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Forma cheese bar and restaurant opens new spot on Main Street



Clara Harter

PASTA: Forma's second location is now open in Venice and serving 70 cheeses and a creative cocktail menu.

Forma restaurant, home of the heavenly "Dalla Forma" cooking technique and where fresh pasta is swirled in a giant wheel of cheese to create a divinely creamy sauce, has opened a second location in Venice.

Devotees of the original Santa Monica establishment now have the opportunity to sample any (or all) of Forma's 70 cheeses alongside a creative cocktail menu, which are exclusive to the new location on the corner of Main St. and Navy St.

"Spending good time with friends with a nice bite of cheese and great wine— that is the way I see happiness," said Mario Sabatini, co-owner and general manager. "And, if you are not happy, you can just eat more!"

Sabatini, alongside Co-Owner and Executive Chef Piero Tuppoto, set out to open a restaurant founded on the principles of good wine, good cheese, good company. Forma Santa Monica did just that, creating a space where friends can casually gather to sip a drink and enjoy a taste of cheese or sink into a full restaurant experience and feast through a series of rich dishes.

The new location brings that same energy to Venice, featuring fan favorites like the tortellini with mushrooms, light cream and truffle oil, tossed in a wheel of bella lodi cheese, and the chitarra cacio e pepe tossed in a wheel of Pecorino Romano. Popular mains include the pappardelle wild boar ragout and the Mediterranean sea bass branzino with roasted julienne of

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Planning Commission to consider permanent ban on large chains in Promenade

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

With the prohibition on fast-food restaurants in the Third Street Promenade set to expire in November, Santa Monica's Planning Commission will consider amendments that would make the moratorium on fast food uses with frontage on the Promenade permanent.

In November 2018, in order to ensure that the Promenade

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FPPC rejects complaint against "Change" slate City Council candidates

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The California Fair Political Practices Commission rejected a complaint last week filed by local lawyer Joel Koury against City Council "Change" slate candidates Oscar de la Torre, Christine Parra, Phil Brock, and Mario Fonda-Bonardi.

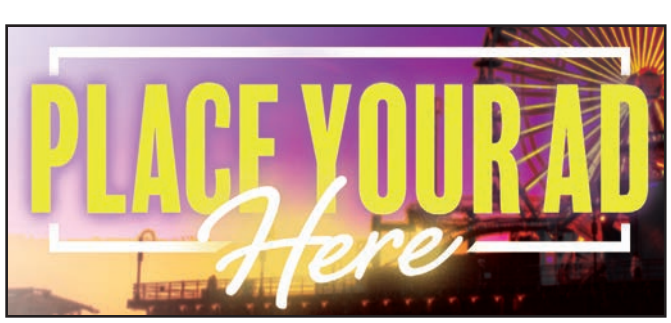
Koury's complaint claimed articles in the Santa Monica Mirror consistently endorsed the slate candidates and amounted to unreported free advertising in excess of the $340 Santa Monica enacted limit for direct contributions, but officials said there was insufficient evidence proving any rules were broken.

"The Commission has previously advised that when a column is election-related activity, which means it contains express advocacy, refers to the candidate's candidacy or qualifications, refers to the qualifications of the candidate's opponent, or solicits contribution, the free publishing of the column would be considered a reportable contribution to the candidate. (Parisi Advice Letter, No. A-98-269.) The Enforcement Division found insufficient evidence that the columns met this standard in order to be considered a reportable contribution," said Gelena West, Chief Enforcement Decision of the FPPC.

Koury alleged in the complaint that the SMa.r.t. opinion column in the Santa Monica Mirror continually promotes these four candidates while disparaging their competitors. Slate members de la

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0111 (Development Review Permit)
1360 3rd Street Promenade
APPLICANT: Alicia Zaayer, Valerio Architects, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: HG American Commercial Properties, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Development Review Permit, to allow a Tier 2 project involving a third story addition to an existing two-story commercial building. The third story addition includes 1,430 square feet of commercial (restaurant) space and 2,410 square feet of outdoor rooftop patio seating. The proposed addition is 46 feet in height and exceeds the Tier 1 height limit of 32 feet within the DCP-BC (Promenade) Downtown District. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.40.020, a Development Review Permit is required for developments that exceed Tier 1 maximum limits.

