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	2022	2023
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Average Sq. Ft.	2,124	1,949
<b>Average Price Per Sq. Ft.</b>	\$879	\$749
Units Sold	17	19

### Condo/Townhomes

	2022	2023
<b>Average Sold Price:</b>	\$788,750	\$842,933
Average Sq. Ft.	1,213	1,512
<b>Average Price Per Sq. Ft.</b>	\$650	\$561
Units Sold	3	3

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Saturday, May 6 – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 7 – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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## SIERRA MADRE NEWS BRIEFS ELECTION FORUM HELD



The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club held an election forum last week to give undecided voters the opportunity to hear from both the YES on Measure M and the NO on Measure M advocates. The event was moderated by Russ Meeks, a local volunteer and a resident of Arcadia. Panelists included (left to right) Susan Neuhausen and Scott Hood for NO, Meeks, and Commissioner John Hutt and Former Mayor John Capoccia for YES. To view the event go to: <https://youtu.be/T5wplIMQw78> More information on the Measure can be found in Section B of this edition.



## SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### VOTE CENTER OPEN APRIL 29 - MAY 9

APRIL 29, 2023 THROUGH MAY 8, 2023

**Where:** The former Bank of America Building located at 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**When:** Voting is from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY MAY 9, 2023

**Where:** The former Bank of America Building located at 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**When:** Voting is from 7:00 AM to 8:00PM

VOTERS MAY ALSO DELIVER THEIR BALLOTS AT THE OFFICIAL DROP BOX, LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOORS OF CITY HALL, UNTIL 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY

For more information, please contact the City Clerk, Laura M. Aguilar, at [LAguilar@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:LAguilar@cityofsierramadre.com) or (626)355-7135

## COUNCIL TO MEET ON ELECTION NIGHT WITH ALVERNO HEIGHTS ON THE AGENDA

Alverno Heights Academy, Lower School is a Catholic, independent school for girls and boys in grades TK-8 dedicated to preparing our students to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about complex problems in a global society. Neighbors concerned with noise and traffic levels have appealed the Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Commission and the matter will be discussed at Tuesday's council meeting.

## BEE CAREFUL

SMFD and SMPD responded last week to reports of bees swarming in the intersection of Sierra Madre Boulevard and North Hermosa, in front of Memorial Park. Several people were stung and treated at the scene.

It is common to see bees swarming in the spring, they are looking for a new home.

Please exercise caution over the next few hours if you will be traveling in this area, especially for our community members with allergies to bees.

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**WARNING:  
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Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box the following activities are prohibited.

**WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

DO NOT ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.

DO NOT display a candidate's name, image, or logo.

DO NOT block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.

DO NOT provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.

DO NOT circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.

DO NOT distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.

DO NOT display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

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4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

# 4th of July

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OPEN FROM MAY 1 - JUNE 4, 2023  
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2023 CITY OF SIERRA MADRE PARADE ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, FROM 10:00AM - 12:00 PM.  
THE PARADE ROUTE WILL BEGIN AT THE CORNER OF SIERRA MADRE BLVD. AND  
SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, AND PROCEED DOWN THE BOULEVARD TO SIERRA VISTA PARK.

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### 2023 SPRING AND SUMMER SEASON EVENTS

<b>APR 17</b>	<b>S.M.A.R.T. CHIPPER &amp; GREEN WASTE DAY #1</b> REGISTRATION OPEN FROM MAR 27 TO APR 9
<b>APR 26</b>	<b>WILDFIRE HOME RESILIENCY TRAINING</b> 6 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
<b>MAY 8</b>	<b>S.M.A.R.T. CHIPPER &amp; GREEN WASTE DAY #2</b> REGISTRATION OPEN FROM APR 14 TO APR 30
<b>MAY 24</b>	<b>COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RESILIENCY TRAINING</b> 6 PM, HART PARK HOUSE, MEMORIAL PARK
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>S.M.A.R.T. CHIPPER &amp; GREEN WASTE DAY #3</b> REGISTRATION OPEN FROM MAY 5 TO MAY 21
<b>JULY 26</b>	<b>FIRE RESILIENT LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP</b> 6 PM, VIRTUAL WORKSHOP, REGISTER FOR LINK
<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>S.M.A.R.T. CHIPPER &amp; GREEN WASTE DAY #4</b> REGISTRATION OPEN FROM JULY 14 TO JULY 23

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WEEK 3 (JUNE 26-30) PLAY-WELL LEGO TEK \$300  
WEEK 4 (JULY 3-7) COOKING 101 \$275  
WEEK 5 (JULY 10-14) PLAY-WELL LEGO TEK \$300  
WEEK 6 (JULY 17-21) MAD SCIENCE \$300  
WEEK 7 (JULY 24-28) CODE NINJAS \$300

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# SIERRA MADRE

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## Residents Speak Out Regarding Metro/Transportation

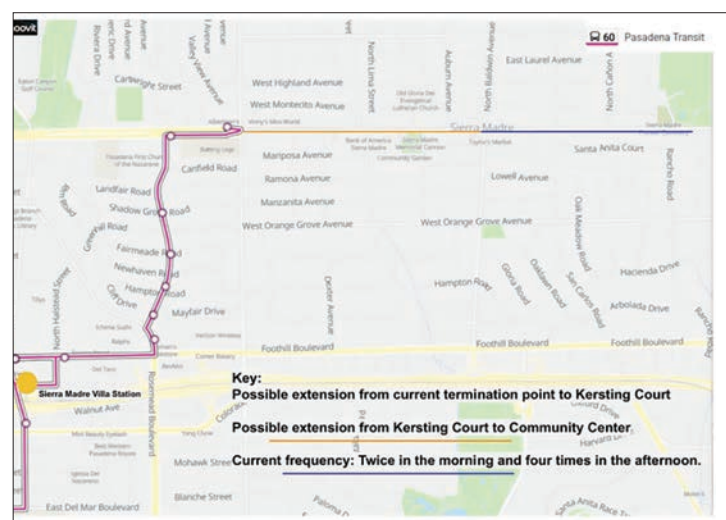
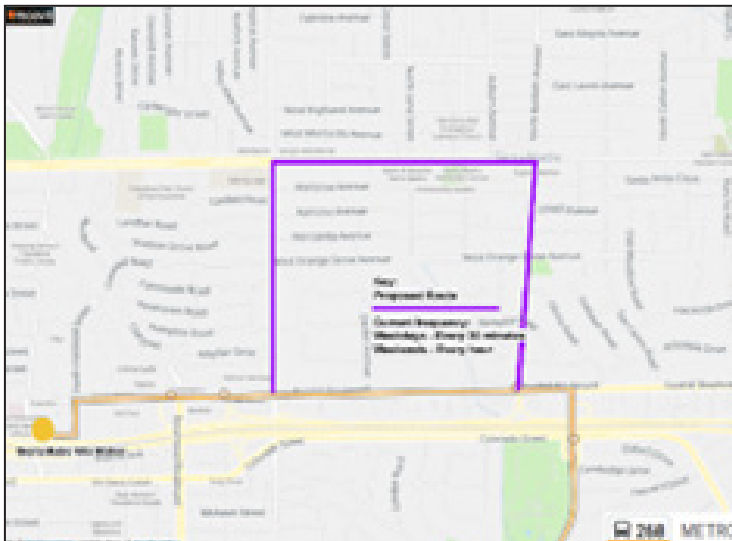
### BRING TRANSPORTATION BACK TO SIERRA MADRE

By resident, Max Romero  
(Max is also a 16 year old Sophomore at Maranatha High School)

According to the Department of Transportation website, "Public transportation provides people with mobility and access to employment, community resources, medical care, and recreational opportunities in communities across America." For residents of Sierra Madre, this statement could not be more true. Unfortunately our public transportation system was drastically cut in the pandemic and has not been restored, making access for Sierra Madre for students, residents, and those seeking leisure or work in our town reserved for those who can only walk a number of miles or drive. Reincorporating public transportation would not only reopen our town to visitors from all around, but would also make it much easier for residents such as myself to commute to and from the necessities of daily life such as school, work, or even the grocery store. I myself commute to and from school during the week, often taking a combination of a bus and a train to get where I need to go.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of Sierra Madre public transportation access, I find myself leaving the house at five in the morning each day to walk nearly 45 minutes to the Hastings Branch Library to catch my first bus. Many other residents I have spoken to on my way to and from school agree that something has to change and we encourage the City Council to improve our current program, adding route options to help residents get to where they need and want to go. As part of possible solutions, there are two existing bus routes I think could solve the problem and provide public transportation access to Sierra Madre.

The first proposed route change (right) would be to the Metro Local 268 that runs from Sierra Madre Villa Station to El Monte Station, passing through The Shops at Santa Anita. This route change would bring the bus up from its current route on Foothill onto Michillinda, then move to Kersting Court on Sierra Madre Boulevard. It would then go down on Baldwin Avenue, continuing the normal route without removing any existing stops. This would bring transportation access to La Salle, The Sierra Madre Library, City Hall, Kersting Court, and more.



The second proposed route change would be an extension to the Pasadena Transit 60. While the 60 only runs weekdays in the mornings and afternoons, it would still provide connection during the off hours of the current system our city offers, the Gateway Coach. The 60 currently offers a direct route to Sierra Madre Villa Station, PCC, and a number of other connections along the way. Currently terminating at Michillinda and Sierra Madre Boulevard, an extension to Kersting Court or the Community Center would provide residents with new options.

By reinstating public transportation we would reopen the gateway to our city not only for others who come to visit but for our own residents as well.

To the editor:

Metro is not an elective. Their funding comes from property taxes (whether tenant or owner, you pay into property taxes), and they receive those funds to provide public transit. LA is working to not be a car-dependent city, that's why Metro is essential. The term MetroMicro is ironic given what they do not do. The several times I tried to use Micro, I couldn't book one or it didn't show up. In some ways it could be a viable strategy—a van that can carry six passengers, on a regular schedule and route, to fill in the gaps left by the bus system.

Since the buses have left us, I have had to turn down several offers to teach at Cal State LA. I get rides with friends to go shopping. Grocery shopping, laundry and work are not extravagances, they are essentials. And we need and pay for Metro to continue to give us access to these. It is not an elective.

Renée Cossutta, Sierra Madre

#### ABOUT YOUR METRO STORY:

First of all, the headline of Kevin McGuire's article "Metro Leaves Sierra Madre Stranded" is untrue. Metro had numerous meetings, during the process of developing the NexGen Plan, where the public was invited to give their input. One of the determinations from this process, was to implement the Micro Bus service we have currently. This type of service is much better suited for a residential area of our size, and provides on demand service. Maybe the service has some issues to work out, but Metro did not leave Sierra Madre stranded. The truth is, the routes that were previously servicing Sierra Madre for decades, were an inefficient use of resources, driving around with few or no passengers most of the time.

Regards, A. Wasson

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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Step aside to a brand new day. In the month of May I feel I can start again. Life is feeling new. This is hope, this is love, this is where we all win. If you call, I will hear. I will listen for you."  
Mychal Simka

"You have to remember to be thankful! But in May one simply can't help being thankful that they are alive, if for nothing else." L.M. Montgomery

It's May! There is so much to celebrate in this particular May that we probably won't be able to take time to think! The first thing that comes to mind is that song from Camelot (the 1960 Lerner & Lowe musical) that Guinevere warbles...



"Tra la! It's May!  
The lusty month of May!  
That lovely month when ev'ryone goes  
Blissfully astray.  
Tra la! It's here!  
That shocking time of year  
When tons of wicked little thoughts  
Merrily appear!  
It's May! It's May!  
That gorgeous holiday  
When ev'ry maiden prays that her lad  
Will be a cad!  
It's mad! It's gay!  
A libelous display!  
Those dreary vows that ev'ryone takes,  
Ev'ryone breaks.  
Ev'ryone makes divine mistakes  
The lusty month of May!"

Well, we're probably not going to get that excited about it as there is so much more in May to celebrate. The 58th Annual Art Fair, featuring artist Suzanne Kustner is this weekend, May 6 and 7. Ms. Kustner creates enamel jewelry, bowls, dishes and wall hangings made with copper, fine silver and gold. Her designs are inspired by nature and our surroundings...the colors, textures and shapes we see every day. Looking at some of her work online was awe-inspiring. Trust me, friends and neighbors, you will want to be sure to bring your checkbook. With 85 artists, food and entertainment, Memorial Park is the place to be. The weather may cooperate and then again, it may not, but don't miss this really wonderful event. So much creativity and talent for us to see, admire and, hopefully, buy.

Cinco de Mayo was yesterday and I'm hoping you stopped by Casa del Rey for a margarita and an enchilada or two. And some guacamole and chips. Ole!

