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# San Diego Sold To the Highest Bidder

By Patty Ducey-Brooks



There is this impression, as I talk to people in San Diego and around the country, that our fine city has been put on an auction block for speculators who are willing to pay the highest price for changing the character of our city.

Unfortunately, as alarming as that might be, it is potentially true. And, many of us ask, "Why would this happen?"

There are many reasons this could and would happen, including the fact that it is an attractive city. Look around us and what this city has to offer: a beautiful, world-class city park (Balboa Park) and zoo (San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance), lots of historical entities and properties: Old Town, Presidio Park, Cabrillo Park, Liberty Station, all within close proximity of each other.

We have incredible, year-round weather, which we should never take for granted.

We have access to amazing beaches that connect us with the Pacific Ocean: Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Coronado, La Jolla, Del Mar, and all the way up the West Coast. And, we can see these amazing beaches and skylines from various vantage points from

throughout our fine city that many of us refer to as a gem.

However, the gem may soon lose its luster. It may become a place none of us dreamed of. It could become another Miami, Florida, a place most of us would never consider calling home.

Is that really what we want San Diego to become?

Not those of us who have chosen to join an effort called "Save San Diego's Character," [www.savesandiegoscharacter.com](http://www.savesandiegoscharacter.com).

"Save San Diego's Character" now represents upward of 2,000 people and growing daily. People throughout the city and county are working devotedly for a cause in which we believe speaks of who

we are, San Diegans who respect what our city has to offer today, and for future generations to enjoy.

To those who don't know, there is a project being proposed by the Navy on the existing NAVWAR property (previously SPAWAR) that is in the Old Town Planning Group. What the Navy is recommending would forever change the character of our city.

Save San Diego's Character, which represents neighbors, business owners, and community leaders is committed to responsible modernization of the NAVWAR site, which is referred to as Alternative 1 (not 2-5):

Alternative 1 prioritizes vital Navy modernization and gives

time for city, community, and historic organization discourse on housing and transit decisions.

Alternatives 2-5 would introduce up to a 320-foot glass wall around Old Town, eliminating public views, creating crushing density (70,000 added car trips a day), and marring the character and historical integrity of San Diego.

We believe San Diegans deserve affordable housing, and a transit system that works for all. However, we also strongly believe that we need to act in a unified voice with fellow San Diegans, especially when it means altering San Diego, our city that we call home and love and respect.

Today, Save San Diego's Character is 2,000 strong. Tomorrow, we plan to double that voice by bringing in more communities, and joining with other organizations (including Neighbors for a Better San Diego, and Save Our Access). It's become obvious to all of us that it's time we take a stand to protect our neighborhoods, our communities and our fine city.

It takes courage and commitment, which I am proud to share is what I see happening with the people behind Save San Diego's Character.

We encourage you to join our cause, which will have a lasting impact on the quality of life and character of San Diego: [www.savesandiegoscharacter.com](http://www.savesandiegoscharacter.com).



Sign the petition for Alternative 1, and save the character of Old Town, the birthplace of California.



# Saving Weddings During COVID-19 Pandemic

## Vacant Snack Shop Used for Thousands of Marriage Services During Pandemic

The San Diego County Clerk's Office has been recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with a 2021 NACo Achievement Award for innovative excellence in County Administration of Management. The Clerk's office was recognized for transforming a vacant snack shop into the "Marriage Hut" in order to continue issuing marriage licenses and perform ceremonies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With over 1,600 couples with appointments to be married, on March 19, 2020 Governor Newsom issued a "Stay at Home" executive order effectively closing all county buildings across the State of California. Within 24 hours of the shutdown order, the County Clerk staff transformed a vacant snack shop outside San Diego County's waterfront office into the "Marriage Hut," a COVID-19 safe marriage service facility. The NACo award recognized the innovation of the San Diego Clerk's Office to continue operations and honor their commitment to the couples that already had appointments. In addition, it recognized their leadership inspiring the other county offices across California to find a pathway to reopen and continue serving the public.

San Diego County Clerk Ernie Dronenburg said, "The pandemic shut down everything, but in San Diego we didn't let it shut down love." Dronenburg concluded, "My staff rose to the challenge and within 24 hours of being issued a statewide shutdown order, found an innovative way to keep love alive by converting an empty snack shop into a "marriage hut" to safely provide marriage services."

The San Diego County Clerk's office in a normal year issues around 25,000 marriage licenses. During 2020, under COVID-19 restrictions, the office issued 17,286 marriage licenses. The award-winning Marriage Hut continues in operation today and is now a requested venue for couples to tie the knot in San Diego County.

NACo President Gary Moore said, "Over the past year, county officials and frontline employees have demonstrated bold, inspirational leadership." Moore continued, "This year's Achievement Award winning programs illustrate the innovative ways counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America."



Happy couples were joined in marriage due to the Marriage Hut that operated during the pandemic.



Dressing for the occasion, many couples were grateful for the wedding services provided by the staff of the San Diego County Clerk's office.

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There is a group of people trying to turn Uptown into another downtown. They want high-density projects with high-rises. They aren't concerned with traffic, loss of parking spaces, blocking of sunlight, or providing parks.

**In contrast, we support responsible development which is compatible!**

<p><b>Helen Rowe Allen</b> believes Uptown deserves to be livable, safe, &amp; business friendly. High-priced high-rises are not the answer.</p>	<p><b>Stuart McGraw</b> is a volunteer and lifelong University Heights resident. He supports a dog park, more trees and pedestrian safety.</p>
<p><b>Mary Brown</b> supports a safer walking and biking environment, historic preservation, and thoughtful development.</p>	<p><b>Mary McKenzie</b> is a 20-year Hillcrest resident, for reasonable building heights, green space, accessibility &amp; easing homelessness.</p>
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<p><b>Roy Dahl</b> wants development that is well planned, has the required infrastructure, and has the support of the community.</p>	<p><b>Mat Wahlstrom</b> advocates for smart growth and community benefits. Concerned for affordable housing and responsible land use.</p>

We pledge to support the residents & business owners of Uptown. We ask for your vote, so we can serve you.

**ELECTION DAYS:** June 30 at 3:00-6:00. July 5 at 3:00 to 6:00, and July 6 at 4:00 to 7:30 pm.

**LOCATION:** Joyce Beers Community Center, 3900 Vermont St. 92103, near Trader Joes and Ralphs.

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# Summer In San Diego

Summer is in full swing and there has never been a better time to explore San Diego and all that it has to offer.