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Address your comments to: Grace Page, Senior Planner
Re: 20ENT-0111

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COURTESY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued By Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 19ENT-0250, 20ENT-0066 (Conditional Use Permit, Minor Modification)
438 San Vicente Boulevard
APPLICANT: Carlthorp School- Ken Parr
PROPERTY OWNER: Carlthorp School

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Approval of Conditional Use Permit to allow for a 7,259 sf addition and 9,142 sf new rooftop playcourt to the existing Carlthorp elementary school and Minor Modification for increased parcel coverage of 45.06%. The proposed addition consists of a 5,575 sf basement multi-purpose room, 844 sf lunch seating area, and 840 sf of administrative offices in addition to the new rooftop playcourt adjacent to Georgina Place alley and therefore, requires an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit 95-003 allowing a school use in a residential district. A Minor Modification to increase the parcel coverage by 0.06% over the maximum allowed 45% parcel coverage is also requested. The applicant is requesting a five-year term for the entitlements. The subject property is located in the Low Density Multifamily Residential (R2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.08.020, Conditional Use Permits may be granted with respect to requested uses upon the discretion of Planning Commission. Additionally, pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.43.090 a Minor Modification may be granted in conjunction with the Conditional Use Permit request upon the discretion of the Planning Commission. This hearing was continued from the May 20, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

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Address your comments to: Regina Szilak, Associate Planner
Re: 19ENT-0250, 20ENT-0066

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 19ENT-0481 (Conditional Use Permit)
1202 3rd Street Promenade
APPLICANT: Street Retail West II, LP
PROPERTY OWNER: Federal Realty Investment Trust

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to establish a new 29,212 SF fitness center (large-scale facility) in the ground floor and basement level of an existing two-story commercial building with approximately 100 linear feet and 150 linear feet of ground floor street frontage along 3rd Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard, respectively located within the Bayside Conservation (BC) District.

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Address your comments to: Rathar Duong, Associate Planner
Re: 19ENT-0481

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0170 (Conditional Use Permit)
3032 Wilshire Blvd
APPLICANT: 3032 Wilshire Investors LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: 3032 Wilshire Investors LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant (3032 Wilshire Investors LLC) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (20ENT-0170) to allow the operation of a 24-hour convenience market (7-Eleven) within an existing building located in the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) District. The proposal does not include the sale of alcoholic beverages. .According to SMMC Section 9.11.020, a convenience market is subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

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Address your comments to: Cary Fukui, Associate Planner
Re: 20ENT-0170

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- **Submission Deadline is September 24, 2020 at 4:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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RFP: #273 RECREATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE APPLICATIOIN PROJECT

- **Submission Deadline is November 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

RFP: #274 LOS ANGELES AREA REGIONAL TRAINING GROUP BIOTERRORISM TRAINING PROJECT

- **Submission Deadline is November 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

RFP: #277 RESTAURANT LEASE SPACE 258 SANTA MONICA PIER

- **Submission Deadline is November 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 283 CALLS ON OCT. 19

Encampment 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:39 a.m.
Suicide Now Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 3:05 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:51 a.m.
Trespassing 2700blk Pico Blvd 6:05 a.m.
Trespassing 900blk Pico Blvd 6:31 a.m.
Trespassing 1400blk Olympic Blvd 6:51 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 7:14 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 7:48 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk California Ave 8:01 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1700blk 22nd St 8:04 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk California Ave 8:05 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2300blk Pier Ave 8:23 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1800blk 9th St 8:29 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 8:30 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 500blk Pacific St 8:38 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 700blk 18th St 8:42 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk Berkeley St 8:43 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:25 a.m.
Trespassing 1400blk Olympic Blvd 10:35 a.m.
Death Investigation 1400blk The Beach 10:51 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 11:09 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000blk Oak St 11:10 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Oak St 11:31 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:33 a.m.
Battery Now Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:40 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 4th St 12:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2800blk Washington Ave 12:01 p.m.
Attempt Auto Theft Report 100blk Strand St 12:18 p.m.
Identity Theft 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Fraud Report 2500blk Kansas Ave 12:34 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2200blk Hill St 12:42 p.m.
Encampment 1200blk Berkeley St 12:54 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2300blk Main St 12:54 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk Euclid St 1:05 p.m.
Trespassing 2200blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200blk Montana Ave 2:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1000blk Stanford St 2:12 p.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 2:12 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 2:26 p.m.
Trespassing 2400blk Chelsea Pl 2:54 p.m.
Fight 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 3:33 p.m.
Trespassing 700blk Broadway 3:51 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk 9th St 3:54 p.m.
Person With A Gun 100blk Arizona Ave 3:56 p.m.
Battery Report 2400blk 23rd St 4:16 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk 4th St 4:20 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk 7th St 4:30 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Wepaon Just Occurred 1700blk Michigan Ave 4:38 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk Berkeley St 4:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600blk 28th St 4:57 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Pico Blvd 4:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 700blk 18th St 5:21 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:29 p.m.
Encampment 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 5:33 p.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:19 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk Stanford St 6:26 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:53 p.m.
Trespassing 400blk Broadway 7:27 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:28 p.m.
Trespassing 400blk Washington Ave 8:31 p.m.
Encampment 700blk Ozone St 9:01 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2100blk Main St 9:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 300blk Santa Monica Pier 9:18 p.m.
Fraud Report 3000blk 3rd St 9:25 p.m.