Mother's Day is next weekend, May 14th and I'm giving you advance warning to order flowers, buy a card, make dinner reservations, do something to celebrate your mom. More about that next week.

My son's birthday is May 12th. This is a significant birthday, I'm not saying which one, but a spectacular party is planned for him later in the month. I'm just shamelessly using Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side to wish him a happy birthday. Happy birthday, John!

I've got so many other family events going on this month that I'm not sure I'll have time to sleep: A graduation, more birthdays, anniversaries, and a new baby is supposed to make his appearance around May 15th. I know your family is celebrating all good things this month, too, so may God bless each and every one of these happy times as they fill your family with joy.

The Mt. Wilson Trail Race on the gorgeously refurbished trail is May 27th. Memorial Day is May 29th and we have a full moon coming up this week: The Flower Moon. Aply named. You know: April showers bring May flowers. Naturally, the picture today is of some May roses.

I was sorry to see that Bob Stane has had to close The Coffee Gallery Backstage. This was a really cool place to go and John and I enjoyed whoever was playing there a number of times. Best of luck, Bob, in the days to come.

"It's May, the lusty month of May  
That darling month when everyone throws self-control away  
It's time to do a wretched thing or two  
And try to make each precious day, one you'll always rue  
It's May, it's May, the month of yes you may  
The time for every frivolous whim, proper or im-  
It's wild, it's gay, a blot in every way  
The birds and bees with all of their vast amorous past  
Gaze at the human race aghast"

I wanted to close with something neat...a quote from John Lennon:

"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy.' They told me I didn't understand the assignment. I told them they didn't understand life."

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find the Emma Gainsworth Kindle novelettes,  
Along with other goodies like "A Treasure Map, A Drunken Owl  
And 47 Rattlers in A Bag" True Tales of Early California



## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Sunday, April 23 Hit and Run, Property Damage At approximately 3 PM, officers responded to the 100 block of N. Lima St regarding a traffic collision. An unknown driver collided with a parked vehicle causing damage. After the collision, the driver left the area without leaving contact information or contacting the police. The Detective Bureau is following up on this incident.

Wednesday, April 26 - Grand Theft At approximately 10 AM, officers responded to the 200 block of W Sierra Madre Blvd regarding a grand theft. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the reporting party, a Care Manager for the Kensington Assisted Living Facility, who reported that jewelry was missing from the possessions of a recently deceased patient. The reporting manager spoke to the next of kin for the patient, who requested a police report. The Detective Bureau is following up on this incident.

Theft from a Vehicle At approximately 12 PM, officers responded to the 100 block of E. Alegria Ave regarding a theft from a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers contacted the reporting party, who stated their catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle. The Detective Bureau is following up on this incident.

Saturday, April 29 Burglary from a Vehicle At approximately 10 AM, officers responded to the 300 block of N. Baldwin Ave. regarding a theft from a vehicle. An unknown suspect used a blunt object to force entry into the victim's vehicle and removed property from the vehicle. After the theft, the suspect fled the area in a vehicle. The Detective Bureau is following up on this incident.

Public Intoxication Arrest At approximately 6 PM, officers responded to public parking lot in the 00 block W. Sierra Madre Blvd. for reports of a subject leaning against a parked vehicle. Upon arrival, an officer located a subject who was intoxicated and unable to care for themselves. The subject was arrested for public intoxication and booked at the Pasadena City Jail for public intoxication.

## CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

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Friday, June 9  
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Friday, June 23  
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Mon	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Wed	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Thur	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Fri	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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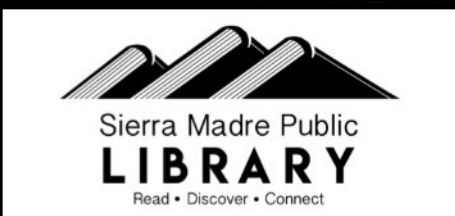
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May 8—May 13

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**Preschool Storytime** —In-person at 10:00am

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#### Wednesday

**Teen Snackchat** —In-person at 4:00pm

#### Thursday

**Tails & Tales** —In-person at 3:30pm

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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## The Reward Increased for Altadena Boy's Murder



LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced a motion Tuesday to increase and extend the reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of four-year-old Salvador "Chavita" Esparza III.

The young boy was shot while standing on the porch of a home he was visiting in unincorporated Altadena on July 5, 2016. The County of Los Angeles will now offer a \$75,000 reward.

"Six years ago, little Salvador's life was violently and tragically ended," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "I am extending and increasing the reward amount because I have faith that there's someone out there who can help bring justice for the Esparza family. Every bit of information helps, so don't hesitate to reach out. Help us identify the perpetrator who robbed Salvador of his future and left an unfillable void in his family's heart."

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo also weighed in, asking the community to do their part.

"Little Chavita Esparza would have been 11 years-old this year," Mayor Gordo said. "Instead, he was shot and killed when he was just 4 years-old in July 2016. He has not been forgotten and we are appealing to the public, once again, to step up and provide needed information to help us solve the horrific killing of this innocent little boy. We are grateful to Supervisor Barger for her leadership and support in increasing and extending the reward monies to help identify and arrest those responsible for this heinous crime."

The murder is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Homicide Division. To report a tip or provide information related to this shooting, contact Sergeant Dominick Recchia at (323) 890-5500.

## BLM Lawsuit Settled Against South Pasadena

The City of South Pasadena has settled a civil rights court case filed in October 2021 by plaintiffs Fahren James and Victoria Patterson. The case was handled on behalf of the City by Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont. In the interest of resolving this matter, the City Council authorized the settlement amount of \$500,000.

According to reports, BLM protesters James and Patterson filed the lawsuit against the city and five officers.

No details were released by the city.

## Chalk Fest Moves to the Convention Center



Just days after fist announcing that the 30th Annual Pasadena Chalk Festival would be canceled this year, organized reversed course Tuesday saying that the Chalk Festival is back on -the event will now be held at the Pasadena Convention Center Father's Day weekend. For years the Festival was co-sponsored by and held at the Paseo, an open-air shopping center.

Light Bringer Project, Board Chair, Tom Coston said that "Light Bringer Project will hold the 2023 Pasadena Chalk Festival this coming father's Day weekend on the Plaza of the Pasadena Convention Center. We are very grateful to The Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau, The Pasadena Convention Center, and the City of Pasadena who have partnered together with us to preserve this year's event."

Over the years, the Chalk Festival had used the

Convention Center as an overflow for the artists.

In a statement April 27, Coston had said, "The Paseo, host for the festival for more than fifteen years, is now under the auspices of its new owner, real estate developer Onni Group. We have been apprised by Onni that the previous financial and labor resources the festival has always relied upon will not be provided to us."

Coston added that they had been inquiring with other venues, including the Convention Center.

The Pasadena Chalk Festival brings together more than 600 dedicated and talented artists from Southern California and around the world with about 25,000 pieces of colorful chalk to showcase this unique centuries-old art form.

In 2010, the event took its place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest public art event of its kind.

During the weekend, the



Tom Coston

Pasadena Police will also showcase their Annual Pasadena Police Classic Car Show Sunday across Colorado Blvd. at Pasadena City Hall. For festival information visit: pasadenachalkfestival.com.

## Pasadena New 'Text Before Tow' Program



The City of Pasadena's Department of Transportation announced Tuesday the rollout of a new program to provide motorists a better parking experience. The Text Before Tow program notifies enrolled participants via text and email of an impending tow due to blocked driveway, temporary no parking and 72-hour parking violations.

According to officials, in some situations, motorists may be unaware that they're at risk of being towed and simply need to be alerted. One of the lesser known violations is the 72-hour parking violation. Traditionally, the City leaves a courtesy note when a car is tagged for removal due to violation; however, not everyone sees the note. To help residents avoid a costly tow, Pasadena adopted San Francisco's Text Before Tow program, launched in 2022. After a few months of development by the City's Department of Information Technology, the program is ready to launch here in Pasadena.

Anyone who would like to sign up for the Text Before Tow program may do so for free using this web form. For additional information, contact the Department of Transportation's Parking Services Division at (626) 744-7665.

## Pasadena Celebrates Older Americans With Free Event



The City of Pasadena Senior Commission will host the City's second annual Older Americans Month celebration on Tuesday, May 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at McDonald Park, 1000 E. Mountain St. The free event will highlight Pasadena's range of resources for older adults and offer giveaways, food, presentations and more!

May is Older Americans Month as proclaimed by the federal Administration for Community Living. This year's theme, Aging Unbound, provides an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes.

Pasadena resources for older adults include world-class healthcare facilities, a vibrant art and culture community, accessible public transportation, numerous senior living communities, and many organizations

focused on maintaining the health and well-being of older residents. Organizations representing these sectors and more will be at the May 23 celebration.

Pasadena Transit Dial-A-Ride is offering free rides to residents ages 60+ who are Dial-a-Ride members. To apply for Dial-A-Ride membership, call (626) 791-7200. For all transportation inquiries, visit the Pasadena Transit website.

This event is made possible with the support of Pasadena Village, Home Instead Pasadena, Villa Gardens, Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries, Pegasus Home Health Care, Han Research Lab, and Anthem Blue Cross.

For more information about the event, visit

CityOfPasadena.net/OAM or call (626) 744-7300. For accessibility information and requests, contact (626) 744-7311. Provide at least 72 hours advance notice will help ensure availability.

## Pasadena Senior Center New Development Director

Akila Gibbs, executive director for the Pasadena Senior Center announced Friday that Christa Lorenz (Pictured) has been named senior director of development at the Center.

Her responsibilities will include developing a five-year plan to increase the base of top donors and ensure all fundraising communications and marketing activities work toward the Pasadena Senior Center's long-term fiscal success they said.

Before joining the Pasadena Senior Center staff, Lorenz was director of annual giving at Westridge School in Pasadena for nearly five years, during which she broke fundraising records during the worst of the COVID pandemic. She began her fundraising career at the University of Southern California's Classical KUSC Radio and later joined USC's advancement staff and was instrumental in building stewardship communications and endowment processes during the \$6 billion+ Campaign for USC.

"I am confident Christa's strong



development experience and creativity will help carry the center's fiscal health well into the future so programs and services can be maintained and increased," said Akila Gibbs, executive director at the center.

Lorenz earned her bachelor's degree at Chapman University and master's degree at California State University, Long Beach. She lives in Glendale with her husband and toddler son.

In addition to online classes, onsite events and other activities, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center are encouraged to visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org.

## Chamber to Hold Networking Connection Breakfast at NOOR

Join the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30am for our networking Connection Breakfast. Beginning in May, we are moving the breakfast to NOOR in the Paseo at 300 East Colorado in downtown Pasadena.

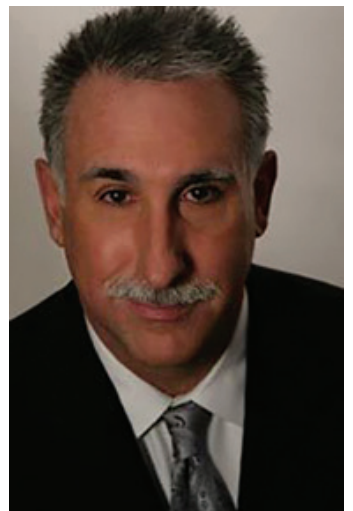
Dr. Dennis Buckley of Health Advantage Physical Medicine moderates the breakfast networking event. Join Pasadena Chamber members to promote your business, make new contacts, visit with friends and enjoy breakfast at Noor.

"Everyone who attends the Connection Breakfast has the chance to briefly present their business to the room and there is plenty of time for networking," said Chamber President and CEO Paul Little. "It is a great opportunity to expand contacts, promote a service or product and make connections that can lead to business in the future."

Cost is \$35 for Pasadena Chamber members and \$40 for non-members.

To attend, you must register and pay online by the close of business the Thursday before. Register online at: pasadena-chamber.org/other/breakfast-connection.

There is 90 minutes of validated parking available in the Marengo structure at 45 South Marengo Avenue. (Park on the top level and walk across the short pedestrian bridge over Marengo Avenue to get to NOOR.) Please be sure to bring your parking ticket with you. NOOR will validate so the first 90 minutes of parking is free.



"We are very excited to be moving our networking Connection Breakfast to Noor," said Mr. Little. "It is a wonderful venue, well suited to our needs, with great staff, terrific food and an easily accessible location in downtown Pasadena. We anticipate a very successful event and hope to see a lot of new faces."

