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California Resilience Roadmap Stages

»» **STAGE 1**
Safety and Preparedness

- This is where we are now
- Continue to build out testing, contact tracing, PPE, and hospital surge capacity
- Making essential workforce environments as safe as possible

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»» **STAGE 2**
Lower Risk Workplaces

- Gradually opening some lower risk workplaces with adaptations
- Retail (e.g. curbside pickup)
- Manufacturing
- Offices (when telework is not possible)
- More public spaces

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»» **STAGE 3**
Higher Risk Workplaces

- Open higher risk environments with adaptations and limits on size of gatherings
- Personal care (hair and nail salons, gyms)
- Entertainment venues (movie theaters, sports without live audiences)
- In-person religious services (churches, weddings)

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»» **STAGE 4**
End of Stay-At-Home

- Re-open highest risk environments and venues once therapeutics have been developed
- Concerts
- Convention centers
- Live audience sports

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Meet Ingrid Kuo, Owner of Rosemead's Nothing Bundt Cakes

By Chris Ventura

One of the newest additions to Rosemead's growing collection of unique food offerings comes in the form of a delicious cake - bundt cakes. Nothing Bundt Cakes is a national franchise offering a modern take on the traditional bundt cake in unique flavors, like White Chocolate Raspberry and Chocolate Chocolate Chip.

The Rosemead Report spoke with owner Ingrid Kuo to talk about her store, her background in the restaurant industry, and to get insight on her successful business philosophy.

Ingrid Kuo grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. Her family's journey into the restaurant industry began with her father moving to the United States in the mid 1970s. His background was in mathematics and statistics, but to make ends meet, he began working at a local restaurant. It was there that the restaurant owner admired his work ethic and style and offered to train him about the business. Her father then went on to start several businesses of his own—mostly in the restaurant industry. Kuo said that after her father began opening up these businesses, the rest of the family started to get involved—aunts, uncles, her mom, and herself.

Kuo continued the family restaurant tradition and furthered her education in the field. She attended the Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration and worked in New York City at a hotel and a non-profit before becoming a corporate event planner for Morgan Stanley for 8 years.

Several years later, both Kuo and her father ended up moving to California—first her father and then herself.

"I was the oldest of three girls and had worked a lot with my father. I learned everything from him," Kuo said. "We had decided that when we came out to California we would go into business together. He more or less let me decide what it is that we wanted to do, so that's how we ended up with Nothing Bundt Cakes, by applying for a franchise location in Pasadena."

Kuo said that her father was very excited to try something different and to leverage their experience in the industry to run the new bakery. Kuo's father was her business partner. He passed away several years ago.

The first Nothing Bundt Cakes location was in Las Vegas, founded by Dena Tripp and Debbie Shwetz in 1997. Both women, with outstanding dessert recipes, joined forces after receiving accolades from family and friends about their cakes. Following a decade of success, the business became a franchising opportunity for local entrepreneurs nationwide. According to Kuo, the first franchised location was in San Diego and the company currently has over 300 locations across the United States.

"I was applying in 2014 and met with the

owners at that time," Kuo said. "It's really a great company. They're still very involved—the founders are, even though we've grown tremendously."

Over the past 5 years, the number of locations nationwide has nearly doubled.

"It's been tremendous to see how much the company has grown and how much corporate support there is," Kuo said. "They provide all of the operational standards—what the cakes should taste like, what they should look like, how they should be presented, and all the marketing materials."

This is Kuo's first experience owning a franchised operation. She feels that the support from the corporate office is tremendously helpful in allowing her to focus on her staff, daily guests, making sure that products meet quality standards, and giving her the time to go out into the community and make connections.

Kuo was interested in the brand before she even had a chance to taste the cake. She was made aware of their presence in Orange County while in the area but wasn't able to sample it—it was a Sunday and most locations are closed that day. It wasn't until a friend of hers was gifted a cake for a birthday party that she finally was able to sample one. She was immediately impressed and inspired to look into the possibility of opening one in Pasadena, a location Kuo felt would be well served by such a bakery.

According to Kuo there were a number of potential owners before her who were interested in opening up in Pasadena, but at the time of their application, there were no appropriate spaces available for them to open. For Kuo, she was able to find a location within 3-6 months of her franchise application approval. She opened the Pasadena bakery in March 2015 on South Lake Avenue.

Over the years, she noticed a number of her guests were driving in from the areas in and around Monterey Park, San Gabriel, and Rosemead. Kuo also used to live in Monterey Park, so she knew the area well and knew the potential success that would come from opening a new location in this area.

"The goal was always to expand into multiple locations and I thought that would be the next obvious choice because our territories would be adjacent," Kuo said. "It would be easy for me to go from one location to another location, and so we started inquiring about that general area off the 10 freeway between the 710 and the 605."