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Public Assist 1200Blk 11Th St 1:08 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 1:26 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Ocean Ave 3:14 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 500Blk Broadway 4:02 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Bay St 4:31 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3000Blk 2Nd St 5:55 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk Virginia Ave 6:35 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17Th St 7:47 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 16Th St 8:59 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Raymond Ave 9:10 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Bicknell Ave 9:20 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:00 a.m.
EMS 400Blk San Vicente Blvd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:17 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Broadway 11:22 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 11:31 a.m.
Traffic Collision with Injury 1000Blk Stanford St 2:12 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:48 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17Th St 3:54 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 11Th St 4:12 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Michigan Ave 4:40 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:34 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 25Th St 5:47 p.m.
EMS 300Blk California Ave 6:24 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 7:22 p.m.

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COMPLAINT

FROM PAGE 1

Torre and Brock denied the legitimacy of the complaint, labeling it a smear tactic and in conflict with the Mirror's First Amendment rights.

"The FPPC decided rightfully, and as we predicted, that there was no merit to the accusation and dismissed it," said Fonda-Bonardi.

"It is no surprise the claim was rejected. The SMa.r.t. Column does not represent the Mirror and we do not pay its authors. It is an opinion column and anybody is free to submit such a column for publication. While various SMa.r.t. columns have expressed support for candidates there is nothing wrong with this. Their endorsements were their opinion and we will publish anybody's opinion as long as it is based in fact and pertaining to the scope of our coverage," said a spokesperson for the Santa Monica Mirror.

Koury was not satisfied with the response of the FPPC and believes that the review process was not thorough enough.

"The FPPC lacks the staff to review all of their complaints. In their response, they noted that it is illegal for a writer to 'endorse candidates' or 'denigrate the opposition' in their regular column. Obviously, they have not read any of Mr. Brock's columns because if they did they would see that is done in almost every column," said Koury. "A supplement to the complaint will easily prove that. Unfortunately, the FPPC will not be able to review the evidence until after the election."

The other three FPPC complaints filed against candidates in this election cycle are still open and pending judgment. These include two complaints filed by Mary Marlow against City Council incumbents Ana Jara and Terry O'Day for failing to submit their Form 700 elected official statement disclosing their financial interests, which was due on June 1. Both candidates have since filed Form 700s. The final pending complaint was filed by Jason Islas against Phil Brock for failing to disclose any financial interests in his Form 700.

Clara@smdp.com

Letter to the Editor

By Benjamin Bokich — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Editor,

The SMDP is to be commended for it's recent podcast series of interviews with Santa Monica City Council candidates. I've plowed through a number of the interviews and found them one of the best sources of info to truly get to know the candidates. What struck me was how much richer this experience was than the typical debate performance. I had watched many of the local Zoom debates over last month, with their typical 1-2 minute response times, and found that in the podcast format the candidates' personalities really shone through. And at the same time, you did an excellent job of holding their feet to the fire, challenging them to clarify many of their answers. This project clearly involved a huge amount of work. Thank you.

Benjamin Bokich, Santa Monica

LARGE CHAINS

FROM PAGE 1

maintained its authentic characteristics, City Council adopted an urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance to prevent the proliferation of fast-food restaurants on the Promenade.

The ordinance defined a fast-food restaurant as a place where orders are taken at a walk-up window, counter or machine; payment is completed prior to food consumption; and food is served with disposable, one-time, or limited-use wrapping, containers, or utensils; and also banned restaurants and cafes that have more than 100 domestic locations.

"The threshold of 100 domestic locations was intended to prohibit traditional nationwide fast-food restaurants while permitting smaller regional chains and international fast-food restaurants likely to serve as a unique draw for consumers," a staff report on Wednesday's agenda states. "Fast food restaurants are formula establishments with numerous locations and standardized features... While this consistency breeds familiarity for consumers, it runs counter to the policies in the DCP that value the retention of Downtown's authenticity and desire to encourage local uses and promote unique visitor experiences."

The proposed amendments to SMMC Section 9.10.040 would make the existing interim prohibition permanent. However, given current economic conditions and an anticipated increase in vacancies caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Downtown Santa Monica Inc.'s CEO Kathleen Rawson has asked commissioners to consider a slight increase of the threshold from 100 domestic locations to 150.

"Prior to adoption of the IZO, City and DTSM staff conducted an extensive review of criteria used by other cities for defining fast food," and staff believes the existing criteria to be most effective for enforcement and distinguishing between fast-food and fast-casual. DTSM also believes an increase in the threshold of locations would permit smaller regional chains and international fast-food restaurants, which are likely to serve as a unique draw for consumers, according to a letter from Rawson.

If passed by commissioners Wednesday, the proposed revisions would be sent to City Councilmembers for consideration at a future meeting.