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association is a professional business organization. Since the earliest days of Pasadena, the Chamber has played a major role in the development of this internationally renowned city. Founded in 1888 as the Board of Trade, the Chamber's primary purpose has been the enhancement of the economy, business climate and the quality of life in Pasadena. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce currently serves more than 1250 members.

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# San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

## LA Opera Talks

Sunday, May 7 at 2 PM, Barth Community Room  
Community educators from LA Opera present fascinating facts and musical excerpts from the operas that are playing downtown at the Music Center. This Talk focuses on Otello. He's a beloved leader, a distinguished military commander, and a devoted husband. But when an envious subordinate introduces the notion—just the slightest whispered hint—that Otello's wife Desdemona might possibly be unfaithful, it's enough to send him into a downward spiral of fury and murder. Registration is not required.

## Huntington Nurses Health Screening

Wednesday, May 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

The Huntington Nurses offer free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Please plan to fast 2 hours prior to having glucose checked. These blood pressure and glucose evaluations can lead to prevention and early detection of the "silent killer" diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes. Health screenings will be held every second Wednesday of the month. Registration is not required.

## Button Vase Art (Ages 3 and up)

Thursday, May 11 at 3:30 PM, Barth Community Room  
Get ready for Mother's Day by making a beautiful and unique button vase art craft! This activity is a great example of mixed-media art for kids. All materials will be provided. Registration is not required.

## Old Mill Happy Hour on May 12

Come join us at The Old Mill to kick off our spring and summer social season and kick off Mother's Day weekend too on Friday, May 12 from 5 PM - 7 PM. Bring your mom or someone else's mom for a festive happy hour with botanically infused spritzes and live music! Come enjoy the Mill, view our current art exhibit, and stroll our gardens while sampling the quintessential Californian take on aperitifs. We hope to see you on May 12! \$10 suggested donation.

## Recent Happenings

Over the past week, Parks and Public Works maintenance staff also worked on the following tasks: removing fallen tree branches, palm fronds, and other debris from the public right-of-way; replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs; performing minor trimming of hanging tree limbs; repairing pavement; and picking up fallen street light globes. Public Works staff also filled in numerous potholes that appeared as a result of the frequent heavy rain that fell over the past few months, which will improve driver and pedestrian safety in those areas. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: [www.cityofsanmarino.org/report](http://www.cityofsanmarino.org/report).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The War Memorial at Lacy Park was dedicated on November 11, 2007.

San Marino's War Memorial plaza honors individuals who lost their lives in service. The Memorial includes seven engraved granite panels, a statue of a kneeling soldier, a service recognition, an attractive plaza, beautiful landscaping, and a Veteran's Walk area that recognizes those who served in the Armed Forces. Their names are etched in the walk curving around the Memorial. Join us for this year's Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29 beginning at 9 AM.

## Meetings

### Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday, May 8 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

### City Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

### Public Safety Commission

Monday, May 15 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

# Video Shows Team Working on NASA's Europa Clipper



*Led by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the short videos take audiences behind the scenes to learn more about how space missions come together.*

Destined for Jupiter's icy moon Europa, the Europa Clipper spacecraft – the largest NASA has ever flown on an interplanetary mission – is being readied to launch in October 2024. Between now and then, thousands of hours of work will go into assembling and testing the spacecraft to ensure it's hardy enough to survive a six-year 1.6-billion-mile (2.6 billion kilometer) journey and sophisticated enough to perform a detailed science investigation of this mysterious moon.

The new video series "Spacecraft Makers: Europa Clipper" offers quick updates on the mission's progress and lifts the curtain on the exacting work that goes into making sure the spacecraft reaches the Jupiter system in 2030. Europa Clipper aims to help answer questions about the ocean that scientists strongly believe lies below Europa's icy crust.

The spacecraft will fly by the moon about 50 times while orbiting Jupiter. (It can't orbit Europa because doing so would bring Europa Clipper too close to the gas giant's brutal radiation belts. Learn more in the video.) On each flyby, a suite of science instruments will gather data on the depth of the subsurface ocean, the thickness of the ice crust, and, potentially, the characteristics of any plumes that may be venting subsurface water into space. The goal is to find out whether Europa has the potential to support life.

The series' premiere episode features Europa Clipper Project Manager Jordan Evans, who also

has worked on NASA's Curiosity Mars rover and the agency's Hubble Space Telescope. In the video, he joins Deputy Science Manager Trina Ray, who worked on NASA's Cassini and Galileo missions. They venture into JPL's storied High Bay 1 clean room, where Europa Clipper is under construction – and where all of NASA's Mars rovers, the twin Voyager spacecraft, and other historic spacecraft were assembled.

While you're digging into the nuts and bolts of the spacecraft, check out a 24-hour live feed of assembly in progress in High Bay 1.

Additional episodes of "Spacecraft Makers" will include more activity inside other clean rooms where components of Europa Clipper are coming together. Future seasons of the series will cover other missions under construction at JPL.

Europa Clipper's main science goal is to determine whether there are places below the surface of Jupiter's icy moon, Europa, that could support life. The mission's three main science objectives are to understand the nature of the ice shell and the ocean beneath it, along with the moon's composition and geology. The mission's detailed exploration of Europa will help scientists better understand the astrobiological potential for habitable worlds beyond our planet.

Managed by Caltech in Pasadena, California, JPL leads the development of the Europa Clipper mission in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland, for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. APL designed the main spacecraft body in collaboration with JPL and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

More information and the video can be found here: [europa.nasa.gov](http://europa.nasa.gov)

# Portantino Honored with Prestigious Armenian Medal

Senator Anthony Portantino was presented with the Pontifical Encyclical of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians and honored with the prestigious St. Nerses Shnorhali Medal in recognition of his years of support of the Armenian American community. The Senator received the honor on April 27 during a reception held at the headquarters of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church. His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian bestowed the medal, with public officials, friends, and representatives of Armenian organizations in attendance. Senator Portantino is the first non-Armenian in the Western Diocese to receive St. Nerses Shnorhali Medal.

"I am humbled to receive this special honor and grateful to have the privilege and opportunity to be part of the spiritual center of the Armenian community," Portantino said. "I have always been proud to represent this vibrant constituency in our state's capitol and I cherish the

deep connection I have with my Armenian neighbors and friends."

"State Senator Anthony Portantino has been a close friend of the Armenian community whose support and dedication has been immensely appreciated by the members of the Armenian community of North America," stated Archbishop Derderian.

Senator Portantino has been a steadfast supporter of the Armenian American community and the Armenian cause for decades. He has visited Armenia and Artsakh on a number of occasions. In 2021, Senator Portantino became the first state or federal official to visit Artsakh after the 44-day war. The Senator has also authored countless legislation and resolutions recognizing the Armenian Genocide and has been a strong proponent of including the Armenian Genocide as part of the state's curriculum.

California has the largest population of Armenian Americans in the country, with the 25th Senate District having the largest concentration.

# Free Caltech Events for May

## Watson Lecture: Making Wearable Materials Smarter

Chiara Daraio, G. Bradford Jones Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Physics, Heritage Medical Research Institute Investigator  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, at 7:30 p.m. PT  
In person: Beckman Auditorium  
Online: [caltech.edu/watson](http://caltech.edu/watson)

Advances in materials science, manufacturing, and computer science have enabled transformative innovations in wearable materials, with designs that can monitor metabolic activity, change stiffness on command, and even interpret our mood. These new materials will allow garments and fashion to bring together the physical and digital worlds. In this lecture, Daraio will show examples of how these materials will help us stay healthy, how they will revolutionize the way we communicate, and how they will adaptively support our everyday needs.

Friends of Beckman Auditorium are invited to the Beckman Lounge beginning at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy complimentary refreshments before the lecture. RSVP to [fob@caltech.edu](mailto:fob@caltech.edu) or (626) 395-6400.

This lecture will be presented in a hybrid format, allowing for both virtual viewers and in-person attendees. No advance registration is required for either format.

## Caltech Seminar Day

SATURDAY, MAY 13, at 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. PT  
In-person: Beckman Auditorium  
Online: [alumni.caltech.edu/seminar-day](http://alumni.caltech.edu/seminar-day)

Caltech's Seminar Day tradition continues, with the 86th annual one-day event on May 13, 2023. Seminar Day brings together Caltech alumni, faculty, students, staff, and the community from around the world to learn about the latest research and discoveries from Caltech faculty and alumni across various fields of science, technology, and engineering.

This year, Seminar Day will be a hybrid event with a single track so you can return to Beckman Auditorium for a full day of talks and Q&A or join virtually and catch all sessions from wherever you may be.

## William & Myrtle Harris Distinguished Lectureship in Science and Civilization

On Meerkats and Marmots: Long-term Research and the Birth of Behavioral Ecology  
Erika L. Milam, Charles C. and Emily R. Gillispie Professor in the History of Science and Professor of History, Princeton University  
THURSDAY, May 18, at 5 p.m. PT  
Noyes 147 (J. Holmes Sturdivant Lecture Hall)

By investing in long-term projects, ecologists have crafted living archives of animal behavior that now constitute decades of data on chimpanzees, marmots, scrub jays, meerkats, bottlenose dolphins, and more. Through a historical lens, this talk explores the importance of such long-term thinking in a world that exalts quick innovation.

## Francis Bacon Keynote Lecture: Babylonian Horoscopy and Genealogy

Francesca Rochberg, Francis Bacon Visiting Professor of History, Caltech; Catherine and William L. Magistretti Distinguished Professor of Near Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley  
FRIDAY, MAY 19, at 4 p.m. PT  
Baxter Lecture Hall

This talk addresses the question of horoscopy in late Babylonian astral sciences and discusses its place in the larger framework of the history of astrology.

## Watson Lecture: Artificial Intelligence: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Yaser Abu-Mostafa (PhD '83), Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, at 7:30 p.m. PT  
In person: Beckman Auditorium  
Online: [caltech.edu/watson](http://caltech.edu/watson)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a fast-evolving technology with stunning success stories such as the recent application called ChatGPT. AI now beats humans at many of their own games. How did this happen? In this lecture, Abu-Mostafa will explain how AI works and will describe the scientific journey of AI since the 1980s, including Caltech's foundational role in its development. He will also address the hype that surrounds AI, both positive and negative, and put it in scientific perspective.

Friends of Beckman Auditorium are invited to the Beckman Lounge beginning at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy complimentary refreshments before the lecture. RSVP to [fob@caltech.edu](mailto:fob@caltech.edu) or (626) 395-6400.

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## Behind the Book: Caltech Magazine Edition

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"From Scientist to CEO" is the inaugural Behind the Book: Caltech Magazine Edition panel discussion. This new event series aims to delve deeper into the issues and stories included in each print issue of Caltech magazine, which is published in the spring and fall of each calendar year. During the event, Adkins and Schoenfeld will discuss the process of taking an idea from the lab into the commercial sector, the learning curve involved with running a company after working in academia, and the ways in which Caltech can assist entrepreneurs across campus.

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# Child Camp Safety Bill Passes Committee

Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation Assembly Bill 262, which directs the Department of Social Services (DSS) to lead a stakeholder group to develop recommendations through a report to the Legislature on future regulations that will protect children while attending day and overnight camps, passed the Assembly Committee on Human Services on Tuesday.

"When parents take their children to day camps throughout the year, it is under the assumption that they will be protected, make friends, and return home safely afterwards," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "We want to give parents and guardians a peace of mind to ensure they know their child is cared for."

AB 262 would direct DSS to report to the Legislature with guidance on establishing an appropriate licensing program for camps, ensuring camp counselors and staff are appropriately qualified, and providing parents and caregivers with accessible and transparent information on camp safety.

"While we do our best as parents to help guide and protect our children, it is not their responsibility to worry about their own safety, it is the responsibility of the adults providing supervision while their parent or guardians are at work," said Holden.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 23rd through Saturday, April 29th, the Police Department responded to 980 calls for service, of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 23:

1. At 1:57 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department parking lot regarding a dispute. An investigation revealed two suspects burglarized the victim's business and when they attempted to flee, the victim followed them until all parties pulled into the police parking lot. One of the suspects, a 35-year-old male from El Monte, was a former employee. His accomplice, a 34-year-old male from El Monte was also arrested. Both suspects were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 4:58 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. The officer determined unidentified suspect(s) entered the backyard through an unlocked side gate. They smashed the rear glass door and ransacked the home. The crime happened sometime between April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. and April 23rd at 4 p.m.

Monday, April 24:

3. At 1:08 a.m., an officer responded to REI, located at 214 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured a male and female pry open a side door and steal various items. They fled in a black SUV. The suspects are described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'9", with a heavyset build. The female suspect is described as being young and small in stature.