School is out for summer and Arts District Liberty Station's summer camps are in full swing for all ages and interests. Summer camps include If I Was a Bird Yoga for ages four to seven, and board yoga adventure camps for ages eight and older. In studio and outdoor weekly camps take place July 5 through 30, with

themes including Hawaii, ocean and the jungles of India. Malashock Dance is offering virtual and in-persons summer classes and camps for ages 10-17 taking place July 5 through August 27. Classes and camps are available in various skill levels and styles including modern, jazz, ballet, and hip hop.

San Diego Creative Collective is offering a variety of in-person workshops all month long perfect for crafters of all ages. Enjoy workshops such as woodworking for women, a sewing pajama pants camp, succulent dream catchers, and a five-day fashion design camp for the aspiring designer in your life.

Arts District Liberty Station is located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the Liberty Station neighborhood. To learn more about summer events and activities, visit [www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com](http://www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com).

In Mission Hills, 4th of July weekend is going to be active with some events that have become a tradition for the community.

Annual Parade starts at 10 a.m. with participants meeting at the corner of Washington Place and Randolph Street for the Parade. Decorate your scooters, bikes, and wagons.

**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** - Bike Parade takes place

**11:30 a.m.** - Fun and games at Pioneer Park

**11:30 a.m.** - Pie Contest tasting begins - (tasting is only for MHTC members)

**Noon** - Official greeting and proclamation by Senator Atkins and Assemblymember Chris Ward, followed by a concert with Society Beat performing

**1:45 p.m.** - Pie contest and opportunity drawing winners announced

**2:30 p.m.** - Concert ends



The 4th of July activities in Mission Hills include a concert from noon to 2:30 p.m.

To learn more, visit [www.missionhillstowncouncil.org](http://www.missionhillstowncouncil.org).

## Local Market Update for April 2021

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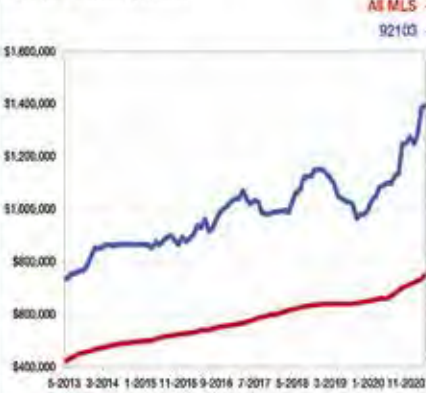
Single Family	April			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2020	2021	Percent Change	Thru 4-2020	Thru 4-2021	Percent Change
New Listings	12	22	+83.3%	79	91	+15.2%
Pending Sales	5	18	+260.0%	44	69	+56.8%
Closed Sales	9	19	+111.1%	50	62	+24.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$1,485,000	\$1,738,000	+17.0%	\$1,222,500	\$1,498,000	+22.5%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	97.6%	101.5%	+4.0%	95.8%	98.6%	+2.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	26	31	+19.2%	39	36	-7.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	37	23	-37.8%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	2.9	1.4	-51.7%	--	--	--

\* Does not account for late transactions and/or discontinued transactions. Percent changes are calculated using monthly figures and are approximate due to small sample size.

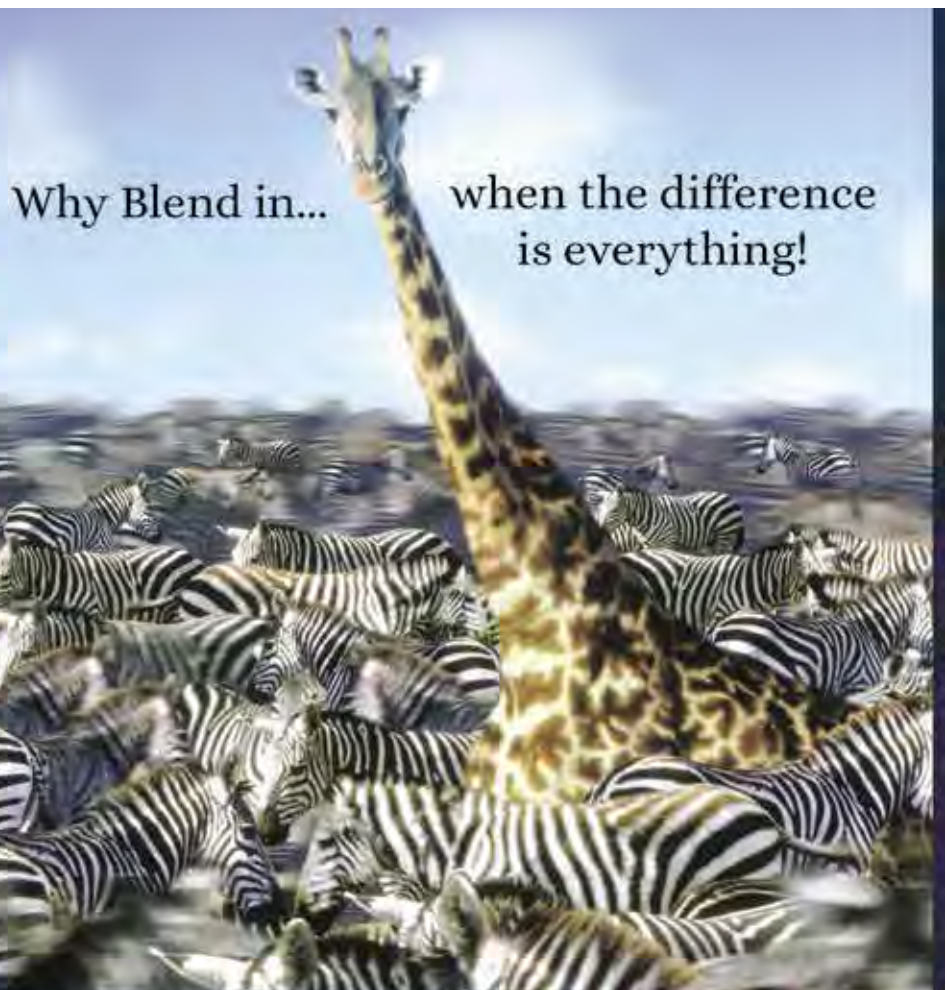
Townhouse-Condo	April			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2020	2021	Percent Change	Thru 4-2020	Thru 4-2021	Percent Change
New Listings	28	54	+92.9%	147	205	+39.5%
Pending Sales	6	36	+500.0%	74	142	+91.9%
Closed Sales	23	43	+87.0%	85	128	+50.6%
Median Sales Price*	\$550,000	\$580,000	+5.5%	\$550,000	\$600,503	+9.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	98.8%	100.4%	+1.6%	97.5%	100.0%	+2.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	19	33	+73.7%	35	31	-11.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	62	60	-2.8%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	3.4	1.9	-44.1%	--	--	--

\* Does not account for late transactions and/or discontinued transactions. Percent changes are calculated using monthly figures and are approximate due to small sample size.

