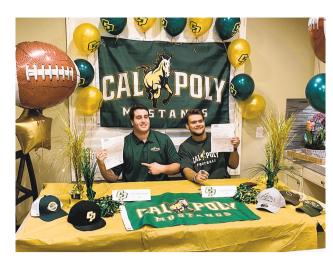
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BY DAILY PILOT STAFF

Wednesday marked the first day high school seniors could sign a national letter of intent with a college football program, and many Orange County players took part on early na-

tional signing day.

Defending CIF State Division I-A champion Corona del Mar had three defensive standouts back Tommy Griffin and linemen Thomas Bouda and Jake Trachtman — sign with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, while tight end Scott Giuliano committed to Harvard.

The four players led the Sea Kings to a 16-0 season in 2019, including winning a CIF Southern Section Division 3 title.

Edison had three players commit in quarterback Braeden Boyles (Benedictine College), defensive back Jack Kosick (University of Pennsylvania) and lineman Jake Parsons (UC Davis).

For Huntington Beach, running back Samuel Samuel Green picked UNLV.

Mission Viejo and Mater Dei led the county schools with seven and six signees, respectively.

A list of Orange County players who committed:

CORONA DEL MAR

Thomas Bouda, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Scott Giuliano, Harvard; Tommy Griffin, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Jake Trachtman, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

EDISON

Braeden Boyles, Benedictine College; Jack Kosick, University of Pennsylvania; Jake Parsons, UC Davis

EL MODENA

Caleb Manson, Nevada

FOOTHILL

Luke Caress, Kenyon College; Nicholas Fryhoff, University of Pennsylvania

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Samuel Green, UNLV

Gary Morrison, Sacramento State; Mason Murphy, USC

LAGUNA HILLS

Mitch Leigber, Stanford

Ahmed Hassanein, Boise State

MATER DEI

Jaylin Davies, Oregon; Cristian Dixon, Michigan; Ross Maseuli, San Diego State; George Miki-Han, Colorado State; Tyler Narayan,

MAR HIGH

senior Tommy Griffin sits next to his parents, Jill and John, inside their Newport Beach home Wednesday after signing with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

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MISSION VIEJO

Mavin Anderson, Micah Carreon, Northern Arizona; Peter Costelli, Utah; Ryder Fitch, Air Force; JT Hand, Arizona; Easton Mascarenas, Oregon State; Jacquez Robertson, Northern Colorado

ORANGE LUTHERAN

Fa'aeanu'u Pepe, Rice; RJ Regan, Arizona State

SAN CLEMENTE

Cole Batson, Boston College; James Bohls, Arizona; Keegan Even, Benedictine College; Bentley Redden,

SERVITE

Noah Avinger, San Diego State; Shancco Matautia, University of New Mexico

SANTA MARGARITA

Brody Crane, Navy; Derek Wilkins, Cal; Maurice Heims, Washington

YORBA LINDA

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SNOOPY

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and runs through Friday. Registration for the event filled up days beforehand.

Shawnee Witt, vice chair and operations director for the Power of One Foundation, has helped organize food giveaways at IKEA's massive parking lot during the pandemic that have helped feed thousands of local residents.

The organization was planning a "Winter Wonderland" drive-through light display and toy drive when the subject of Snoopy House came up. It seemed like the perfect addition.

"It's a big parking lot, and we can fill it up with lots of things for kids to look at," Witt said. "What we didn't realize was there's a cult following for Snoopy House. This is legendary in Costa Mesa, so it's been a really cool development."

The legend began in 1966, when the family of then-Costa Mesa Mayor Willard Jordan decided to start making decorations for a Christmas display outside their Santa Ana Avenue home. Their son, Jim, was just 14 when he began crafting the figures.



Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

SANTA CLAUS waves to cars lined up to view the Snoopy House exhibit at IKEA in Costa Mesa.

"My dad was an architect, and my mom was creative," recalled Jim Jordan, now 68. "We had a sheet of plywood and an old beatup jigsaw — and that's how it started."

The cast of characters at Snoopy House grew over the years, and so did the crowds, as Jordan carried on the family tradition at the family home. Friends got involved in production and maintenance, an effort that occupied at least six months out of the year.

"As we got more involved, it became more complex,' he said.

The spectacle grew in popularity over the next 45 years as new generations came round. But in 2011, when some financial difficulties descended following the recession, the Jordan family decided to bequeath the collection to the city.

Jordan stayed on for several years more, working to maintain and restore the figures before the city took on the task. The Costa Mesa

acknowledged Snoopy House is different now than it was in its hevday but said he's grateful it's been allowed to continue for so long.