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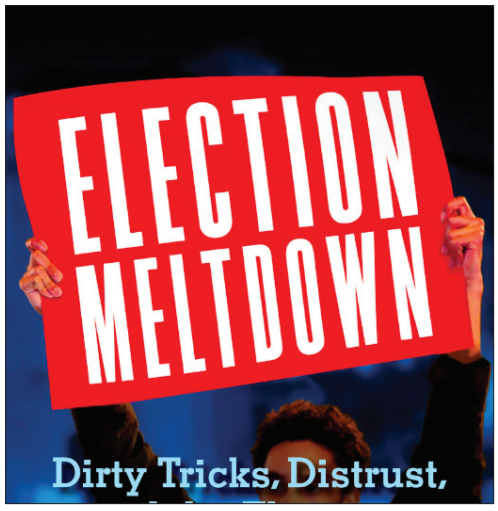




Curious City

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Campaign season continues as complaints run rampant



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COUNCIL: Local campaign season continues.

LOCAL ELECTION CHEATING, DIRTY TRICKS!

Sign, sign, everywhere a sign…

It's not a very big deal that campaign signs are being hung illegally on City fences and placed on City property, but... character counts, and, why do it? I'm not saying some of the incumbent City Council candidates themselves did it, or ordered it, or even suggested it, necessarily, but then -- who is responsible? I mean, there they are, those signs with the incumbents' names in big bold letters and bright colors -- TED WINTERER, ANA MARIA JARA, GLEAM DAVIS, TERRY O'DAY, and yes the new kid too, fast learner she is, KRISTIN McCOWAN.

Once the photos were posted on social media, with detailed information as to locations, if I were a candidate of honor I would go to those locations immediately and remove them myself. (Or have some volunteer do it.) And investigate who did the dirty deed(s). And issue a statement. But, that's just me. Gleam Davis was confronted with the news of her illegal signs and did not say she would do anything.

I have yet to see any illegally placed campaign signs for non-incumbents, or posted online. Those little styrofoam signs are quite an expense for challenging candidates who don't have six-figure PACs supporting them, like the incumbents. They probably give careful instructions to everyone as to where they should and should not place them.

PHIL BROCK IS SUCH A CROOK!

Not. But you might have thought so, for a few minutes anyway, based on recent accusations filed with the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) by Jason Islas, our inveterate erstwhile outside agitator and not-registered apparent lobbyist, turned registered lobbyist for Bird, and now officially not a lobbyist (he became a Bird drop) but salaried for years by Santa Monica Forward (who back the incumbents and definitely do not like the challenger slate), and by attorney and former Rent Control Board chair Joel Koury.

He's a cheat, that Phil Brock, no business license, not reporting income, not paying taxes on his home-based, and much worse, in the People's Republic of Santa Monica, taking a rent controlled unit off the market to do so. Boy, those revelations could sink a campaign, even one showing a head of steam like Brock's.

IF THEY WERE TRUE

Three complaints in eight days, all baseless, inconsequential or seemingly fabricated. But requiring Brock and others he's running with to turn their attention away from campaigning and to fork out for attorney fees to refute them. When candidates come under sudden personal attack, it's usually because their opposition has figured out they are in real danger of losing.

Islas filed his complaint with the FPPC over Brock's Form 700 for candidates which did not disclose the income from his talent agency business. Brock admitted fault, and explained that he did not understand that there were different requirements for those running for elective office, and so he signed and submitted the same Form 700 he had used for his many years as a Commissioner. As soon as he was notified, he said he would file his amended form. But Islas' was a duplicate complaint — I wonder if Jason knew that? — and it was thrown out. After Brock hired an attorney.

LET'S SEE YOUR 700!

In August Mary Marlow (of the Transparency Group) filed FPPC complaints against City Council incumbents Ana Maria Jara and Terry O'Day for failing to submit their Form 700s, which were due on June 1. O'Day, running now for the fourth time (he knows better), submitted his on Sept. 4. Jara said recently, "Yes, I erred in June with my filing – but I have since rectified the situation and am current." Hmmm -- payback on Brock? For these legit complaints? Especially considering Islas' duplicate complaint?

Then comes attorney Joel Koury charging that Brock was operating without a business license and hadn't paid taxes for 20 years. Even I could find that 20-year-old business license, and the record that Brock had paid his taxes every year, and I dropped out of law school after one semester. (The second semester requirement that we join a Satanic pedophile torture cult seemed good career prep but was just not my style. Seems to have gotten quite popular lately though, even for non-lawyers).

THEN THE ALLEGATION

Of removing a rent controlled unit from the market. First off, the rent control law does not prohibit anyone from having two rent controlled homes, or 10, and operating a home business out of one of them. If a complaint is to be filed it would have to come from the landlord, and Brock declared, " My 92-year-old mother owns the apartment

SEE **CURIOUS CITY** PAGE 11

Safety board: Lack of oversight blamed for deadly boat fire

BY STEFANIE DAZIO AND TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

The lack of oversight by a Southern California boat owner led to a fire that killed 34 people on a 2019 scuba diving excursion, the National Transportation Safety Board ruled Tuesday.

The predawn fire aboard the Conception is one of California's deadliest maritime disasters, prompting criminal and safety investigations. The Sept. 2, 2019, tragedy killed 33 passengers and one crew member on a Labor Day weekend expedition near an island off Santa Barbara.