Median Sales Price - Single Family  
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Median Sales Price - Townhouse-Condo  
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## The Magical City Hall Construct of “Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing”

On June 17, 2021, NBC 7 San Diego's Artie Ojeda interviewed the chair of Neighbors For A Better San Diego (NFABSD) about San Diego's destructive new ADU/JADU zoning ordinance.

The City of San Diego was quoted in the article, “ADU's and JADU's are an effective, successful source of naturally occurring affordable housing.”

- Any affordable housing produced by San Diego's ADU code will disappear in 15 years

- There is no evidence to suggest that San Diego's ADU code will result in lowering rent or real estate costs in any meaningful way over the long term.

San Diego's ADU Code waives all developer fees on all ADUs/JADUs of any size, lowering out-of-pocket

find no evidence that allowing unlimited backyard ADUs will decrease the cost of housing. In fact, we continue to find real-life examples that show upzoning creates the opposite effect, increasing land value and pricing out actual home buyers.

Professor Patrick Condon (MLA, BSc University of Massachusetts), who teaches at the University of British Columbia School of Architecture, is a notable Canadian urban designer, former city planner, author of several planning books in the field of sustainability and public engagement, and was for years a staunch supporter of widespread upzoning of Vancouver as a means to reduce housing costs.

**Condon now acknowledges that upzoning in Vancouver backfired (2/7/21):**

“We have incrementally quadrupled the density of Vancouver, but we haven't seen any decrease in per square foot costs. That evidence is indisputable. We can conclude there is a problem beyond restrictive zoning. No amount of open zoning or allowing for development will cause prices to go down. We've seen no evidence of that at all. It's not the NIMBYs that are the problem – it's the global increase in land value in urban areas that is the problem.”

We would encourage anyone interested in this topic to read Prof. Condon's latest book, *Sick City*.

Buzzwords and taglines won't put lipstick on this pig. Naturally occurring affordable housing is a City Hall construct that means nothing, no matter how many times they repeat it.

There are better solutions for San Diego. Don't accept the destruction of single-family neighborhoods.



While documenting endangered single-family homes, Tim suddenly alerts the group to the ominous phenomenon of **Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing**.

Within an hour of publication, Mayor Todd Gloria's deputy chief of staff, Nick Serrano reached out to NBC 7 to throw in a plug for Toni Atkins' neighborhood-killing SB 9, repeating the new tagline naturally affordable housing.

Devised to sugar-coat San Diego's neighborhood killing zoning changes, this term is the new catchphrase of City Hall and developers. We at NFABSD challenge the City to provide any objective studies that support that statement. Further, we will explain here why there is nothing “natural” about the ADU's produced by the City's new ADU/JADU zoning code §141.0302 and why we do not believe it will produce the intended/claimed results. Let's begin with just a few key points....

- San Diego's ADU Granny Towers will not produce “naturally affordable housing” but will, in fact, destroy single-family neighborhoods while producing very little affordable housing overall.

- San Diego's failure to collect ADU developer fees will overburden neighborhood infrastructure and San Diego taxpayers

- Any savings developers realize from San Diego waiving developer fees are unlikely to be passed on to renters

- San Diego's ADU code will overwhelmingly produce market-rate housing

costs for developers. **This is not a “natural” affordability measure.** This is the City subsidizing ADUs through fee waivers, yet developers can pocket those savings instead of passing them on to renters.

Unfortunately, the added density created in single-family neighborhoods will have significant impacts on infrastructure (parks, libraries, roads, sewer, water, etc.) and taxpayers will end up paying because developers were let off the hook.

**In Transit Priority Areas**, where developers are allowed to build an “unlimited” number of ADUs, only 1 in 5 units, 2 in 7, or 3 in 9 have to be affordable and the remaining units will presumably be rented at market rate. **This doesn't happen naturally, this is a function of San Diego's ADU code.**

**Outside Transit Priority Areas** up to three ADUs and one JADU are now allowed where one home currently sits, increasing density on a single-family lot to a total of five units.

The bulk of the ADUs constructed will be market rate, and after 15 years all those “deeded affordable ADUs” will revert to market rate and San Diego will lose what few “affordable ADUs” they unnaturally enticed developers to build in single-family zoned neighborhoods.

NFABSD has done extensive research on this topic and we can

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# Immersive Komodo Kingdom and Rare Hummingbird Experience Now Open

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's commitment to inspire people to become wildlife allies was emphasized this morning as San Diego Zoo officials and San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn unveiled two brand-new habitats. With a crowd of invited guests and members of the press, Zoo officials and Whitburn cut the ribbon opening the Kenneth C. Griffin Komodo Kingdom and the William E. Cole Family Hummingbird Habitat—two unique spaces where guests can become immersed in learning about the interconnectedness between wildlife and people, and ways to help conserve species.

"Building a world where all life thrives isn't just a motto for us, it's the central driving force behind all the work we do to protect wildlife—here at home and through our work across six continents," said Paul Baribault, president and CEO of San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance. "Our team worked diligently to bring these two innovative habitats to life, and through them, we now have the opportunity further our mission by uniting our guests with these amazing species."

Komodo Kingdom offers guests the opportunity to explore various environments from Komodo Island in Indonesia, including beach, woodland and mountain highland areas. This remarkable new experience includes pools, misters, hot rocks and heated caves—all specially designed to recreate the dragons' native region. As guests step into Komodo Kingdom, they will be greeted by the Zoo's two Komodo dragons, 9-year-old female, Ratu and 17-year-old, male, Satu, and have the chance to visit with both of them up close. Visitors will also learn about the species, the challenges they face and the work San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is doing to help save them—and hundreds of others like them—including the delicate ecosystems they call home.