4. At 4:55 a.m., an officer responded to Hilton Garden Inn, located at 199 North Second Avenue, regarding a battery investigation. The officer discovered the suspect confronted his girlfriend, an employee, before forcing open a door and grabbing her. The suspect fled before the officer arrived.

Tuesday, April 25:

5. At 11:15 a.m., an officer responded to CTBC Bank, located at 56 East Duarte Road, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. Between 12:01 a.m. and 12:20 a.m., an unidentified suspect stole cash from the bank's ATM machine. Surveillance cameras captured the crime, and the suspect is described as a Asian male with a heavy build. He fled on foot westbound on Duarte Road.

6. At 3:03 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1900 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a burglary investigation. A review of the surveillance footage revealed a male suspect entered the home through an open window and ransacked numerous rooms. The loss is unknown as of May 2nd. The suspect fled in a black four-door sedan.

7. At 8:30 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of Hampton Road regarding an attempted burglary investigation. Surveillance cameras captured three suspects entering the victim's backyard. Officers were unable to locate the suspects, but the footage indicated all three are Spanish-speaking males, between the heights of 5'8" and 6', and approximately 20 to 30-years-old. There were no signs of entry, and no loss was reported. The officer discovered the three suspects were associated with an earlier burglary in the 3700 block of Hampton Drive in Pasadena.

Wednesday, April 26:

8. At 11:12 a.m., an officer responded to Embassy Suites, located at 211 East Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary investigation. The officer determined an unknown suspect entered an unsecured room and fled with the victim's cellphones.

Thursday, April 27:

9. At 2:09 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on April 27th, unknown suspect(s) forced open a rear slider, ransacked the home, and fled with stolen handbags.

10. At 4:27 p.m., an officer responded to 7-Eleven, located at 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding a battery investigation. The officer discovered that the suspect had stolen numerous pieces of merchandise before punching the store clerk in the face. The suspect fled before the officer arrived. He is described as a Hispanic male in his 30s, approximately 5'6", bald, heavyset, and wearing a white tank top and black jeans.



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## FIRE INCIDENT AND HAZMAT UPDATE

MONROVIA, CA –On Saturday, April 29, at 7:49 PM, Monrovia Police, Fire & Rescue, and other fire departments from surrounding agencies were dispatched to a report of a commercial structure fire near the tennis courts at Recreation Park. The first arriving fire units determined the fire was located at an aerospace manufacturing plant located at the 800 block of Royal Oaks. Due to activation of the building's fire sprinkler system alongside a quick fire attack, the fire was contained to a small portion of the building.

After initial knock down, fire department personnel determined that water runoff from the fire sprinkler system combined with chemicals located on-site posed a potential threat to public health and safety, and possibly the environment. At that time, a HAZMAT response was initiated and fortunately all water runoff was contained onsite. While power is shut-off at the impacted address, power has been restored in the rest of the area. HAZMAT cleanup will continue as long as necessary.

We would like to thank the Los Angeles County Fire Department, City of Arcadia Fire Department, City of South Pasadena Fire Department, City of Glendale Fire Department HAZMAT Team, City of Burbank Fire Department HAZMAT Team, Los Angeles County Health HAZMAT, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, Monrovia Police Department and Monrovia Public Works for their assistance during this incident.

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### CINDY'S

When you say "diner", one thinks of those train-like Airstream coach dive restaurants from 60's New Jersey fame, so when I was told to check out the food at Cindy's in Eagle Rock... well, you can understand my reluctance. My readers are a creative and demanding lot, and the thought of disappointing you lurked in the back of my mind. I have driven past Cindy's at least a hundred times to reach one of my favorite restaurants, Colombo's, just down the street, without even a glance at this place, but today that all changed.

My first impression was a good one. It wasn't a dive. And everyone was working in rhythm as they tended to the packed house. I could see immediately that this was a homestyle environment made for the eclectic new Eagle Rock residents. My party of two decided to sit at the counter, being this truly is a diner. Within seconds, we were greeted and served water with a huge side of good attitude. Then, there was the menu. And all the choices! I focused on something new and different called Crab Hash, and my partner in food crime chose the Eggs Benedict topped with Pesto. Pesto for breakfast? You bet!

You'd maybe think that a packed house at 10:30am on a Sunday would bring so-so food, but no - our food came out hot, and in a very acceptable time frame. The Crab Hash was terrific. There was nothing stingy about the amount of crab or potatoes in the hash, and I was pleasantly surprised with the quantity and quality! My dining partner elected to go green and have the Eggs Benedict, with the homestyle potatoes a little crispy. The plating was pleasant and the portion quite large. He went crazy for the homemade pesto that put this dish on his "have again" list, and said that the amount was perfect for making you want more. I also ordered the homemade chocolate cake and coconut lime pie to go (review on that to follow!).

On a side note: I noticed French fries on the menu, and since the owner, Paul, went to great lengths to ensure everything is made from scratch, I ordered some, and gave them two thumbs up. I will be back!! For the complete menu, go to their website, and by all means tell them Peter Dills sent you!



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### BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT TO DELIVER 2023 STATE OF SCHOOLS

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The PUSD Board President is required by the Pasadena City Charter to deliver a State of the Schools address each year.

Interpretation into Spanish and ASL will be available.

The State of Schools will be streamed live at [www.pusd.us/stateofschools](http://www.pusd.us/stateofschools) and aired on District's KLRN-TV (Ch. 95 on Charter Spectrum and Ch. 99 on AT&T U-Verse).



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Mayfield's Class of 2023 spent the fall preparing spooky monologues and songs and auditioning in front of faculty panels. This semester, drama and music classes were filled with singing and dancing, molding and refining ex-traordinary characters, and creating a cohesive ensemble of theatre artists to tell this unique story of an unusual yet lovable family.

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Our Moms had nicknames for us... ...when we were younger - and still do!

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I'm **Mother Nature** and I love to celebrate Mother's Day. I make an extra effort to have the most beautiful flowers pop open right before the big day - to delight Moms everywhere!

Maybe you can think up a small surprise for your Mom or Grandmother. Help cook and serve a fancy breakfast or make a fun card.

## Happy Mother's Day

### Motherly Sayings

Moms love us, care for us and protect us just because we are *theirs*. Mothers are so important that we often use the word "Mother" in our language to mean a thing that is *like* a "Mother"- the **first** thing we know, the **beginning** or even the **best** of something.

**Match these "Motherly" sayings to their meanings:**

1. Mother lode
2. Motherland
3. Queen Mother
4. Mother Tongue
5. Motherboard
6. Mother Nature
7. Necessity is the mother of invention
8. Mother of all

- A. connects all parts of a computer
- B. spirit of outdoors, takes care of lands, weather and living things
- C. idea that, when people need things, they design something to help; ex. a washing machine to do laundry
- D. title given to mother of king
- E. home to a group of people who share ways of life; ex. China for the Chinese people
- F. main supply; when miners found gold or silver they would use these two words to talk about the place where gold or silver first came from
- G. the first language someone learns from birth
- H. the biggest and best

On Mother's Day:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are shared in cards, letters or phone calls.
2. we \_\_\_\_\_ Moms, Grandmothers or even special aunts.
3. a \_\_\_\_\_ may go to church services, on picnics or on walks.
4. we may give Mom flowers, a necklace or other small \_\_\_\_\_.
5. we can show we care by making breakfast, framing family photos or by thinking up other \_\_\_\_\_.
6. the second Sunday in \_\_\_\_\_, we celebrate all that our Moms mean to us.

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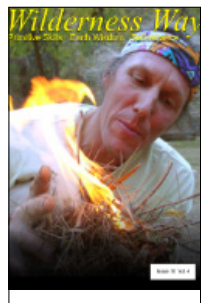
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I was finishing a long conversation with a man, and he mentioned that he and his mate had been together for three years. "Oh," I replied. "Do you plan to get married?" "Nah," he said, almost disdainfully. "We don't need a piece of paper."

"Huh," I responded. "what do you mean, a piece of paper?"

"You know," he told me, "the marriage certificate. It's just a piece of paper." "Oh," I replied, letting it sink in, wondering if he really believed that or if it was just his excuse to not make a commitment. I wanted to engage him in a conversation about that, but it was the tail end of a long conversation and my time was short. I said goodbye, and learned some months later that the two split up and went their own separate ways. Their relationship was not based on a piece of paper, but what was it based upon? Is marriage just a "piece of paper"?

We'll come back to this, but first let's look at how we regard other "pieces of paper."

Money, in one form, is just paper, isn't it? We accept it as a real form of exchange for whatever number is written on it, and we work for it, and trade with it. We even sometimes give those papers as gifts. But money is not just any piece of paper. You and I cannot print documents on our printers and call them "money." Governments contract to have those papers printed on special papers and they control those papers along with all the banks they work with. Yes, there is fraud and counterfeiting, but somehow we regard what those papers represent as "real," and we live our lives with that paper called money. Certainly, money is more than just a piece of paper.

Then there are college degrees. Some have said that an academic degree is just a piece of paper, as in the popular movie The Paper Chase. Maybe, maybe not. After all, does the student spend two, four, maybe six or more years just for a pretty piece of paper? Of course not! And it is really not the paper they are after, but rather what doors it can open in society and in the work place.

I have known academic doctors who were detailed experts in their fields, fields that they had a special passion for. They earned their degrees and they proudly displayed their paper. But it was not the paper they worked for it was the knowledge, and the door-opening, and the key to further research and knowledge.

I have also met brilliant individuals who eschewed the higher degrees. I remember Anthropologist Paul Campbell whose wife always wanted him to get his PhD, and he would not do so. He would not do so not because he was lazy, or poor, but because he despised other academics with higher degrees who acted as if their degree, per se, conferred special wisdom on them. Campbell loved knowledge for the sake of knowledge, and felt there was no reason to take the time to earn the degree.

The piece of paper called the degree is primarily the symbol that you did the foundation work so that you could continue in your chosen field. One could always call into question the value of that paper by maligning the institution that awarded it, but that often is nothing more than academic hair-splitting. The paper is, essentially, the proof that you did your basic work. Then there are so many other papers in our society that we need and embrace, and treat like holy relics. What about the Trust Deed to your home? Would anyone say that is "just" a piece of paper?

Getting back to marriage.

I have heard the pros and cons many times about the value, or lack thereof, of getting married. Marriage is not a piece of paper; the paper is merely society's recognition that two people made a loving commitment. If there is no commitment present, there is no marriage. The piece of paper merely reflects the personal, inner commitment. Then, those two people will together face a life of challenges, heartbreaks, pain, joys, experiences, children, and will hopefully learn more about one another and grow stronger in their love and commitment. That's the ideal. We all know it doesn't always happen that way.

Just having that "piece of paper" is no guarantee of a successful marriage. But the lack of it can cause serious problems, such as when one partner is hospitalized, or when there are financial issues, or when one party dies. The "piece of paper" becomes the legal power to help get things done in the legal eyes of society. And the piece of paper does not guarantee that the marriage will not end in divorce - that's is wholly up to the two parties. As to what makes a marriage successful, well, that's another topic entirely.

Incidentally, have you ever wondered how likely "arranged" marriages are to succeed? In many countries, parents still select two young people to be married. Interestingly, the success and divorce rate among arranged marriages is about the same as other marriages where the two parties decided on their own to tie the knot.

Marriage is a unique intimate relationship and learning patience and cooperation and many other skills are some of the keys to its success. It is far more than "a piece of paper," though the paper is the outward symbol of that relationship.

**Katnip News!**



**Little "Purr" Besties—NOVA & COSMO**

These two tuxedo brothers are super-duper friendly! Cosmo has the cutest little "milk mustache" and Nova has a white blaze in the middle of his sweet face. Nova is fearless. When something loud, big or scary happens, he runs to it. He is a adventurer in that he investigates everything and has no fear of failing at a physical feat. And he never gives up. He runs up to humans for affection all the time. Cosmo is a sweet, playful kitty that has to live in his brother's shadow. He's more timid than his brother but in a normal kitten way. They are a good pair. They play together some and alone. Please adopt together. They will come neutered, vaccinated, tested negative, microchipped, and more! See more cute pictures of them on our website's Very Young page. www.lifelineforpets.org.



**Pet of the Week**



This big ball of fluff might look like a polar bear, but he has the sweet disposition of a teddy bear. Meet Samoyed/Husky mix Arctic! This handsome guy is also a social butterfly. He adores everyone he meets and happily goes from person to person getting pets, scratches and whatever treats you happen to have ready. Arctic has become quite a star at Pasadena Humane; he is a volunteer favorite, and the volunteers love taking him out to the play yard for games of fetch or frolicking in the kiddie pool. He also finds it hilarious to jump out of the pool and shake out his beautiful coat right next to you. Arctic responds well to training- he knows some basic commands already and is ready to learn more. Come meet stunning Arctic today! The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

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WHAT: Love, Dolly. A musical entertainment celebrating the life and career of Dolly Parton.