The five-member board voted unanimously to place the deadly fire's blame with the Conception's owner, Truth Aquatics Inc.

The NTSB board also said inadequate Coast Guard regulations contributed to the high death toll, such as a lack of a requirement for smoke detectors in all accommodation spaces and poor emergency escape arrangements. The board passed several recommendations to suggest to the Coast Guard.

The NTSB does not have enforcement powers and must submit its suggestions for safety enhancements to bodies like the Federal Aviation Administration or the Coast Guard, which have repeatedly rejected some of the board's safety recommendations after other disasters.

"The Coast Guard will carefully consider the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendations through a deliberate process, which will include review by all subject matter experts and senior leaders responsible for implementing the potential regulatory changes," Lt. Cmdr. Scott McBride said in a statement.

Investigators said that because the boat burned and sank, they couldn't determine exactly what caused the fire. But they found that it began toward the back of the main deck salon area, where divers had plugged in phones, flashlights and other items with lithium ion batteries that can spread flames quickly.

Investigators told the NTSB that because some of the recovered bodies were wearing shoes, they believe the victims were awake and trying to escape before being overcome with smoke. Coroner reports list smoke inhalation as the cause of death for all.

The absence of the required roving patrol, investigators said, delayed detection of the fire, allowing it to grow beyond the six-member crew's firefighting capabilities, hampering evacuation efforts and directly leading to the high number of fatalities.

Board member Jennifer Homendy, who traveled to Santa Barbara in 2019 and toured a sister ship of the Conception, blasted the captain, Jerry Boylan, and Truth Aquatics during the hearing. She said the tragedy shouldn't be called an accident.

"I hate the term accident in this case because, in my opinion, it is not an accident if you fail to operate your company safely," Homendy said.

Jeffrey Goodman, a lawyer representing family members of nine victims, said the board's conclusions confirmed that the disaster was "predictable and preventable."

"Truth Aquatics routinely violated federal law by failing to have a roving night watch," Goodman said in a statement. "Sadly, this is just one among the litany of safety failures that led to a culture of deviance at Truth Aquatics."

Coast Guard records show the Conception passed all recent safety inspections. Its records also show that since 1991, no owner, operator or charterer has been issued a citation or fine for failure to post a roving patrol. Because of that, NTSB investigators believe the Coast Guard does not have an effective way to verify that boats are operating with watchmen.

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After the Conception fire, the Coast Guard issued a bulletin recommending a limit on the unsupervised use of lithium ion batteries and extensive use of power strips and extension cords.

"Some people may walk away and say, 'Well, I wish I knew what the ignition source was,' " Homendy said. "But the key here is that the focus should be on conditions were present that allowed the fire to go undetected and to grow to a point where it prevented the evacuation."

Five crew members, including Boylan, were asleep in the upper deck when the fire broke out around 3 a.m. in area above the only escape hatch to the bunkroom where the passengers and a single crewmember were sleeping. Boylan and other other four crewmen escaped by jumping into the water after making repeated attempts to try to save those below deck.

The size of the emergency hatch — 22 inches by 22 inches (56 centimeters) — met regulations, though safety board members criticized it as inadequate. Its location required passengers to climb to an upper bunk and then pull themselves through the the opening.

"I don't see how an average human with a life jacket on could get up through that hatch," board member Michael E. Graham said, adding that it would be difficult to get up to and through the hatch "without being a contortionist."

The families of 32 victims also have filed claims against the boat owners, Glen and Dana Fritzler and Truth Aquatics. In turn, the Fritzlers and the company have filed a legal claim to shield them from damages under a maritime law that limits liability for vessel owners. Court filings show they have offered to settle lawsuits with dozens of victims' relatives.

Court documents say federal criminal charges against the boat's captain are imminent, though that probe is separate from the NTSB's proceedings.

Krisher reported from Detroit.