"High rates of deforestation, major biodiversity loss, unsustainable agriculture, illegal logging, wildlife trafficking, and an increase of potential for transmission of zoonotic diseases are just a few of the dangers Komodo dragons and other wildlife living in the Asian rainforest region face daily," said Nadine Lamberski, chief conservation and wildlife health officer for San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance. "It's vital we preserve ecosystems such as Asian rainforests, and these habitats not only help us to educate the public, they also assist in recruiting allies who will join us in saving unique environments, and maintaining a balanced relationship between



As guests step into Komodo Kingdom, they can see the Zoo's two Komodo dragons, 9-year-old female, Ratu and 17-year-old, male, Satu. Pictured is Ratu. Photo by Jamie Wells.

human and wildlife that is critically important for a healthy planet."

Across the path from Komodo Kingdom is the new infinity-loop-shaped Hummingbird Habitat, a rare immersive walk-through experience that offers endless flight opportunities to several species of hummingbirds, as well as other distinctive birds and plants native to North and South America. The habitat includes novel educational opportunities for guests to connect with these tiny, colorful-feathered and important pollinators, heightening San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's ability to convey the plight of each species and share information about what steps people can take to help conserve wildlife in their own backyards. The Hummingbird Habitat features cascading water, orchids, anthuriums, palms and other rare plants reflecting the diversity and beauty of the birds' native regions—as well as an open-water pool that guests can view from an observation bridge along the pathway.

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**Dee**

Dee is a sweet, eight-year old, domestic short hair, and is looking for a loving home to call her own. When she arrived in care, she had a rough respiratory illness and needed some dental work. Our medical team was able to help her feel better and shine up her teeth. However, she may always have some slight rhinitis, which is nasal inflammation. One of our vets will talk with you before adopting and will answer any questions you may have. Dee has been friendly and social with her caretakers, preferring to get attention on her own terms. She's not always the biggest fan of being picked up, but she'll happily lounge next to you. Is darling Dee a likely companion for you?

Syre is a one-year old, American bulldog/American pit bull terrier, and is looking for a very special home. He is young, has high energy, and is quite intelligent. He would benefit going home with people experienced with large, high-energy dogs. His adopters should be familiar with and/or dedicated to learning about positive reinforcement training and how this type of training can improve Syre's life. Our behavior and training team is ready to give his adopters all the tools they need to succeed

Dee and Syre are residing at the San Diego Campus of the San Diego Humane Society, which is located at 5500 Gaines Street in San Diego. For more information, visit [www.sdhumane.org](http://www.sdhumane.org) or call (619) 299-7012.

**Syre**

**SPCA**



# Don't Let Taxes Alone Drive Your Investment Decisions

By Rick Brooks



Taxes are a factor that has to be considered when making investment decisions, but they are not the only factor. As we've often said: don't let the tax tail wag the investment dog.

Planning investment decisions around existing tax rates is relatively straight forward. You can estimate your income and your capital gains for the year. This can impact whether you purchase tax-free municipal bonds, which generally offer lower yields than taxable bonds. If you can estimate your tax rates and your income, you can determine whether the lower yielding tax-free bonds are a better purchase than the after-tax income of the higher yielding taxable bonds.

Likewise, the certainty of incurring capital gains taxes is a factor to consider when either selling assets to fund distributions or rebalancing your portfolio. Taxes are a certainty, whereas investment returns are not guaranteed, so investors work to be careful about incurring these known costs. That said, if your portfolio becomes too risky because you've avoided incurring taxes, the investment losses will be greater when they eventually do happen. So there's a tradeoff to be considered. At the end of the day, there are only three ways to avoid incurring the capital gains tax bill: you can donate the assets to charity, you can lose your gains through negative returns, or you can die and the gains are no longer a problem.

In recent weeks, there has been a lot of discussion about the possibility of higher taxes at the Federal level. Joe Biden campaigned on a platform of raising some taxes, and his administration has floated some options for raising taxes to increase federal revenues to fund some of their projects. At the moment, it doesn't appear likely (or even any) of the proposals will be enacted, but it does raise the question of what the impact of higher taxes might be on investment returns.

According to a recent blog post by Fidelity Investments, taxes have been raised 13 times since 1950. The S&P 500 index of the largest American companies had positive returns in 11 of those years, and the average of

returns was higher in the years taxes were raised than in other years during the same period. In fact, according to an analysis by BMO Capital Markets, "during the five prior corporate tax rate increases..., the S&P 500 index posted an average calendar year gain of 12.9 percent with positive price returns in each instance. This gain was well above the 4.6 percent average return registered during the nine annual periods when the tax rate was reduced and also higher than 9 percent price return for all calendar years going back to 1945."

Correlation is not causation, and I'm not trying to say that tax rate increases are good for the capital markets. But clearly there is more going on than just taxes. Investors look at a lot of factors when deciding how to value companies and their potential profits, and only one of those factors is the taxes that the company (or the investor) will pay. The economic situation and a given company's growth prospects are much more powerful drivers of corporate profits and investment results.

Investors need to be aware of what may happen in the background as Congress tinkers with tax rates, but should not let that single factor drive investment decisions. Changes in tax policy are often very complex and take a while to ripple through capital markets. And in the current political environment, it's not even clear that such changes will be enacted in the first place.

The far more important considerations as you manage your investment portfolio are your future earnings potential, your future spending needs, the valuations and future prospects of the investments you are considering and the health of the economy overall. A Fee-only CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM professional can help you figure out how these all come together for your portfolio.

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## Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library News

Loyal patrons of our local Library branch may have noticed that the Friends bookstore has finally reopened for business. The current operating hours of the bookstore are Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More volunteers are needed

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The Library is sponsoring the Summer Reading Program to encourage kids and people of all ages to continue to read during the summer. Win prizes, including free books, food and museum passes, for reading 10 books or for 10 hours during the summer. Pick up a reading log at the branch or sign up online at [www.sandiego.gov/SummerReading](http://www.sandiego.gov/SummerReading).

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# Raised Bed Gardening Options and Tips for Success

By Barbara Strona



In April, Eric Olsen spoke to the Mission Hills Garden Club. Olsen, like Bill Toone, is with High Caliper Growing, based out of Oklahoma City. Olsen has had

seven years' experience dealing with soils, plant sizes, plus how to raise plants in an organic and environmentally friendly pot which lends itself to raised bed gardening. He told us about a most unusual type of container, the Smart Pot®.