WHO: Starring Kim Eberhardt, David Kirk Grant and Chris Booke. Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse.

WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. Ample free parking is available in lots behind the Playhouse and across the street, as well as street parking.

WHEN: June 9- June 18, 2023. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$45. Seniors (65+) \$40. Youth (21 and under) \$25. DISCOUNTS: Teen tickets (age 13-19) are available at \$5.00 through the TeenTix Pass program. Go to our website to learn more. Group discounts are available for groups of ten or more. Go to our website to learn more.

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like "9 to 5," "Jolene," "Islands in the Stream," and "I Will Always Love You" with her live band of musicians. This is a country party you've just got to see!

Audiences call Love, Dolly "Perfection!" "An awesome show with heartfelt stories and toe-tapping songs!" "A wonderful, uplifting evening!" "A definite must-see!" "It's the BEST!"

Kim Eberhardt's love of Dolly Parton began young, early in her performing life, and was only enriched when she was cast as the Dolly Parton role in the stage musical 9 to 5. Kim's award-winning show business career as a multi-talented singer, actress, dancer, and choreographer has taken her all over the world.

Also starring in Love, Dolly are professional musicians David Kirk Grant on Guitar/Vocals and Chris Booke on Bass. David has over 30 years of experience performing in live bands and in musical theater all over the world. Chris has performed with some of the most re-nowned musicians in the best jazz clubs, regional theaters, and cruise ships.

Kim says "This show is my love letter to Dolly. It's an honor to perform some of the best-known and most beloved Dolly songs while sharing wonderful and inspiring stories about Dolly's life and career. She is a national treasure!"

The Sierra Madre Playhouse, a non-profit organization, is a performing arts center. It has widened its range from plays and musicals to also include presentations of classical and popular music, films, storytelling, solo shows and dance.

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## ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOME?

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In Assisted Living, one will get the support as needed, such as getting help with showering, grooming, and dressing. Again, these services are based on the seniors needs.

There are many reasons in working with us. At Safe Path for Seniors, we will assess the senior and depending on their care needs and budget, make recommendations. For example, we may suggest that the right fit is a Board and Care Home (normally a 6-bedroom house) as opposed to an Assisted Living Community or a Memory Support Facility. You will work with an experienced agent who knows the industry well and will give you recommendations. The good news is that there is no cost for this service.

If you have any questions about placing a loved one, visit [www.safepathforseniors.com](http://www.safepathforseniors.com) or call Steve at 626-999-6913



Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend some good toenail clipping solutions for seniors? My toenails have gotten increasingly thick since I've gotten older and have become very difficult for me to reach down and cut. Almost 80

Dear Almost:

Trimming your toenails is a task that most people don't think much about, but as we get older it can become very challenging. For many older adults, like yourself, toenails can become thicker and harder to cut, and reduced flexibility can make it more difficult to even get into the right position to cut them. Fortunately, there are solutions available that can make this job a little easier.

One of the simplest tricks for cutting thick toenails is to simply take a bath or shower, or soak your feet in warm water, prior to cutting them. The water helps soften them for easier cutting.

There are also toenail softening creams you can buy, like "Miracle of Aloe Toenail Soft" and "Barielle Toenail Softening Cream," that temporarily softens thick, hard nails. Just rub it into your toenails at bedtime and in the morning, they'll be easier to cut and file.

Most people's toenails grow about 1/16 inch per month, so it's appropriate to cut them every six to eight weeks.

When cutting nails, take care not to cut too far down. Over-

aggressive trimming and cutting the toenails too short can lead to ingrown toenails. Podiatrists typically recommend leaving a very small bit (about 1/32 inch) of nail past the nail bed when trimming.

You may also want to avoid a rounded cut. It's best to cut the nails fairly straight across, ensuring that the corners of the nail do not cut into the skin folds of the toe. And use an emery board to smooth the jagged edges and corners that can snag and potentially tear the nail as it grows.

## Top Toenail Clippers

There are a number of medical-grade or specialty toenail clippers recommended by professionals for older adults.

For thick nails the "New Huing Podiatrist Toenail Clippers" is a top option. This clipper has a sharp, curved blade that easily cuts through any toenail, no matter how hard or thick it has gotten, and a nonslip, cushion grip that allows for comfortable clipping.

For those with limited mobility, check out the "Clipperpro Omega Select Toenail Clipper," which has a long plastic grip that's much larger than that of a standard set of nail clippers and a blade head that swivels 180 degrees. Both of those features make this clipper much easier to use for anyone with arthritis or mobility issues, since they have more control and an

added range they can reach.

And for people who have a hard time bending over, there are long handled toenail clippers like the "DriFeez Long Handle Toenail Clippers" which come in four sizes - 20, 24, 28 and 32 inches long. It also has a heavy-duty clipper with a 1/8-inch-wide jaw opening designed to cut thick toenails.

All of these clippers are available online at sites like Amazon.com or Walmart.com at prices ranging between \$10 and \$40.

## Toenail Trimming Services

If you get to the point that you can't, or would rather not cut your own toenails, a podiatrist can provide both foot and toenail care. But be aware that routine foot care is not covered by Medicare unless you have an underlying condition or injury that requires a professional to tend to your feet.

If you are generally in good health, regular pedicures at a nail salon is good option for getting your toenails cut and is much cheaper than visiting a podiatrist.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## MY REWARD I'LL EAT IT IF I WANT TO



One day last week, I was up early working in my office as I normally do. I happened to pause what I was doing for a moment and smelled this wonderful aroma.

I know it wasn't me because I hadn't taken a shower yet. The aroma was coming from the kitchen area.

I got up from my desk, walked out into the kitchen and the closer I got the stronger that aroma was. It was so wonderful and I just could not get enough of it. When I got to the kitchen there was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage baking cookies. Oh, how delicious those cookies smelled.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"I'm baking cookies for some friends who are having a party tonight. They asked if I could bake them some cookies and I just couldn't refuse."

I smiled and just stared at all those cookies in the kitchen. There were molasses and peanut butter cookies, two of my favorites.

As I was looking at them, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said to me rather sternly, "These cookies are not for you, they are for my friends. Do not eat them." She saw me staring at those cookies and said, "Did you hear me?"

Then she told me that she had to go across town to pick up some things. So, she would be out of the house and I will be with the cookies all by myself. I can't think of a better scenario.

There's just no way I can be left alone with all those cookies in the kitchen and not eat some. I think my wife realized that and thought she could negotiate with me and solve the problem at hand.

Looking at me she said, "If you are a good boy today I will allow you to eat one cookie. Just one." That brought me to quite a dilemma. What is her definition of "a good boy" and most importantly, how did she define "one cookie?"

I walked back to my office as she prepared to leave for the morning and I got back into the project I was working on. At least I tried to get back into my "saddle" for the morning, but it sure wasn't working for me.

No matter how hard I tried to concentrate on my project all I could think about was those delicious cookies out in the kitchen which I could smell in my office. I don't think it's fair that I should be put in such a situation. After all, it's really not my fault. It is the fault of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage who makes cookies so delicious that I cannot refuse them. If it wasn't for that, I could ignore those cookies in the kitchen. So whatever happens, it is not my fault! And I am unanimous in that.

I then remembered that she said if I was a good boy I could have one cookie. That thought just ruminated through my mind and I couldn't handle it any longer and I had to go out into the kitchen and deal with it.

I think I'm a good boy, but that's only my evaluation. I sat for a moment at my desk and tried to think of anything bad I did that morning and I couldn't think of one thing. Therefore, with the evidence on the table, I have been a good boy today. The next thing I had to deal with was the word "one." What does that word mean? Looking at the cookies in the kitchen there were only two cookies: one was molasses and the other was peanut butter. So, in my understanding of the situation the word "one" means that I have to choose between the molasses cookie and the peanut butter cookie. That made sense to me.

So, according to my rationality, when I pick "one" cookie I can eat as many of them as I want to. I just can't eat the other one or I will be eating two cookies. I can't tell you how happy I was in coming to this wonderful conclusion. I'm doing two things. I'm doing what my wife said to do and I am only eating one of the cookies. I love it when a plan comes together.

Going to the kitchen I made up my mind that the "one" cookie will be the peanut butter cookie. Oh, how I love her peanut butter cookies. Picking out five cookies I joyfully skipped back to my office to enjoy these scrumptious treats. I earned these treats and therefore I'm going to eat them with a great deal of satisfaction.

I had finished those cookies and was working at my desk when I heard the front door open and expected it was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I then heard her voice, "Did you eat all these cookies? When I told you to eat only one?" Now I have some "splainin" to do.

A Bible verse came to mind that refreshed me concerning rewards. 2 John 1:8, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

There are times when I convince myself that I deserve a certain reward. All I need to do is twist certain words to my benefit thinking I deserve something when in fact I am not being honest.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

## FAMILY MATTERS



## CREATE A STRONGER BLENDED FAMILY THROUGH ESTATE PLANNING

Blended families are a prevalent thread in our social fabric. Currently, 52% of married couples have a step-kin relationship of some kind, and 4

in 10 new marriages involve remarriage.

If you're part of a blended family, you've probably recognized the extra layer of complexity that comes with planning for your family's needs and accommodating the many relationships that exist between stepparents, step-kids, and stepsiblings. Topics that might be straightforward for a "traditional" family - such as where to spend the holidays or who gets the old family car - are more complex.

In a blended family, you work hard to navigate these complexities to keep the family unified and happy. And you need to be aware of the legal realities, so your blended family won't be more likely to end up in court and conflict, which happens all too often in blended families without proper legal planning.

**What Estate Law Says About Blended Families**  
State law determines what happens when we become incapacitated or die intestate, and those laws may or may not match our wishes. What's more, even though you may see your stepfamily members the same way as your blood relatives, the law does not. For example, if you die while domiciled in California, all community property assets would go to your surviving spouse, and any separate property assets would be distributed partially to a surviving spouse and partially to your children, if living, in amounts depending on the number of surviving children. Stepchildren are not part of the equation.

As you can see, what's true for what happens when you die may not result in the outcome you want for your loved ones, especially in a blended family situation. That's why it's so important to create an estate plan for your blended family well in advance, and I encourage you to discuss your plan with the members of your family to avoid hurt feelings, confusion, or pain in the future.

*Avoid Conflict in Your Blended Family Through Open Communication*

Estate planning is often seen as a highly private affair, but it doesn't have to be, and oftentimes, shouldn't be. In the case of a blended family, having open conversations with your loved ones about your estate plan and your goals for the family can save them from hurt feelings and even court battles in the future.

Like all families, how you plan for your blended family will depend entirely on your family dynamics, your family members' situations, and your own personal values for how an inheritance should (or shouldn't) be received and what kind of legacy you want to leave behind.

Maybe you have step-kids and biological kids but want all your children to inherit an equal share from you and your spouse. Maybe there's a large age gap between your step-kids and biological child, so you want to make sure that your youngest has the financial support they'll need if something happens to you whereas the older children are able to support themselves.

Perhaps you have a stepparent or stepsibling that you would want to gift a special item of yours like a watch or necklace. Well, for better or worse, a person you have a step-relationship with has no right to inherit from you under the law, unless you put your plan in writing.

You don't need to give away every detail of your Will or Trust or tell everyone who you named to make decisions for you if you're incapacitated. Instead, start by having an open conversation about the general goal of your estate plan, such as wanting everyone to have an equal share, or that you want to provide more for your biological children because your stepchildren will already receive a full inheritance from their other parent.

By taking the mystery out of your estate plan goals, your stepchildren will feel included in the discussion and feel like they are knowledgeable about your plan rather than feeling hoodwinked or hurt if they find out later that your plan doesn't align with the expectations they created for it in their minds. Most importantly, let the people in your life know you value and love them, and that no matter how they're related to you, you care about them and want them to inherit not just material things from you, but also your values, stories, and legacy.

**Create More Than a Plan, Create a Family Legacy**  
To make sure your wishes for your blended family are followed in the event of your death or incapacity, it's essential to have a well-crafted estate plan created by an attorney experienced in serving blended families who knows your material possessions are only a small part of a successful estate plan. What will really matter to your family members, no matter how they became your family, is your legacy. Instead of leaving your family a mess to be battled over in court, leave your family an example of financial wellness and a plan filled with personal values and family history. By ensuring your plan leaves not only your material assets, but also your most important non-material assets - your values, stories, and the place your loved ones hold in your heart - to your family in a meaningful way, they'll cherish your legacy for years after you're gone.