"It's the greatest joy of my life, outside of my wife and daughter," he added. "Although it's nowhere near what it used to be, I'm pleased it can still bring some smiles to people -I'm happy about that.

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LIFTED, is expected to begin in fall 2022. Keramet Reiter, an associate professor of criminology, law and society and director of the program, LIFTED Wednesday that recidivism of inmates returning to their communities is "greatly diminished" if they earned a college degree while incarcerated.

"Education is in fact the most powerful tool we have to reintegrate formerly incarcerated people into our communities, reduce recidivism and protect public safety," Reiter said.

"More importantly, edu-

cation is a tool for overcoming the injustice and stigma mass incarceration, transforming lives and communities." The university said up to 25 incarcerated students at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility who have earned an associate's degree in sociology through Southwestern College in Chula Vista will be able to further their educations through the LIFTED program.

The existing UC transfer track will be available to those with a grade-point average of at least 3.5 and meet all the eligibility requirements.

Students will be able to earn their degrees while serving their sentence or be enrolled for on-campus classes if they finish their sentence before completing their course of study.

"As chancellor of UCI, I

am so pleased to see my campus take the lead in breaking new ground to expand our educational reach to students in our state prisons," UC Irvine Chancellor Howard Gillman said during a news conference on Wednesday.

"LIFTED's focus on students who are incarcerated is entirely commensurate with our deep and abiding commitment to excellence, equity and access," Gillman said. "Providing a UC education to students in state prison will help us make good on our promise to provide a high-quality education to Californians, regardless of their circumstances. LIFTED will transform lives for those in prison in ways that higher education already does for millions of students."

The first cohort of students in the LIFTED pro-

gram are expected to complete their degrees in sociology in 2024.

Our goal is to ensure that the people in our custody get skills, tools and resources to prepare them for life on the outside," said California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Secretary Kathleen Allison in a statement. "I am a firm believer that a college education can make a huge difference in a person's life, and I am committed to expanding educational opportunities across our sys-

"I want to thank the University of California, Irvine, for this partnership and for their commitment to offer a new path for our incarcerated population," Allison

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

THE LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a telephonic and

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virtual Public Hearing, to consider: Planning Commission Design Review 20-7910, Conditional Use Permit 20-7909, Coastal Development Permit 20-7921 and Variance 20-7965 to remodel and restore the existing theatre and retail/restaurant spaces at 154, 160 and 162 South Coast Highway (Laguna Theatre). The project includes rehabilitating and remodeling both the interior and exterior of the structure to provide a single auditorium and event space with a reconfigured lobby, hospitality areas, conference rooms and a 130-seat theater. An internal addition is areas, conference rooms and a 130-seat theater. An internal addition is proposed to provide a handicap accessible elevator and walkway. Live entertainment and the service of alcohol is also proposed. A variance is requested to install new skylights and mechanical equipment that will exceed the allowable building height. The project is a de-intensification of the existing use, and no additional parking is required. SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. For additional information, contact Martina Caron, Senior Planner at (949) 464-6629 or mcaron@lagunabeachcity.net and/or Marc Navarro at (734) 855-4350 or realestate@rivian.com. Planning Commissioners may also be contacted to discuss issues and questions about the proposed project. A listing of the Planning discuss issues and questions about the proposed project. A listing of the Planning Commissioners and their contact information is available in City Hall and on the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net. The application may be examined on the City's website at the following link (available the Saturday before the public hearing): http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/ mam.htm. Click on the Planning Commission Agenda (located to the right of the Planning Commission hearing date/time) under the Upcoming Events section and then click on the specific agenda item. The Council Chambers will not be open to the public. However, comments may be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing, or in writing/email. It is recommended that written correspondence be delivered/emailed to City Hall preferably at least 2 days before the hearing. Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing from a computer, iPad or smart phone via Zoom URL: https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/99405314155 or join by phone by calling (669) 900-9128 and enter Webinar ID: 99405314155. If, in the future, you wish to belleave the cubic to good the control of the cubic control of the cubic transport of the cubic control of the cubic cubic control of the cubic cubic control of the cubic cub challenge the subject in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing. This proposal is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions), Sections 15301 (a) (Existing Facilities-Interior or Exterior Alterations), and 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation). This project is located within the City of Laguna Beach Coastal Zone. A Coastal Development Permit was requested on December 8, 2020, and constitutes development appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Marc Wiener, AICP, Director Community Development Director, Community Development

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