Olsen began with a brief history of agriculture. For most of time, people planted directly in rows, directly into the soil. With the invention of plows, they could mound soil for improved drainage and more surface area, providing more oxygen to plants' roots, improving both quality and quantity of the product. The Egyptians found that by planting rows along the Nile, their crops received fertilizer from the minerals deposited by the river when it flooded. In the Middle Ages, crop rotation came into use. The Industrial Revolution brought the "dawn of chemical fertilizers." Today, according to Olsen, these fertilizers are used on huge plots of land with both ideal and non-ideal soil using machines and farm labor,

He went on to discuss options for home garden planting. One option is to plant directly into the soil. This makes use of what is already present: existing soil and space. However, often the soil is not suitable for producing fruits, vegetables, or flowers. Drainage is often a problem; if the soil drains too quickly, there may not be



*Growing plants in containers can allow you to move them around to suitable locations.*

sufficient time for roots to absorb nutrients from the water; slow drainage may cause the roots to suffocate and rot. Some soil is so bad one needs a tractor or an extremely strong back to prepare and aerate the soil.

Another option is a raised bed. By constructing a solid structure, you can fill it with soil you choose from the nursery or a site that

has such for you to buy or take. Raised beds typically drain better than beds planted directly in the ground. Raised beds should save your back, allowing you to place a chair beside the bed and work comfortably. These beds may last as long as five years. The downside is that cost can be prohibitive and/or labor intensive. Unless you live in a home with a beds are difficult, if

not impossible, to move. CCR's may prohibit your doing this. If your containers are not large enough, plants become rootbound. Of course, wood containers will not last forever; most metal eventually deteriorate as well.

Plastic pots may be used for container gardening. They are inexpensive, weigh very little, and are easy to move. However, the plants may become rootbound more easily, circling and strangling each other. Drainage can be a problem. Standing water in saucers is a great breeding place for mosquitoes. Water on a deck or rooftop garden may eventually leak through the waterproofing, doing major damage to a home. Other insects such as "Leeches BPA (an estrogen mimicking substance)", and black pots absorb heat (as high as 120 degrees), which can cause roots to stress and become damaged or dead. Extreme changes in temperature and ultra-violet rays cause plastic to crack.

Another option are clay pots. Many are beautiful and may be long-lasting unless they are dropped or hit by a falling object. Again, you may be creating a crowded root situation; the same drainage issues as plastic pots have. Additionally, they can be heavy and cumbersome to move. Cold and heat may also cause cracking or breakage.

For Olsen, the ideal solution to container gardening is the Smart Pot®, a patented aeration container. A company called High Caliper Growing has been in business for thirty years. It provided an alternative to dig up trees or having trees grown in plastic containers. The trees raised in the root control bag fared far better than trees grown in traditional methods, Eric told us. He went on to show us how, like the tree farmer, the Smart Pot® was good for the home gardener.

The Smart Pot® is a "fabric aeration container, made from a geotextile. 100 per cent BPA free," with ultra-violet protection and, depending on its location, will last for three to five years. Some of its benefits include allowing air to circulate through the fabric, preventing circling roots, and allowing beneficial bacteria to thrive. In addition, this fabric pot releases heat. Studies have shown a 30-degree difference between the temperature of a plastic pot and a Smart Pot®. This means that in the hotter months, the plant can grow more. Furthermore, the drainage is superior. There is a greatly reduced chance of overwatering; the water drains completely. Since it moves



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## Destination Mission Hills

By Dixie Hall, President of Mission Hills BID and Owner of DixiePops



It is safe to say this year's celebration of our independence means different things to different people - from simple pride in being an American, to far more complex feelings that are currently causing people to rethink values and ideals. One thing we can all celebrate is the ability to wear or not wear a mask as we see fit; to go to a restaurant or a ballgame without limitations; to be with friends and family we haven't seen for months. Sometimes simple freedoms are the best freedoms.

This 4th of July weekend, as you plan your celebration, whether it is to meet up with friends or simply enjoy time in your backyard, keep in mind everything for a festive holiday weekend begins and ends in Mission Hills.

Mission Hills rightfully boasts the most eclectic and unique small businesses. However, if you are like me, you may think that these Mission Hills businesses are only located along West Washington Street, with some on Goldfinch Street. It wasn't until I got involved with the Mission Hills BID that I came to know the boundaries of our business communities, and that in addition to the well-known businesses on West Washington and Goldfinch, we have a hidden gem neighborhood of exquisite business on West Lewis Street, and a wonderful dining area on India Street known as International Restaurant Row. And, our Reynard Way business neighborhood is home to award winning CAKE Bakery and to The Frame Maker, a fine custom picture framing destination. Want a sleek Italian Motorcycle? Must have a Fino grade 20 Panama straw fedora hat? Look no further than Mission Hills.

Adding to our already stellar line-up of fun and fine establishments is newly opened Komatsuya, featuring Japanese cuisine and sushi with a focus on quality natural products, located at 4015 Goldfinch Street. Their opening for inside dining on June 25 was extended to all who supported them by purchasing take-out bento boxes over the prior



**Mila, brand ambassador for Barkhouse, debuted her Pride colors at the Mission Hills BID Mixer.**

weeks. A reservation awaits us.

My fellow director on the Mission Hills BID board, Jesse Zmuda, owner of Backbone Floral and Vintage on West Lewis Street, recently expressed how so many of us truly feel, "Small businesses still need your love and support more than ever. Every visit, every share, every purchase, every review, and even just your words of encouragement are needed." Please remember us as you consider where to shop, dine and luxuriate.

The Mission Hills BID celebrated the re-opening of its businesses at a mid-June Summer Business Mixer, attended by business owners and residents. It was a fun evening. Attendees enjoyed a little bit of local politics as a candidate running for Uptown Planners responded to very tough questions. A spokesperson for the Mission Hills Town Council approached business owners for Summer Concert sponsorship. Rounding out the evening was Alexandra Vats, owner of Vaatika Salon on West Lewis Street, as our special guest speaker on the topic of effective social media for business owners. She shared the importance of following one another and commenting on social media posts to grow our intended audiences. The evening ended with a robust raffle, thanks to sixteen very generous Mission Hills' business owners who provided gifts and gift cards.

Looking beyond the holiday weekend, San Diego Pride celebrations takes place on July 17 through July 18. They will include a virtual streaming Pride Live event that can be viewed safely from home and will also produce a number of smaller, COVID-19 compliant, and scalable, in-person satellite events. A list of the events can be found by going to <https://sdpride.org/events>. And, remember Mission Hills in your San Diego Pride celebrations as our businesses recognize San Diego's many distinct LGBTQ communities and the diverse cultural identities and experiences.