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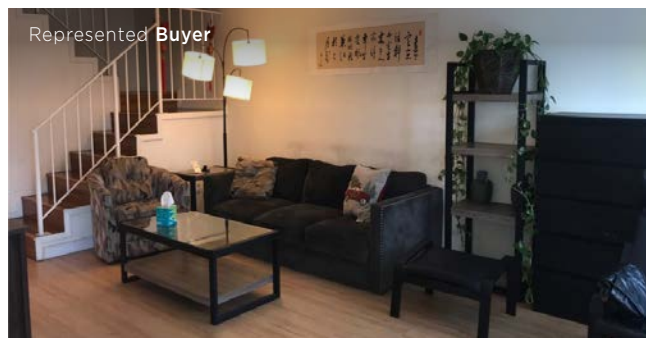
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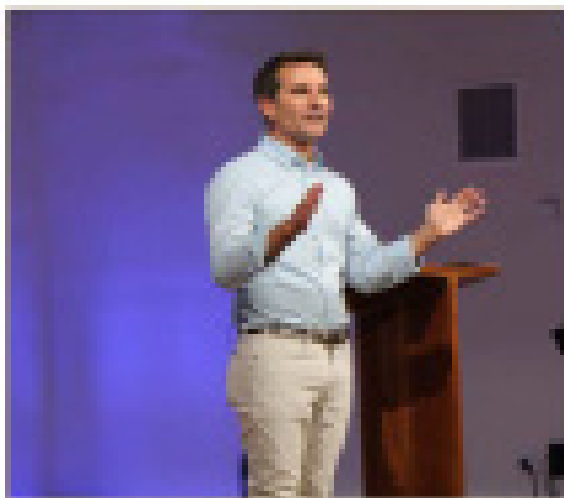


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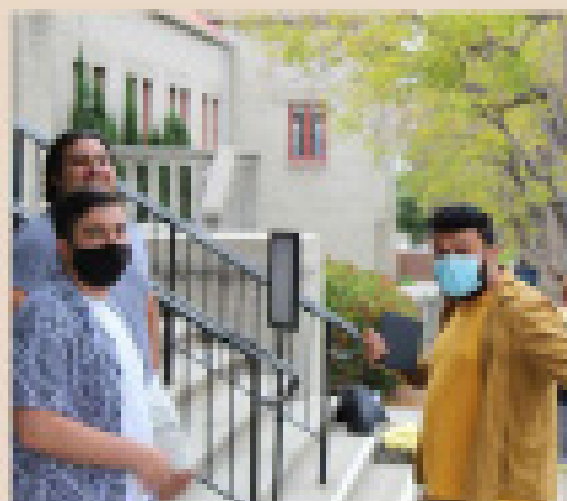


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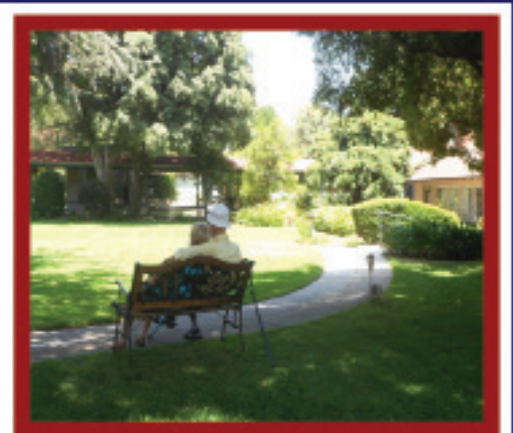
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## SB 330 ABSOLUTELY LIMITS LOCAL LAWS OVER HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

*Editors Note: During the life of the Measure M campaign, there has been a great deal of misinformation regarding SB 330 and whether or not the alternative application submitted by New Urban West was a real possibility. SB 330 is real and as a result, if Measure M does not pass, the larger project without any benefit to the city will be built.*

As part of Gov. Gavin Newsom's pledge to create 3.5 million new housing units by 2025, he signed Senate Bill 330 on Oct. 9, 2019. The new law makes numerous changes to the Permit Streamlining Act and the Housing Accountability Act, many of which are in effect only until Jan. 1, 2025, and establishes the Housing Crisis Act.

housing development approval under the Permit Streamlining Act. Local agencies now have 90 days, instead of 120 days, following certification of the environmental impact report, to approve the project. For low-income projects seeking tax credits or other public funding, that time frame is 60 days.

Under the new rules, cities and counties will be limited in the ordinances and policies that can be applied to housing developments. "Housing development" is now defined to include residential projects, mixed-use projects with 2/3 of the square footage dedicated to residential units and transitional or supportive housing projects.

Housing Crisis Act of 2019

The HCA freezes many development standards in affected cities and counties starting Jan. 1. Generally, an affected city or county will be a U.S. Census Bureau-designated urbanized area. Under the HCA, the Department of Housing and Community Development will determine the affected cities and counties by June 30. HCD may revise this list after Jan. 1, 2021 to address changes in urbanized areas based upon the new census data.

New Preliminary Application Process

The legislation creates a preliminary application process. A housing development will be deemed to have completed the preliminary application process by providing specified information regarding:

1. site characteristics,
2. the planned project,
3. certain environmental concerns,
4. facts related to any potential density bonus,
5. certain coastal zone-specific concerns, the number of units to be demolished and the location of recorded public easements.

With limited exceptions, housing developments will only be subject to those ordinances and policies in effect when the completed preliminary application is submitted. The public agency must make any historic site determination at the time the developer has complied with the preliminary application checklist. That determination can only be changed if archaeological, paleontological or tribal cultural resources are found during development.

Among other changes, the HCA provides that, where housing is an allowable use, an affected public agency, including its voters by referendum or initiative, may not change a land use designation (general plan or zoning) to remove housing as a permitted use or reduce the intensity of residential uses permitted under the general plan and zoning codes that were in place as of Jan. 1, 2018. The exception is if the city concurrently changes the standards applicable to other parcels to ensure there is no net loss in residential capacity.

Affected public agencies are also prohibited from imposing a moratorium or similar restriction on a housing development, including mixed-use developments, except to specifically protect against imminent threats to public health and safety. Additionally, affected public agencies cannot enforce a moratorium or other similar restriction on a housing development until the ordinance has been approved by HCD. As of Jan. 1, affected cities or counties are prohibited from imposing or enforcing subjective design standards on housing developments where housing is an allowable use. Objective standards are limited to design standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official. They must be verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark available to both the applicant and the public official prior to application submittal.

To facilitate the preliminary application process, all public agencies must compile a checklist that specifies what is required to complete a development application. The application checklist must now be made available in writing and on the public agency's website.

An affected city or county is also prohibited from establishing or implementing any growth-control measure adopted by the voters after 2005 that:

The developer has 180 days from the submittal of the preliminary application to submit a development application. Under SB 330, the local agency now has additional disclosure obligations when rejecting an application as incomplete and cannot request anything that is not identified on the application checklist.

Streamlining Provisions

The Housing Accountability Act was amended to prohibit more than 5 hearings when reviewing a project that complied with the general plan and zoning code objective standards when the application was deemed complete. "Hearing" is broadly defined to include any workshop or meeting of a board, commission, council, department or subcommittee.

1. limits the number of land use approvals for housing annually,
2. acts as a cap on the number of housing units that can be constructed or limits the population of the city or county.

Additionally, a housing development cannot be required to rezone the property if it is consistent with the objective general plan standards for the property. The public agency may require the housing development to comply with the objective zoning code standards applicable to the property, but only to the extent they facilitate the development at the density allowed by the general plan.

The HCA also prohibits development approvals that require residential unit demolition. Unless the project will replace all existing or previously demolished affordable restricted units, it will include at least as many units as existed on the site within the previous 5 years. Existing residents are allowed to remain until 6 months before construction begins, and displaced residents are provided relocation benefits and a right of first refusal for a comparable unit in the new project at an affordable rent.

<https://www.bbklaw.com/news-events/insights/2019/legal-alerts/10/sb-330-limits-local-laws-over-housing-developments>

SB 330 also shortens the timeframes for

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- ✓ No to Special Deals for Developers
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Say No to Measure M and No to Manipulation

Sierra Madre residents have been deluged with mailers and ads from the Santa Monica Developer and Chicago property owner in an effort to convince us to support their ironically named "Meadows" project that will utterly destroy the meadow that exists there now.

But have you noticed the manipulation in their marketing campaign? For the Measure HR election, it seemed like every mailing had a picture of a Priest. Now the Priests are nowhere to be found as their campaign for Measure M shifted to punishing Sierra Madre residents with a worse project than the one they have already put forward if the vote doesn't go their way. I guess the Priests felt it would be a bad look to have their faces associated with that effort.

Have you also noticed that none of their ads and mailers show a picture or artist rendering of how the houses will look in that newly created neighborhood.

I've seen pictures of boundary lines around the vacant land where their massive project will be built. I've seen pictures of a police car, police badge and fire department badge in a cynical effort to tie the project to "public safety". I've seen pictures of crystal-clear water and a water faucet to emphasize the ridiculous notion that the largest housing project in Sierra Madre history is somehow going to save water. I've seen pictures of an idyllic park with a couple of people throwing a frisbee emphasizing their altruistic commitment to "parks" even though it's required to leave open space for a water retention basin. I've seen them emphasize how they will "preserve open space" by donating some unbuildable and hazardous hillside land even as they are destroying the last large piece of open space in Sierra Madre.

Finally, they are trying to focus our attention away from their destructive project by threatening us with a worse project if they don't get their way. In other words, rather than listen to the residents who are opposed to their project by making some modifications, instead they will punish us with a worse project even though that worse project has no chance of approval. Who does that?

You can imagine their marketing consultants sitting around a table saying this will fool these yokels in Sierra Madre. Then they put out yard signs that say "Yes to Public Safety", "Yes to Parks" and "Yes to Fewer Homes". They will be laughing all the way to the bank if the vote goes their way.

You would think people building a "housing project" would put the houses front and center in their campaign. I would submit that something is wrong with a housing project when they want us to focus on police badges, water faucets, people playing frisbee and threats of an alternative project for which there is only an application submitted.

Maybe it's because a massive housing tract of 2-story McMansions crammed together is a better fit for Rancho Cucamonga and not the "Village of the Foothills" as Sierra Madre is so aptly named.

Hopefully, Sierra Madre residents will see through the manipulation and Vote NO on Measure M.

Matt Bryant  
Sierra Madre resident

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR NO ON M

### TALKING POINTS

Santa Monica developer New Urban West, Chicago-based Passionists, our city council and this paper have been pushing the 42-McMansion development in Bailey Canyon for months, if not years. For NUW and the Passionists, the reason's obvious – they'd both make a lot of money. But for city leaders and this paper, their persistent support has been bewildering and disappointing.

Their problem, though, has been residents standing in opposition to a development of size, scope and density unprecedented in our town's history – one that would forever change the unique character of Sierra Madre; the reason we've chosen to live here.

New Urban West has encountered such opposition before, and are pros at dealing with it. Unable to advance any credible argument on the merits of 42 McMansions, proponents have left it to the pros who know how the game's played – relying on talking points and threats from New Urban West to push this through.

In this paper's editorial last week, for instance, it's framed as a question of "42 or 50 houses?" – stating unequivocally a NO vote "will not stop the alternative project"; it "will be constructed". Further, it would be "protected under SB330" and there's "nothing that can be done to stop" it.

I've asked those on the YES side, inside local government and out, what they base their insistence on that this other threatened project would be inevitable and unstoppable. Sourcing it through, the answer is invariably, "It's what New Urban West tells us." Sometimes I'll ask the follow-up; "Given their campaign for the 42 McMansions relies on this threat, do you think they'd tell you anything different?"

In this paper's editorial last week, it was stated that under SB330 "local government lost its jurisdiction of such matters" as "General Plan and residential zoning rules". In fact, SB330 gives deference to such rules. What it seeks to prevent is changing rules to stop affordable housing that would've otherwise been in compliance. The examples cited of enforcement – Oceanside, Antioch, Huntington Beach – were localities attempting to change rules to prevent affordable housing. ("Granny flats" were a focus in Huntington Beach.) I haven't seen the state using SB330 to force acceptance of multi-million-dollar homes.

The editorial mentions concern over "the growing needs of the Sierra Madre Fire Department". I doubt those needs would be addressed by allowing 42 new homes in a "very high fire hazard severity zone".