Agnes

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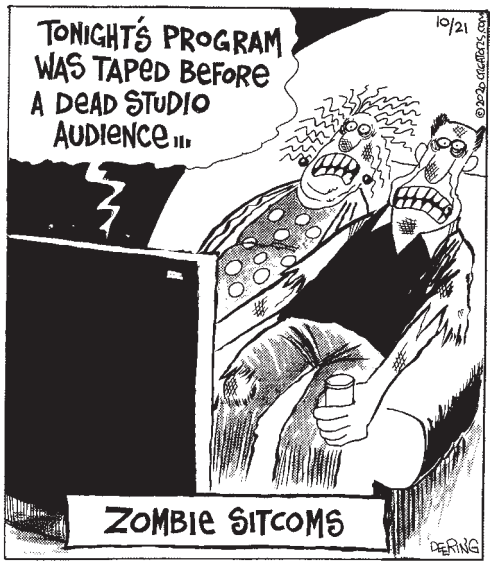
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.7°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Modest SSW swell eases as new long period S swell creeps up. Summer breaks are rideable on the small wave gear in the morning. Larger sets for long period magnets in the late afternoon/evening.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
More long-period S swell moves in. Potential for SE/S wind to be a little bit of an issue -- stay tuned.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/10/21	Wed	02:13 AM	3.65	H
2020/10/21	Wed	06:25 AM	2.73	L
2020/10/21	Wed	12:55 PM	5.63	H
2020/10/21	Wed	8:42 PM	0.00	L
2020/10/22	Thu	04:05 AM	3.61	H
2020/10/22	Thu	07:38 AM	3.19	L
2020/10/22	Thu	2:06 PM	5.11	H
2020/10/22	Thu	10:09 PM	0.17	L
2020/10/23	Fri	05:40 AM	3.90	H
2020/10/23	Fri	10:02 AM	3.31	L
2020/10/23	Fri	3:42 PM	4.75	H
2020/10/23	Fri	11:23 PM	0.19	L
2020/10/24	Sat	06:36 AM	4.25	H
2020/10/24	Sat	11:46 AM	2.90	L
2020/10/24	Sat	5:11 PM	4.67	H
2020/10/25	Sun	12:20 AM	0.20	L
2020/10/25	Sun	07:13 AM	4.57	H
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Power#: 23
Jackpot:91 M

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Draw Date: 10/16
27 32 50 52 57
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 86 M

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Draw Date: 10/17
7 19 25 29 42
Mega#: 1
Jackpot:19 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/19
3 6 7 30 31

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/19
Evening: 3 0 1
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2nd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
3rd: 08 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Submissiveness is appropriate some of the time, but if you let others have their way too often they will begin to encroach on your space and ultimately take it over. Defend what's yours today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Go on and position yourself right in the middle of the action (Hint: It's never far from where a Sagittarius is...) and enjoy the sense that this is where you belong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). They'll set out to find the treasure, and you'll set out with them -- not so much for the gold, but for the adventure. Your focus will be wide where theirs is narrow. Together you're the perfect crew.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The heart you offer to your loved ones is soft but supportive -- like a memory foam pillow. And yet, you can be as hard on yourself as a marble sculpture of a pillow. Go easier on the you-to-you relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Magic words fly from your lips. First, you say, "I'm doing it," and next thing you know, you really are. No prior experience necessary on this one. You'll learn everything along the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ever the down-to-earth planner, this marks an unusual time when many of your wishes are floating above the stratosphere, far beyond realism. Or perhaps you were just thinking too small before. Spend an hour brainstorming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel that you don't have enough resources to properly do your job. But more resources won't help now, since what you really need is a vision. Let yourself dream and moonbeams will light your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To say that a conversation is eye-opening would be a serious understatement. You learn way more than you need or want to know. You can use this, though not right now. Tuck it away for later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you let others decide what to do, you won't be blamed if it doesn't work out. On the other hand, your ideas are so great now that it will be worth it to bear the risks of responsibility and leadership.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In matters of work and finance, your judgment will be particularly keen this morning. One shrewd decision will favorably affect the scene for weeks, if not months to come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not ready to show your work, but you will be soon. When it's time, you'll still feel unready... but you'll have filled in at least five more blanks. Today's progress will bring great satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your ability to deal with difficult people is nothing short of astounding, and yet it could be argued that in your presence they can be no longer labeled "difficult" as you have a calming, taming effect.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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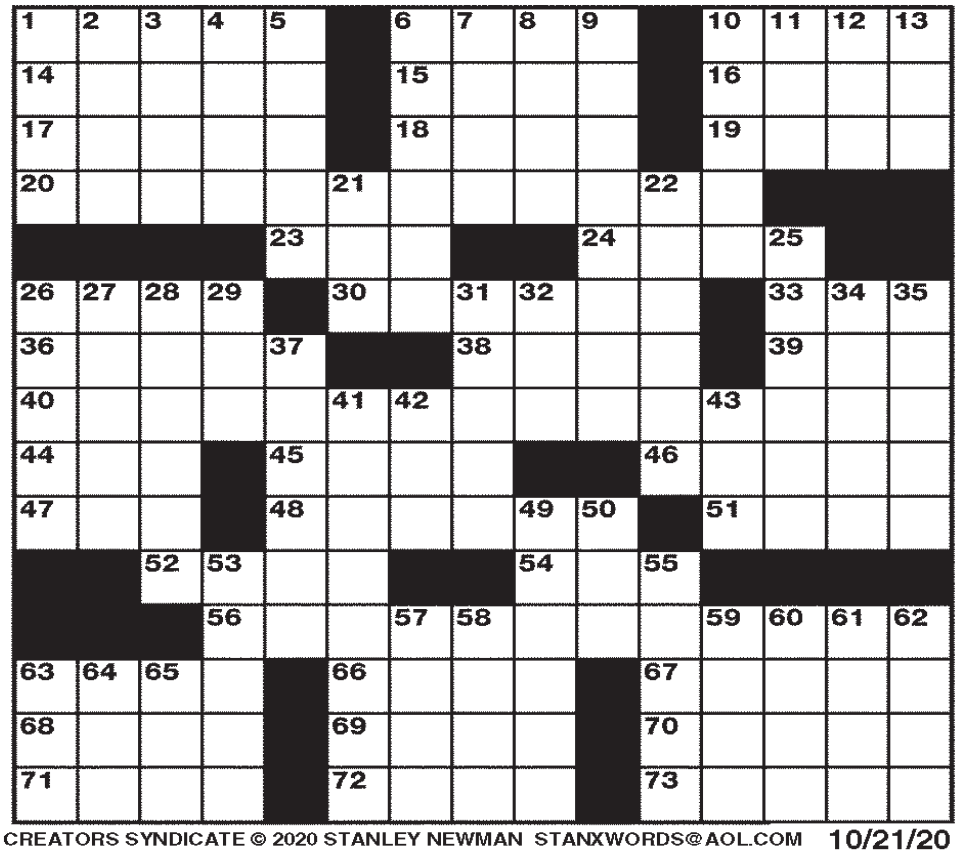
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1 Board game instructions
6 Actress Drescher
10 Eject, as lava
14 Higher in rank
15 Corn Belt state
16 Actor Rob or Chad
17 Early evening hour
18 At any time
19 Was obligated to
20 Why a plane's oxygen mask appears
23 PC "cancel" key
24 Emulated
26 Sailboat pole
30 Israeli or Arab
33 "__ seeing things?"
36 From the largest continent
38 Author unknown: Abbr.
39 Dry California wine, for short
40 Breakfast bun topping
44 Poem of praise
45 Seasoning for fries
46 Ceramic flooring installer
47 Just published
48 Trouser leg line
51 Irksome person
52 Sofa or settee
54 "__ all my fault"
56 Prenuptial party
63 Generic pooch
66 Reebok rival
67 Friendly feeling
68 Dublin's land
69 "Sign me up!"
70 Core work group
71 Absurdly funny
72 E-mail folder label
73 Where one's lap ends