We are happy to welcome back the San Diego Half Marathon back on Sunday July 18, after last year's hiatus. This is their tenth year and the schedule has runners in Mission Hills from about 8 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. For more information on the route, should you wish to cheer the runners on - or for traffic information to know where the road closures will be, visit <https://sdhalfmarathon.com/traffic-info/>.

If you are curious to see our Colors on Canvas Banner Art Contest winners, awards celebration and reception, please visit our website at: <http://missionhillsbid.com/colors-on-canvas-banner-art-awards-reception-2021/>. You will be very impressed at the talent of the student artists.

There are many different ways to learn more about the Mission Hills BID, its meetings and activities, including our website: MissionHillsBID.com, Facebook: MissionHillsBID, Instagram: MissionHillsSD, and Twitter: MissionHillsSD. If you love our Mission Hills business neighborhood and have ideas and time to help promote it, the Mission Hills BID needs you. Please contact us at MissionHillsBID@gmail.com.



**The Department of the Navy  
Announces Virtual Public Meetings  
for the Draft Environmental Impact  
Statement for the Navy Old Town  
Campus Revitalization**



Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Navy prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with modernization of the Old Town Campus (OTC) to support Naval Information Warfare Systems Command's (NAVWAR) current and future operational readiness. Additionally, the public will have the opportunity to participate in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process. The 60-day public comment period began on May 14, 2021 and ends on July 13, 2021.

<p><b>SUBMIT COMMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online through the project website: <b><a href="http://www.NAVWAR-revitalization.com">www.NAVWAR-revitalization.com</a></b></li> <li>By mail to: Navy OTC Revitalization EIS Project Manager Attention: Ron Bochenek 750 Pacific Highway, Floor 12 San Diego, CA 92132-0058</li> <li>Verbal comments at the virtual public meetings</li> </ul> <p>All comments must be postmarked by <b>July 13, 2021</b> to be considered in the Final EIS.</p>	<p><b>VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS:</b></p> <p><b>5:30 to 8 p.m. PDT</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday June 8, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday June 23, 2021</b></p> <p>Information on accessing the virtual public meetings is available on the project website.</p> <p>There will be a presentation and formal oral comment session at each virtual meeting.</p>
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Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations: contact the Navy OTC Revitalization EIS Project Manager, Ron Bochenek at 888-682-6289 or [info@NAVWAR-revitalization.com](mailto:info@NAVWAR-revitalization.com)

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## “Celebrate” At The Old Globe Gala

The Old Globe is back and ready to party! Celebrate is the theme of the 2021 Globe Gala, to be held on Saturday, September 25 in support of the theatre’s arts engagement and artistic programs and in salute of all the generous philanthropists who have supported the Globe during its 15 months of closure. Globe Board members Jennifer Greenfield and Sheryl White serve as co-chairs, and Darlene Marcos Shiley is the honorary gala chair.

The black-tie event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails by Snake Oil Cocktail Company and hors d’oeuvres on the Globe’s Copley Plaza. At 7:30 p.m., guests will be treated to a musical performance by Tony Award-nominated, Broadway star, Joshua Henry in the Lowell Davies Festival Theatre. After the performance, guests will enjoy dinner catered by the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine and dancing to the music of the Cowling Band.

The Old Globe believes that theatre matters, and is committed to making it matter to more people. Attendance at the 2021 Globe Gala will support a vibrant, nationally renowned theatre dedicated to serving the public good through thrilling productions of great classics, provocative new works, and exciting musicals. The Globe reopens this summer with an array of in-person and virtual programming, including the fabulous rock musical “Hair,” opening in the Lowell Davies



Globe Board members Jennifer Greenfield and Sheryl White (left to right) are co-chairs of The Old Globe Gala.

Festival Theatre on August 15.

The Old Globe’s arts engagement programs are redefining how a professional not - for - profit theatre transforms lives across the community it serves. These programs serve 40,000 children, families, and individuals, ranging from students in Title I schools to home-

less communities, from military service members and veterans to incarcerated populations. Help us make theatre matter to more San Diegans—that’s a reason to celebrate!

The 2021 Gala Committee includes Board members Terry Atkinson, Eleanor Y. Charlton, Susan

Hoehn, Sandra Redman, and Margarita Wilkinson.

The Old Globe is located in San Diego’s Balboa Park at 1363 Old Globe Way. Complimentary valet parking for the Globe Gala will be located in the Alcazar Parking Lot. To learn more, visit [www.theoldglobe.org](http://www.theoldglobe.org).

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## An Evening With Eden Espinosa

The Old Globe, which reopened earlier this month to live performances after a 14-month shutdown, presents its summer 2021 outdoor concert series **AN EVENING WITH...** in the Lowell Davies Festival Theatre. The series will feature Eden Espinosa. She will perform the best of Broadway show tunes and delight audiences with classic and contemporary songs for an extraordinary San Diego experience under the stars.

Performances take place at 8 p.m., Friday, July 9; 8 p.m., Saturday, July 10; and 8 p.m., Sunday, July 11 in the Globe's Outdoor Lowell Davis Festival Theatre.

Leading lady Eden Espinosa is no stranger to San Diego audiences, as she returns to the Globe after originating the role of Sadie Thompson in the world premiere of "Rain." She is most



*Eden Espinosa will perform a variety of Broadway tunes.*

recognized for her critically acclaimed portrayal of Elphaba in "Wicked" on Broadway and in Los Angeles and San Francisco. From beautiful musical theatre ballads to famous anthems from her career, Espinosa's powerhouse vocals never cease to amaze.

**Tickets for the AN EVENING WITH...** outdoor concert series performances are now on sale and available at [www.TheOldGlobe.org](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org) or by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE (234-5623). Ticket prices start at \$29.00.

For the Globe's COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for all audiences, artists, and staff, please visit [www.TheOldGlobe.org](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org). The Globe will continue to monitor and follow the latest health guidelines from the State of California and San Diego County public health officials.

## North Park Book Fair Promotes Independent Book Sellers

We've all heard the rallying cry to buy books from independent book sellers, mom and pop shops with experts in every genre from classics to graphic novels. Their staff can tell you what's on the bestseller list and also recommend lesser-known novels that will delight even the most discerning bibliophile. North Park Main Street and its 50-plus partners invite you to book your day at the North Park Book Fair on Saturday July 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Park Way and 30th Street.