New Urban West has been at this a long time, inflicting their McMansion developments on communities that don't want them. Pros that they are, I'd imagine they've researched Sierra Madre's demographics – highly educated and successful. Most of us have had experience with, and have low tolerance for, their "Take it or else!" approach. But one thing that doesn't show up in standard demographic analyses is the very special devotion we have for our town. Their professionally-crafted threats and talking points might work elsewhere, but not here in Sierra Madre – as they'll find out with our NO votes on Tuesday.

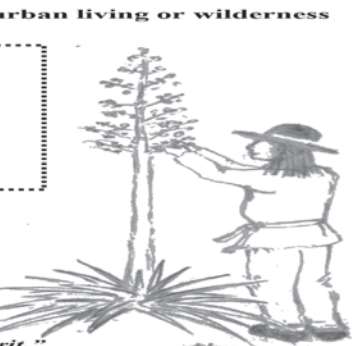
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## SIERRA MADRE FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### TRUST YOUR CITY COUNCIL WITH A YES VOTE ON MEASURE M

As was stated numerous times at Wednesday's Forum on Measure M, there is a binary choice: YES ON M to hold the developer accountable to the 42-home Meadows Specific Plan, 3-acre park, and Development Agreement, or No on M to stop the Specific Plan and release the developer from contractual obligations allowing them to move forward with the 50-home SB 330 project with no concessions.

Your Planning Commission and City Council are fully educated on both plans, state law, and the consequences of each. This is why you should trust your city's experts who have fully vetted the projects.

At the Forum, Protect Sierra Madre's top minds demonstrated that they don't know what they are doing. Scott Hood was not even aware that Carter Ave. was being improved. This has been a heated point of debate since it first appeared in the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding.

Susan Neuhausen said that eight trees were being removed along Carter Ave when it is only four Cypress trees. She then declared that the Deodar trees were all going to die because of adding a sidewalk. When did she become a tree expert that overrides the arborist's opinion?

What was even more telling, was her explanation that the 20% allowable Density Bonus applied to the gross floor area (GFA) calculation. It does not apply to that at all. This illustrates Protect Sierra Madre's fundamental misunderstanding of State housing laws. No wonder they think they can fight SB 330. They don't even know how it applies!

The very-low-income Density Bonus for the 50 unit project under SB 330 that will be built if No on Measure M succeeds applies to the total number of UNITS allowed on the property, not the density of the homes themselves. Under the State's formula, 51 base units are allowed. The three very-low-income units give an increase of 20% to 61 units. The developer is not taking advantage of the bonus and has limited the project to only 50 homes (they can increase this to 61 units before July's deadline).

For providing these low-income homes the developer gets one State incentive, and they have chosen to ignore the city's gross floor area limits. This allows them to increase the size of homes on the lots by as much as necessary to maintain the same return on investment had they not provided the low-income homes. They then get an unlimited number of zoning code waivers to allow that increase in GFA to maintain profitability.

Your City Council understands what is at stake, while Protect Sierra Madre has shown they are ignorant of the project's pertinent details and State housing laws. No wonder they have never explained how they will stop the SB 330 project; they have no clue what they are doing.

Trust your City Council with a Yes vote on M. It is the only way to limit the number of homes to 42 and to save the park and \$7 million in concessions.

### Vote Yes on M - Sierra Madre for Parks and Public Safety

#### PIPE DREAM OR REALITY?

The final days are here before the voting deadline on May 9th. Still confused?

Protect Sierra Madre and Preserve Sierra Madre are convinced they are on the right side of this one – the Meadows Development shouldn't be built. Your city leaders know one thing: The Passionists' property is going to be developed no matter what.

There are two projects submitted to the city.

1. 42-home Meadows Specific Plan with a 3-acre park, \$250,000 for public safety, \$983,500 for net-zero water offsets, and 40 hillside acres in conservancy.

or

2. 50-home SB 330 Project with very-low-income housing and none of the benefits

The "No" groups are saying the SB330 development is a "Pipe Dream" and a "Fantasy", and one not likely to be built on the property.

The developer, on the other hand, has submitted a statement of their intentions:

*"We have been very clear that we want to implement the Meadows project that was unanimously approved by the City's Planning Commission and City Council.*

*However, like any business, we have a fiduciary duty to fulfill our obligations to the Passionists.*

*Unfortunately, if Measure M fails, we will have no choice but to proceed with an alternative project pursuant to SB330.*

*We hope that doesn't happen, but we are fully prepared for any outcome. We have significant experience working with new state housing laws and our team is ready to proceed with an alternative should that become necessary." - New Urban West 4-21-2023*

The developer speaks with authority for their plans, Protect Sierra Madre does not. Despite what they tell you, Protect Sierra Madre has no way to stop the SB 330 project which is protected by state law.

Are you going to accept the reality that Sierra Madre faces? A small group of adjacent neighbors is leading this "No" effort. This will cost the city \$7 million in concessions, including the 3-acre park, only to replace these with eight more houses.

Please support your City Council, Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Fire and Police Associations, the Mountain Views News, Sierra Madre Little League, Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association, and over 100 Civic leaders and volunteers in supporting a vote for:

**Yes On Measure M**  
De and Pat Alcorn

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR YES ON M

I am a lifelong animal lover and environmentalist (thanks mom). Since childhood, I've volunteered or worked in animal care and wildlife conservation. So, I am the last person who'd want to destroy open space and wildlife habitat. As such, I will be voting YES on Measure M supporting the Meadows project in Sierra Madre on May 9th. Why? Read California legislation SB 330, SB 8, SB 9 and SB 10 and you will see there is no way forward to prevent housing and this is also the least destructive way forward.

The City of Sierra Madre and many residents worked hard over more than two years and 15 public meetings to get a decent deal. Instead of identical McMansion, there are several home designs, and while large they are certainly not McMansions. Just a few of the amenities making the homes more sustainable are solar power, electric appliances, and drought tolerant native plants. We get a new park, and 40 acres of hillside will be permanently protected. And then of course there is over a million dollars going toward the water conservation program and a new police station. See the plan for yourself on the city website.

We'd all like to save the meadow, but please don't be swayed by the No folks. First, they said they'd save the meadow, now they say, well no, they'll keep it to 20 homes instead. They've said the city didn't fight hard enough nor get enough concessions, and alternatively that the city is accepting money from the developer to push the project through. See the paragraph above – more than two years and many concessions later we've arrived at the Meadows. They say the 50 homes option is only a threat and the hillside can never be developed as it is alternately too steep or in too high a fire area. Guess what? The 50 homes project has been submitted – go to the city website and see for yourself. Can they get it through? Yes, they can! Again, go to the State website and read SB 330, SB 8, SB 9 and SB 10 for yourself. You will see it also opens the door for even more development. And what you won't see is state legislation prohibiting build-ing in a very high fire zone. Go for a drive in our own neighborhood, or most anywhere else in California, and you will see for yourself homes built in very high fire zones on very steep hills.

In an ideal world the Passionists who own the land would donate the undeveloped parcels to a conservancy. But the reality is, they wish to make a profit and have entered into an agreement with a developer. The ship to protect the meadow has long since sailed. But we have an opportunity to limit the damage.

Please vote Yes on M and allow the current Meadows project with 42 homes, a park, preservation of the remaining 40 hillside acres, and over a million dollars toward water conservation and public safety to go forward.

Lisa Milne  
Sierra Madre

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## VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE



**The last day to vote in person or drop off or postmark your ballot is Tuesday, May 9th.**

By Kelly Kriebs, Sierra Madre Mayor Pro Tem

Everyone should understand that, irrespective of the outcome of the vote on Measure M, there will be development on the Meadows portion of Mater Dolorosa (Monastery) property. This has been the subject of hundreds of words in this publication, dozens of social media discussions and a formal debate this past week. Due to state law and because the land use designation of the Meadows property currently is residential, the City will have far less discretion in considering the alternative SB 330 project proposing 50 homes and none of the negotiated Meadows project concessions. While approval of the SB 330 project is not guaranteed, there is a very high legal bar for rejecting it.

As for the Meadows project itself, there have been many accusations that the approval process was rushed and that the Planning Commission and the City Council did not listen to citizens' voiced opposition to the project. Consideration of the Meadows project began in mid-2020 and the City Council vote was in October 2022. In that more than 2-year period, there were over a dozen public meetings and many, many hours of public comment. Councilmembers and commissioners also spent many hours reviewing reams of reports, drafts, memos and written public comment and speaking to residents. That process culminated in the two meetings at which the Planning Commission and the City Council approved the Meadows project. At those meetings, most of your elected and appointed officials painstakingly detailed the rationale for their decision, including point by point responses to the key concerns of the opposition. These responses, and the many concessions wrung from the developer (e.g., over \$900,000 for water mitigation, capping the number of parcels with the highest lot density, ensuring no repetition of house design on a single street), ably demonstrate that we heard and considered the public concern. Ultimately, it is our job to assess what the broader citizenry prefers and make decisions that are best for the entire City.

It's not that we don't listen to opponents of the Meadows project, it's that the Planning Commissioners and City Councilmembers don't agree with them. And, based upon the November election results, neither do a majority of Sierra Madre voters. Let's turn out that majority again. Vote YES on Measure M.

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
- MEASURE M  
Vote YES or NO

Shall City Council Ordinance No. 1461 approving a zoning map amendment, a specific plan, and a development agreement for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre be adopted?

YES on Measure M

NO on Measure M

## SIERRA MADRE CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

<p>This referendum seeks to overturn Ordinance No. 1461, which approved (1) a Zoning Map Amendment; (2) a Specific Plan; and (3) a Development Agreement for "The Meadows Project"</p> <p><b>Background</b> The Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community, ("Congregation") is the owner of property located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91204 ("Property"). In partnership with NUWI-Sierra Madre LLC ("Developer"), Congregation seeks to develop approximately 17.3 acres of the Property. The proposed development, referred to as "The Meadows at Bailey Canyon" or "The Meadows Project", includes up to 42 single-family homes (9.19 acres), roadways (3.68 acres), a public park (3.01 acres), HOA open space (0.35), and a landscape buffer (1.07 acre).</p> <p><b>Procedural History</b> On August 18, 2022, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of The Meadows Project to the City Council. On September 20, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-58:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certifying an Environmental Impact Report;</li> <li>• adopting findings of fact and a mitigation and monitoring program under the California Environmental Quality Act;</li> <li>• approving a General Plan land use map amendment; and</li> <li>• approving a lot line adjustment.</li> </ul>                     On September 27, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1461 approving:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a zoning map amendment;</li> <li>• a specific plan; and</li> <li>• a development agreement.</li> </ul>                     On January 10, 2023, the City Council certified the sufficiency of a petition to refer Ordinance No. 1461 signed by 1,222 qualified residents.</p> <p><b>Referendum</b> This referendum does not protest the City Council's decision to adopt Resolution No. 22-58, which has now taken effect. This referendum only protests the City Council's decision to adopt</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 1461. The individual components of Ordinance No. 1461 are summarized below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The zoning map amendment proposes changing the zoning designation of the Property from Institutional to Single Family Residential R-1 with a Specific Plan Overlay.</li> <li>• The Specific Plan outlines the development standards and guidelines governing the construction of homes in The Meadows Project. Where the Specific Plan is silent as to a development standard, the Sierra Madre Municipal Code controls.</li> <li>• The development agreement is a contract between the City, Congregation, and Developer. The development agreement secures additional concessions from the Congregation and Developer as part of The Meadows Project that cannot be obtained through either the Sierra Madre Municipal Code or as an ordinary condition of a development approval. Those additional concessions include the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recordation of conservation easements on the northern most portion of the Property above the Retreat Center and on two additional hillside parcels;</li> <li>• Development of a public park of approximately 3.01 acres to be dedicated to the City;</li> <li>• Payment of \$983,500 to increase the City's supplemental water supply and offset the development's impact on the City's water system; and</li> <li>• Payment of \$250,000 to the City for public safety purposes. Vote</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A YES vote will uphold Ordinance No. 1461, allowing the zoning map amendment, specific plan, and development agreement to take effect. A NO vote will repeal Ordinance No. 1461.</p> <p>ALEKS R. GIRAGOSIAN February 15, 2023 Sierra Madre City Attorney</p> <p>The above statement is an impartial analysis of City Council Ordinance No. 1461. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk at (626) 355-7135 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can download a copy of City Council Ordinance No. 1461 at  <a href="https://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/city_manager_s_office/transparency/Meadows">https://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/city_manager_s_office/transparency/Meadows</a>.</p>
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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON MY BIG DAY

One week ago exactly was my birthday and I am now officially starting my eightieth year. What is clear to everyone around me is that I am in need of validation. The problem is that there is little that I do that is merited validation. My wife lovingly reminded me of the blatancy of this need by presenting me with a device that makes the sound of wild applause when it is pressed. The one thing that I do that I believe merits validation is submit an article to this paper every single week. I never miss a week and am proud of this accomplishment notwithstanding what merit others may find in the article.