DOWN
1 Speak hoarsely
2 Ridesharing rival of Lyft
3 Care for very much
4 Days before holidays
5 Good judgment
6 Intensely competitive
7 Roam aimlessly
8 Impressed greatly
9 One voicing a documentary
10 Ski area
11 Sound like "Wham!"
12 Flock female
13 Join together
21 Battleship letters
22 Gift giver's prompting
25 Impress greatly
26 Georgia city
27 Out of the way
28 Muscle-bone connectors
29 Light brown
31 Stingray cousin
32 Ft. Wayne's state
34 Marathon measures
35 Not moving
37 Daytona 500 org.
41 Gin cocktails
42 Soccer spectator's cheer
43 Nothing, informally
49 Saying nothing
50 UFO crew
53 Fine black wood
55 Castaway's dwelling
57 Thin coin
58 Similar (to)
59 Neighbor of Yemen
60 Broadly based
61 Raison d'__
62 Bakery loaves
63 Aladdin's hat
64 Nest-egg acronym
65 Loud commotion



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MEDIDA SM: Para proteger los servicios esenciales, incluidos el tratamiento de la falta de vivienda, la limpieza de playas/ parques, la seguridad pública/incendio/respuesta de emergencia, protecciones para los inquilinos y las personas mayores, apoyo de las bibliotecas, la recuperación de pequeñas empresas, los alimentos para los hambrientos y los servicios de después de la escuela para la salud mental de los jóvenes, ¿ debera la ciudad de Santa Mónica aumentar el impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces de una sola vez pagado por cada venta de propiedad por $5 millones o más por $3.00 por $1,000 de precio de venta, eximiendo proyectos de vivienda asequible, proporcionando $3 millones anuales para servicios locales?	Sí No

/s/ DENISE ANDERSON-WARREN
Secretaria Municipal

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

OCTOBER 9TH AT 4:38AM

SMPD officers responded to a radio call for a vehicle burglary in progress near the 1000 block of 2nd Street. The reporting party stated that she was alerted to a suspect actively attempting to break into her vehicle by the sounding of her car alarm. The window of her Jeep Grand Cherokee had been shattered. Officers detained two suspects one block away from the call location matching the description of the offenders. The victim was able to identify the suspects during a field show-up. Two juvenile suspects were placed under arrest for 459pc-Burglary with one suspect later released to the Department of Child and Family Services and the second to his mother.

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building on 12th Street, inherited from my grandmother. My mother has lived at this location for almost 75 years. I am at my apartment at the building daily – in part to care for my mother and in part to attend to my business which I conduct there. I pay rent to my mother for the apartment and have always done so. I began using an apartment in my family's building when it was vacant, so no tenant was displaced when I occupied the apartment for my own use."

I think any lawyer worth their salt could have easily found all this information before filing.