North Park Main Street has just made book shopping easy for San Diego book lovers by hosting the first-ever North Park Book Fair. The outdoor event will feature 50-plus independent bookstores from the southern California region, including local favorites like Verbatim Books, La Playa, and the Book Catapult.

This fun and free, family-friendly event will include readings by surprise celebrities,

music from local bands, and live poetry performed by San Diego artists. There will be literary-themed arts, comic books, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color

(BIPOC) focused offerings. And books won't be the only thing guests can devour. North Park eateries will be on site with tasty treats as well.

Why does San Diego need another book fair? "San Diego is a culturally rich, book-loving community that craves more opportunities to bring readers together," said Angela Landsberg, executive director of North Park Main Street. "North Park residents enjoy attending other book festivals in San Diego and tell us that they wanted to host one in their own backyard too. We are more than happy to meet the needs of our community and its businesses."

*Mady Richardson is proud to be one of the event organizers. Book enthusiasts can enjoy a variety of authors and their work.*



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## San Diego Air & Space Museum Hosts Apollo 15 50th Anniversary

The San Diego Air & Space Museum is proud to be the one-and-only host of the official Apollo 15 50th Anniversary, the most complex and carefully planned scientific expedition in the history of exploration." Clearly one of the Apollo program's finest moments, the Apollo 15 50th Anniversary Celebration takes place at the San Diego Air & Space Museum on Saturday, July 31, the Museum recently announced.

Apollo 15 Commander Colonel David R. Scott (USAF Ret.) and Flight Director Gerry Griffin highlight an All-Star panel discussion focusing on one the most carefully planned scientific explorations in human history. A limited number of tickets to the event are on sale at <https://sandiegoairandspace.org/apollo15>.

"The San Diego Air & Space Museum is honored to host the only 50th Anniversary celebration of one of the most significant scientific achievements in human history," said Jim Kidrick, President & CEO of the San Diego Air & Space Museum. "This is an incredible opportunity to see and hear from the men who took part in the most extensive in-person exploration of the lunar surface,



Members of Apollo 15 included Commander Dave Scott, Lunar Module Pilot Jim Irwin, and Command Module Pilot Al Worden.

a goal of humankind from time immemorial."

Apollo 15 launched at 0936 on July 26, 1971, their objective, to explore the Hadley Apennine region of the moon, the most scientifically significant site of the entire Apollo program. After a three-day transit and one day

in lunar orbit, Commander Dave Scott and Lunar Module Pilot Jim Irwin landed their Lunar Module "Falcon" near Hadley Rille at the base of the Apennine mountains to live and work on the moon for three days, as Command Module Pilot Al Worden orbited the moon in the Command Module

"Endeavor," operating a large suite of sophisticated scientific instruments. Scott and Irwin drove the first Lunar Roving Vehicle to explore three areas of unique geological features on the slopes of Hadley Delta mountain (9,000 feet) and the edge of Hadley Rille (1,000 feet deep, 1.5 miles across).

During their three EVAs and 18 hours outside the Lunar Module, they observed for the first time stratigraphic layering in the sides of Hadley Rille, and they maneuvered the Lunar Rover 3.1 miles from the Lunar Module including up the steep soft slopes (19 degrees) of Hadley Delta mountain. They collected 179 pounds of lunar rocks and soil, among the most significant of which were an anorthosite (15415), the first sample of the primordial crust of the Moon (age 4.5 billion years) often termed the "genesis rock," and a surprising "friable green clod" (15425), containing the first water discovered on the moon. Scott and Irwin would later precisely rendezvous with Al Worden for two more days of science in lunar orbit. They returned to earth in three days, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean.

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By Barbara Strona

by capillary motion, saturation is more even.

Olsen explained the results of using the Smart Pot® are “a more fibrous, dense root mass with more feeder roots, an overall healthier environment for your plant,” and “a healthier, more productive plant.” With no drain holes, debris doesn’t overflow to a reservoir, and the fabric pot gives you a wider choice of planting material. Not only does this pot release heat, but it can also be purchased from small sizes up to 1,000-gallon containers.

Outdoors, the plant has ground contact which helps plants’ roots and moderates moisture and temperatures in the Smart Pot®. They actually come with handles on sizes from three to twenty gallons and the fifteen and twenty-gallon pots have long-lasting strap handles. The pots come in a variety of colors.

The company has a host of other interesting products from watering solutions to transplanting gadgets, small items to enormous. Do go on the website to see more of the fascinating items they produce.

The next The next Mission Hills Garden Club meeting will be in September. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and relish life!

The Early Days of the Mission Hills Garden Club and We Need You!

By Barbara Strona

As one of the founding parents of the Mission Hills Garden Club, which we started in the spring of 1999, I feel well qualified to point out how it has enriched my life. I agreed to join this group because a friend dating back to high school days persuaded me. “It’ll be fun!” she said. I believe there were seven of us at this first meeting.

I should explain that I had no interest in gardening, none whatsoever. My parents had been avid gardeners and talked about crab grass, dichondra, and orchids at every meal. Boring! As an only child, I hated mealtime, and we ate dinner at the table, no television and there were no cell phones in the forties and fifties! My only interest in gardens was picking flowers.

I went to that first meeting and discovered the other people were quite interesting and fun. I joined to widen my circle of friends, and chose hospitality as the least demanding job. We all had to be on the board; I think there were six women and one man at the meeting.

Needless to say, I learned a great deal...about myself, the community, the world, and my neighbors. It was at least 15 years before I could admit that I had come to enjoy and eventually need to garden, but in the meantime I made wonderful friends and felt that I was contributing to and becoming entrenched in my community. The garden club really broadened my horizons.

So, whether you like gardening or not, I encourage you to join the Mission Hills Garden Club. While our mission is to educate and beautify, my focus began selfishly. This club has enriched my life, even if I had never come to love gardening.

Please visit the website to learn more: [missionhillsgardenclub.org](http://missionhillsgardenclub.org)

Cut out the application below and follow the directions to join. You will be glad you did.

The Mission Hills Garden Club is seeking a secretary, programs chair and hospitality chair to serve through June 30, 2022. Interested parties can send a note to [HYPERLINK “mailto:president@missionhillsgardenclub.org” \t “\\_blank” president@missionhillsgardenclub.org](mailto:president@missionhillsgardenclub.org) by July 11 describing their background and interest in the position. Board members must be Club members, but there are many benefits at only \$35/year. For more on the open positions, please see <https://www.missionhillsgardenclub.org/Board/>.