The person most conscientious in supporting my weekly article is my friend Joel who now lives in France. We have an interesting history together. We met at the air terminal in 1966 as we awaited the plane that would take us to Mississippi. This was a very serious matter as we separately had been invited by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to come to Grenada Mississippi to give support to African American Students who would be attending integrated Schools for the first time. Civil Rights workers had been killed in June of 1964 while participating in what was called the Freedom Summer and flying to Mississippi felt frightening and heroic and exciting. I wondered if my parents were worried about me. Years later my sister told me that they felt that as long as somebody else was paying for it I should go. Please remember that in 1966 I had almost never been on an air flight. For me it was a very big deal.

My new friend Joel and I talked at the airport and while in Mississippi established what I believe is a very deep friendship. In Mississippi the African-American (I want to say Black) kids could not distinguish one of us from the other. We were White Jewish boys of about the same size and age with light eyes and brown hair. Joel was a talented musician who played the piano in the Baptist Church where we all met every morning. Lots of time people mistakenly congratulated me on my piano playing. After a while I just accepted the congratulations.

I had not seen Joel for many years but today he was in Los Angeles meeting relatives and friends. The only time we could meet was at a halfway point between Sierra Madre and Venice. I suggested 'Art's Delicatessen' on Ventura Blvd. Joel wanted to veto Art's repeating a joke that he had heard which went something like 'You know who killed more Jews than the Nazis? Art's delicatessen' referring to its Jewish menu of high cholesterol salty foods. I didn't like the joke much and prevailed upon Joel to meet me there. Just looking at the menu filled with pastrami and corned beef sandwiches and cabbage soup and lox and bagels was a kind of validating experience. This was a part of my long-neglected heritage and my wife wasn't there to stop me from eating dangerous food. (I no longer eat red meat or salty food or sugared drinks.) I affirmed my identity by ordering a sugarless Dr. Brown Black Cherry Soda which also part of my remembered past. Actually Joel and I split a whitefish salad sandwich and I had a small bowl of cabbage soup.

I had a wonderful time. I wore my Welcome Strangers T-Shirt and talked to everyone. I noticed a woman sitting a couple of tables away and realized that this person was a celebrity who had been engaged more or less to Leonard Cohen and Tom Cruise. I won't give out her name because I hate when people make a big deal about seeing a celebrity.

Tomorrow at 9 a.m. I will go to the Arboretum to begin the orientation program necessary for volunteers. What a full life I have. How surprising that seeing a celebrity and ordering cabbage soup can feel validating. Now, I have finished the article in time and will hit my applause machine because I guess I can never get enough validation. What about you?

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Seeking Lifetime Love: I'm the outdoorsy type but happy to stay indoors snuggled up on the sofa by a roaring fire in the winter or by an air conditioning vent on a hot summer's day. Loyalty is my number one thing (ok, to be honest - it's very closely followed by a peanut butter biscuit - any peanut butter biscuit). I constantly want to be close to you but not in a stalker way. I've been described as being too protective at times but this is usually from guys in uniforms who use the doorbell to play mind games on me. I'm into spontaneous moments like spending a wild day at the beach yet love, love, love going on after-dinner strolls around the neighborhood, greeting familiar faces and leaving my calling card as we walk by. If you are seeking unconditional love and can put up with someone who has zero cooking skills and a poor sense of time management, call me at (626)234-WOOF.

What if humans had the emotional intelligence (EQ) of dogs? We'd always be ecstatic to see each other, even after a bathroom break. Having dinner together would be a riotous ritual of euphoric jubilation. No silent treatment here, bad feelings would be put out there with a load of poop in the offender's shoe. And when times are hard, a faithful head is to be found in your lap, no questions asked.

Are dogs better than people as companions? Financially, they're income eaters not generators. You can't even claim them as dependents on your 1040 tax form. My dog once found a nickel on the ground - she ate it. That turned into a \$350 vet bill.

Dogs are a lot of work. They're not like cats who do their business quite professionally in a sandbox and can pace themselves throughout the day with a full bowl of Cat Chow. Dogs poop wherever they want and don't pick up after themselves. It's up to us, the responsible, civic minded owner to scoop and drop it in our neighbor's trash bin. And to those inconsiderate dog owners who pretend they didn't know their dog just dropped a load on the sidewalk - c'mon, you're connected together by a leash.

With the small exception of working dogs; the livestock herders, K-9 officers, guard, service and guide dogs, most dogs are born into a carefree, lazy life of retirement that protesting French citizens demand now at age 62 not President Macron's decree of 64. Mon dieu! Those crazy Americans have to hang in there until 70!

But lifetime freeloading aside, dogs give us what money, drugs, status, and possessions can't buy - love, loyalty and stinky kisses. With a side of unapologetic farts.

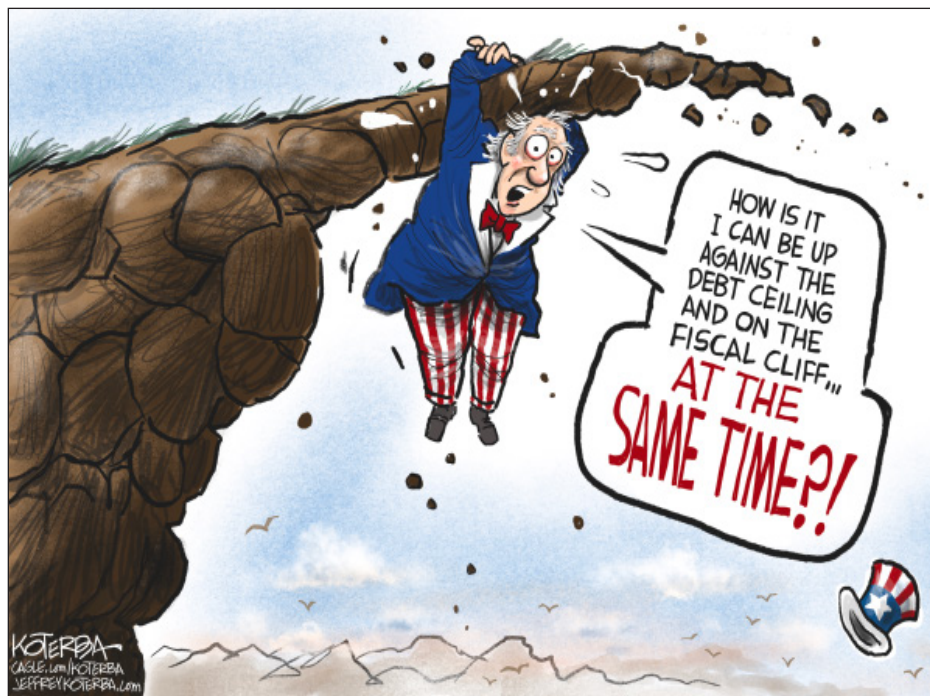
(To the tune from the Mary Tyler Moore Show, with regrets to Sonny Curtis)

I can turn your world round with my smile. I can take your nothing day, and suddenly make it all seem okay. Well it's me pal and you should know it With each lick and every little tail wag I show it

Love is all we have no need to fake it Now's the time for walkies, why don't we take it We're gonna make it after all

Dinah Chong Watkins column appears every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

FOUR WAYS THE DEBT LIMIT TALKS COULD END... 1. A NEW COIN IS ISSUED... 2. DEFAULT IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL... 14th Amendment... 3. A MIRACLE HAPPENS... 4. THE U.S. DEFAULTS...



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HUMANS VERSUS OTHER ANIMALS



Humans are certainly unusual creatures in the animal kingdom. (Some of us much more unusual than others). Our two most significant gifts (if you will) would have to be our bigger brains and opposable thumbs. Having a choice, I choose to thank a benevolent creator. Other of my close friends are busy looking for space aliens to heap praise on.

By far the most significant and compelling evidence of extra terrestrials was the existence of my close and dear departed friend, Barry Schwam. He was my superior in every distinguishable category, and I, like many of our mutual friends, miss him. And we hope for his return on the mother ship someday.

There is a long list detailing both anatomical traits and abilities in the pantheon of human advantages. I'll focus on but a few. You might take notes.

Speech... is the first attribute that sets us apart. We have bigger "cortical associa-tion areas" (whatever that is). Those areas enable us to make more sounds.

Upright Posture...Our way of doing the locomotion is walking fully upright. It frees up our hands to use tools, or weapons, or golf clubs.

Nakedness...we only look naked. Believe it or not. A square of human skin has as many hair-producing follicles as a chimpanzee's skin. Our hair is thinner, shorter and lighter. We are an improvement because it's easier for our sweat to evapo-rate. Miniaturized hair is a good thing...except for the lack of it on the top of my head.

Clothing...we may be called "naked apes" but most of us wear clothing. Chimpan-zees are the only other members of the animal kingdom who have been known to wear something. Typically they wear jewelry crafted from foliage or the bones of fallen enemies. No three piece suits so far.

Extraordinary Brains...Overdeveloped cerebral cortex's to be exact. 80% of our brain mass, containing 100 billion neurons. This cerebral cortex helps us with decision-making, executive control, emotional regulation and last, but not least, language. (Grunt, grunt).

And though the brain contains 2% of our body weight, it consumes 25% of our body's overall energy. And contrary to popular opinion, we don't have the largest brains. That attribute belongs to our friends, the sperm whales.

Hands...No, we are not the only animals to possess opposable thumbs - most primates do. What's more the great apes have something we don't have: (well most of us. I never saw Barry's feet).

Primates have opposable big toes. Don't be dismayed, our opposable thumbs are much longer than other primate thumbs. Our primate relatives cannot throw a curveball or even hold a pen to sign their names because their thumbs are shorter.

Hah!

Fire...we learned how to control fire (most of the time). We could cook and see in a dark world and keep those nocturnal predators at bay. And we could stay warm.

Blushing...What Charles Darwin called "the most peculiar and the most human of all expressions." Why do we involuntarily reveal our innermost emotions? By the way, I've never really checked but psychologists tell us blushing does not only occur on the face - any part of your body can blush.

Somebody please check that out and get back to me.

I'd like to thank the Livescience.com website for their wonderful description of what separates most humans from the rest of the animal kingdom.

If only they could help me understand what separates me from the rest of the animal kingdom!







NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSE C. LIM  
 CASE NO. 23STPB04168  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOSE C. LIM.  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JESSICA B. LIM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JESSICA B. LIM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/01/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**SUMMONS**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: BRUCE KUYPER, AN INDIVIDUAL; TEODORA MANOLOVA, AN INDIVIDUAL; DOES 2 through 20, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

GK CONSTRUCTION, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION  
 CASE NUMBER: 228TLC05122

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below:

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al de

mandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

CASE NUMBER:  
 (Número del Caso):  
 228TLC05122

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE  
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:  
 (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
 TS No. CA-22-950435-SH Order No.: 220690742-CA-VOO**

**YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/8/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.**

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CHRISTOPHER D. RETTIG AND SUZANNE M. RETTIG, HUSBAND AND WIFE** Recorded: 11/21/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2819911 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 6/21/2023 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$606,643.54 The purported property address is: **51 E BONITA AVE, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024 Assessor's Parcel No.: 5767-038-011 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 619-846-7649 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-950435-SH. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 619-846-7649, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-950435-SH to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only.

Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711  
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# YES on M

- Parks
- Public Safety
- Fewer New Homes



There will be housing at the monastery property.

Measure M is about what gets built.

City Leaders stand united in support of YES on M:

Sierra Madre Mayor & City Council



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	YES <u>on</u> M	No on M
# of Homes to be Built at the Monastery Property	42 New Homes	50 New Homes
High-Level of Public Input and Oversight	✓	✗
New Public Park	✓	✗
\$980,000 Water Conservation Program	✓	✗
\$250,000 for a New Police Station	✓	✗
500+ New Trees Planted	✓	✗
40 Acres of Permanently Protected Hillside Open Space	✓	✗
Roadway Improvements to Carter Ave	✓	✗
Supported by City Council & City Leaders	✓	✗



## What does Sierra Madre Mayor & City Council say about Measure M?

Scan to read their official ballot argument urging voters to vote YES on M or visit: [VoteYESonM.com](http://VoteYESonM.com)

“The 50-home project **No on M** would be eligible for waivers of our development standards, which could result in **LARGER** homes, **REDUCED** setbacks, **HIGHER** lot coverage ratios, and **COOKIE-CUTTER** designs.”



“Vote YES on Measure M to **MINIMIZE** development, **PRESERVE** negotiated benefits and **PROTECT** our community.”