KOURY ALSO FILED A COMPLAINT

Against the "Change" slate candidates alleging that they receive free advertising equivalent to thousands of dollars in undisclosed campaign contributions through weekly columns in the Santa Monica Mirror written by a group of mostly architects calling themselves the SMart Group, that includes Brock and architect and Planning Commissioner Mario Fonda-Bonardi, also running for Council and part of the slate. They have been writing the column almost eight years and have often been critical of the direction City Council has taken for city planning; since those two filed to run, those columns do consistently endorse them as candidates, while disparaging their fellow contenders.

There may be some merit to this charge. They don't get paid for the column, but newspaper space has a value, and the columns written since Fonda-Bonardi and Brock declared to run may constitute an undeclared campaign contribution. The First Amendment mixes in here, and it gets tricky.

Nonetheless, with the timing of it all, these seem to constitute harassment of candidates tactics, that I think most of us would rather see stay in Washington. But here's the kicker. Co-founder of SMRR and Board Member Michael Tarbet immediately jumped all over these mostly spurious allegations and for days spread them all over, I mean all over, social media, treating them as fact. I think he might know something about rent control laws, since he helped write them.

So these seem, clearly, all harassment of candidates tactics, unfair, that I think most of us would rather see stay in Washington. But here's the kicker. Co-founder of SMRR and Board Member Michael Tarbet immediately jumped all over these spurious allegations and for days spread them all over, I mean all over, social media, treating them as fact. I think he might know something about rent control laws, since he helped write them.

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vegetables.

The second location will also launch a series of unique dishes in the coming months, but those impatient for change can try the new cocktail menu designed by local mixologist Vincenzo Marianella. Highlights include the 110 Navy with bourbon, cynar, Ramazotti Aperitivo, and Jerry Thomas bitters and the Campanula Sour with grapefruit vodka, elderflower liqueur, fresh lime, red bell pepper, and mint.

This month's opening marks the end of a two year quest for a second location that met Sabatini and Tuppoto's exacting standards.

"It's not just about the right rent and the right parking lot; it's also about the right layout because we want an alcohol bar and we want a cheese bar and the cheese bar has to be right in front of the kitchen, because the pasta comes straight from the kitchen to the cheese wheels," Sabatini said, adding, "As soon as we entered this place we fell in love."

Forma's cheese bar features four massive wheels of cheese — Pecorino Romano, Parmigiano Reggiano, Grana Padano, and Bella Lodi — used to craft the iconic dalla forma pasta dishes. The full cheese menu features over 70 cheeses including bloomy rind, washed-rind, blue veined, truffled, soft and hard varieties.

"Dalla forma is popular in certain regions in Italy. Rome does it for cacio e pepe and carbona; if you go to north Italy they use pecorino romano, and if you go to Milan they do it for risotto and tortellini," said Sabatini. "What we did was create a concept around pasta in the cheese wheel and went for the cheese bar. There is honestly nothing like this in this country; the way we do it is very unique."

Forma Venice is open for dinner from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily, and the establishment plans to expand its hours to accomadate lunch in the near future. The restaurant will only be open for patio dining until the Los Angeles Department of Public Health deems it safe to open the interior dining room.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

For Member of the City Council (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Four

Phil Brock
Andrew Browning
Merviendo Andika
Dominic Gomez
Christine Parra
Terry O'Day
Marcus Owens
Anne-Marie Slack
Jon Mann
Chip Martin
Todd Mentch
Zoë Muntaner
Gleam Olivia Davis
Oscar de la Torre
Mario Fonda-Bonardi
Tom Ciszek
Andrew Kamm
Ted Winterer
Ana Maria Jara
John Patrick Jewell
Nathaniel Jones Jr.

For Member of the City Council (2-yr term) Vote for no more than One

Kristin McCowan

For Member of the Rent Control Board (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Two

Caroline Torosis
Aishah Newson
Anastasia Foster
Robert Kronovet

For Member of the College Board of Trustees (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Three

Susan Aminoff
Brian O'Neill
Margaret Quinones-Perez
Rob Greenstein Rader

For Member of the School Board of Education (4-yr term) Vote for no more than Three

Maria Leon-Vazquez
Esther Hickman
Jennifer Smith
Dhun May
Jason Feldman
Keith Coleman
Jon Kean
Steven Johnson

Measures to be Voted On:

MEASURE AB: Shall the City Charter be amended to repeal provisions setting rules for appointing candidates and promoting employees into the Civil Service, to enable the City Council to advance equity-based hiring within the appointment and promotional processes and strengthen the City's workforce?	Yes / No
MEASURE SM: To protect essential services including addressing homelessness, cleaning beaches/parks, public safety/fire/emergency response, protections for tenants and seniors, supporting libraries, small business recovery, food for the hungry, and after-school/ mental health services for youth, shall the City of Santa Monica increase the one-time real estate transfer tax paid on each sale of property for $5 million or more by $3.00 per $1,000 of sales prices, exempting affordable housing projects, providing $3 million annually for local services?	Yes / No

/s/ DENISE ANDERSON-WARREN
City Clerk



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