We invite you to join our garden club!

We offer educational and interesting meetings that are free to members, as are periodic wine/coffee/tea in the garden events. Guest fees are \$5.

*We also invite you to consider getting more involved by joining one of our committees! We always welcome new ideas and input to keep our club current and vital! You can find the list on the website.*

To join as a new member please complete this application and send with a check payable to Mission Hills Garden Club to mailing address: 325 W. Washington, #166, San Diego, CA. 92103. Cost for Membership: \$35 Individual / \$50 Couples (Couples: please include information for both members below). You may also join, or renew, memberships ONLINE at: [www.missionhillsgardenclub.org](http://www.missionhillsgardenclub.org)

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## San Diego Rescue Mission Receives \$25,000 Grant

The San Diego Rescue Mission has announced the award of \$25,000 from The San Diego Foundation as part of the Foundation's COVID-19 Community Response Fund. The funds will be used to prevent child abuse in children experiencing homelessness, through the San Diego Rescue Mission's Children's Center Preschool program.

Children experiencing homelessness face unthinkable challenges: health problems, tendency for delays in development, emotional distress, and more. The San Diego Rescue Mission provides the county's only free, private licensed preschool for children experiencing homelessness. The goal of the project will be to provide person-centered, strength-based intervention tools to prevent child abuse in children and families. When families are surrounded by a community that cares, child abuse can not only be prevented, but families and homes can be healed and restored.



**The San Diego Rescue Mission provides the county's only free, private licensed preschool for children experiencing homelessness.**

"We're deeply blessed to be recognized by The San Diego Foundation on behalf of regional and community leaders," said Donnie Dee, CEO of the San Diego Rescue Mission. "Through this project, we aim to lift the barriers that

prevent low-income families from receiving high quality education services."

Founded in 1955, San Diego Rescue Mission is a faith-based organization that offers safe-haven as well as restorative care and

rehabilitation services to those in our community seeking to recover from experiencing: homelessness, addiction, abuse and poverty. For additional information about the San Diego Rescue Mission, please visit [www.sdrescue.org](http://www.sdrescue.org).

## Home Start Raises Upward of \$100,000 at "Blue Ribbon" Virtual Event

Home Start, a nonprofit organization dedicated to child abuse prevention and providing evidence-based family strengthening services, successfully raised nearly \$100,000 from its annual "Blue Ribbon" event held this past May. This year's event was titled Blue Ribbon Broadcast for Bright Futures – It's a Family Affair, and was held virtually via Zoom. The theme played on the important family-bonding time that historically happens when families are gathered around a television enjoying famous shows.

"Home Start's board of directors and I are incredibly grateful for the many individuals and businesses who supported our most important fundraiser of the year. These funds are being transformed into life-changing services to help vulnerable local children and families face the unprecedented challenges wrought by the pandemic," shared Laura Tancredi-Baese, Home Start's chief executive officer.

Attendees were treated to an exciting night of games and prizes, a "fun box," and a catered dinner that was delivered to their homes ahead of the virtual event. Previous and current Home Start clients also shared their powerful testimonials with guests and discussed how they were positively impacted by the organization and its life-changing programs. Additionally, a live photo booth and a live auction took place during the program, highlighting amazing travel packages to Dubai, Hawaii, and the Pocono Mountains made possible by airline and resort partners.

Looking forward, Home Start staff are planning for an in-person Hallo-Wine Fall Festival on Saturday, October 23. This is their annual outdoor food and beverage tasting festival fundraiser. However, they will continue to monitor CDC and government guidelines in the coming months for



**Laura Tancredi-Baese (Home Start CEO) presents Lucky Duck Foundation Executive Director Drew Moser with their Home Start 2021 Outstanding Community Partner award.**

outdoor gatherings/events and will ensure their event complies with all necessary recommendations and safety precautions.

For more information about Home Start, or to help support Home Start's clients, visit [www.home-start.org](http://www.home-start.org).

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Centro Cultural de la Raza presents its 50th anniversary with an inaugural weekend of virtual and in person celebrations that will officially kick-off a fundraising campaign to help Centro continue its mission to create, preserve, promote and educate about Chicano, Mexicano, Latino and Indigenous history, traditions, art and culture. From 4 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 10, streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/centrocultural> Facebook Live: Centro Cultural de la Raza, viewable on YouTube after the event at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCznjilM6wjquoX7-ieqOcNgAAC> Centro. An in person reception and poster exhibition will take place from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 11. The event is free and open to the public.

The virtual gala and performance will highlight the past, present and future of the organization as well as its continued florecimiento. The global pandemic brought forth many challenges, delaying the 50th anniversary that was planned to begin July 2020. The virtual Gala on July 10 will highlight the history of Centro through a theatrical timeline, taking the audience through Centro's evolution. Embedded in the timeline are crafted performances featuring participants involved with the organization through the years and currently. Some of the presenters and guest speakers include: DJ Xavier "The X-Man," Laura Castaneda, Ariana Gallegos, Victor Ochoa, Beto Perez, Salvador Torres, Ethan Van Tillo, and Bill Virchis.



The event will draw attention to recent, current and up-and-coming projects such as the mural restoration, digitizing the archive, building improvements, gathering oral histories, community library, La Tiendita, community garden, workshops for children and ways to get involved and support. Even during these difficult months, volunteers and community members have been passionate and invested in continuing the Centro's mission.

The FREE in-person event, to be held on July 11, will feature a poster exhibit in the Centro's main gallery and vendors from the Tiendita which supports local craftsmen. Enjoy music by Los Maniacos and meet the Centro's staff and volunteers.

**Musicians and artists perform at live events for Centro Cultural de la Raza.**



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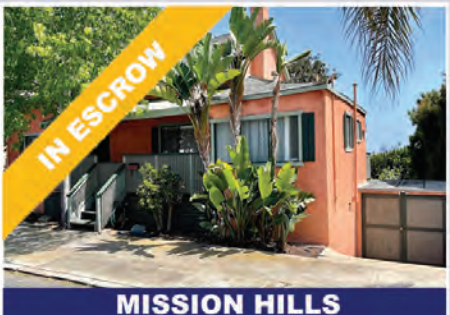


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