Kuo first looked into Monterey Park but no appropriate space was available there. A space in Rosemead was available, however, at 3628 Rosemead Boulevard in the Rosemead Place shopping plaza. The bakery fills the space of a previously vacated Radio Shack. The location was a perfect fit for the franchise and Kuo said that the city was very helpful in helping her set up shop there.

"As we were nearing completion of our construction and we were starting to hit snags, I would call the City's economic office and I'd say: 'You know, I'm having trouble with this, do you have any contacts? Can you help me out?' They would literally pick up the phone, call their contacts, and then they'd get right back to me and say: This is who I got in touch with and they should be calling you right away," Kuo said. "They were tracking our progress and they were helping me out and every few days they would check in just to make sure things got done the way they were supposed to be done."

Doors opened this past December and a grand opening was held in mid-January of 2020.

"We had a really great turnout," said Kuo. "We brought out a DJ. We had a face-painter. One of my employees is a professional magician and he's awesome, so we always bring him out to make sure that he's entertaining our guests when we have big celebrations."

Kuo explained what makes for a successful business philosophy.

"The owner has to have the dream and desire to run a business and I think most business owners [who do] really feel like they have something to offer to their community," Kuo said. "For us, it isn't just the cake, which sells itself. For me it's more about being involved, getting to know people, getting to know who's coming in, why they're celebrating, how we can make their celebration better...it's really about engaging and genuinely connecting with the people that come in."

"One of our philosophies is to just really share that joy and to make genuine connections, but what we practice in the business at the forefront is that I serve my employees. I make sure they are taken care of. I take care of my team so that they can take care of our guests. I feel that when that happens, the guests feel that intrinsically and they feel like it's something different. It's not just a corporate-run place—there is a human aspect to it."

Part of being a business owner is giving back the community in which they serve. Kuo has demonstrated a great relationship with the local community and that has been a part of her business philosophy for years.

"Starting in Pasadena, we've gotten involved in several of the city's large charitable organizations by helping them with their fundraising efforts whether we're there actually on site at their galas donating cakes as an in-kind donation or whether we're supporting schools or smaller non-profits with silent auction items for their fundraising efforts," Kuo said. "We almost never say no to any non-profit that comes through and asks for some support. We find a way with our various levels of donation and support to be able to help them and so we plan to replicate that in Rosemead. There's so much need for fundraising."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Project Roomkey Initiative in the City of Rosemead

ROSEMEAD, CA – This week, the City was informed of the County of Los Angeles’ intention to establish a Project Roomkey temporary housing location for up to 127 unsheltered homeless individuals at the **Motel 6 at 1001 San Gabriel Boulevard in Rosemead**. The Project Roomkey Initiative is part of a Statewide effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by seeking temporary housing at hotels and motels for People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) who are above the age of 65 and/or may have underlying health conditions and are asymptomatic.

After receiving notification, the City immediately reached out to County representatives to learn more about the housing location and ask questions. In addition, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments also reached out to the County and requested clarification about the parameter of the program. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the County’s response letter.

As a community, we understand and appreciate the importance of the Project Roomkey Initiative in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19, while continuing to keep our residents and businesses safe. **The County has confirmed that the residents that will be placed at the Motel 6 location in Rosemead will not be screened for a criminal background.** This fact is very alarming and concerning to both the City and the Sheriff’s Department. The City will continue to engage County representatives to learn more about the site and their plan to execute this project. Further, the City will continue to communicate with its residents and businesses to ensure that they are appropriately informed and engaged regarding this housing location.

Keeping the community informed is the City’s highest priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. **The County’s point of contacts are Edith Gonzalez, District Director for Supervisor Hilda Solis, (626) 350-4500, egonzalez@bos.lacounty.gov, Jose Delgado, Director of Government Affairs of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, (213) 225-8492, jdelgado@lahsa.org and Sofia Peralta, Coordinator of Crisis Housing, (213) 797-4582, speralta@lahsa.org.** We will continue to provide updated releases and new information as it becomes available. For the latest updates, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofrosemead.org and social media accounts or contact us at (626) 569-2100.



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PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 4, 2020

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COMMISSION VACANCY NOTICE

Rosemead, CA - The City of Rosemead is accepting applications for positions on the following City Commissions, which will become vacant on June 30, 2020. Applicants selected, will serve a 2-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Appointments to fill these positions will be made by the City Council of the City of Rosemead.

- Beautification Commission Two Positions
- Parks Commission Two Positions
- Planning Commission Two Positions
- Traffic Commission Two Positions

Applicants must be over the age of 18 to apply and reside in the City of Rosemead. Interested applicants should complete and submit a Commissioner Application, no later than Monday, June 1, 2020. An online application is available by visiting the City’s website.

For additional information and qualification requirements, please visit www.cityofrosemead.org or by calling the City Clerk’s Office at (626) 569-2100.

Submittal Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2020, by 6:00 p.m.

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Rosemead Report Deadline 15th of Each Month

E-mail is preferred: news@rosemeadchamber.org

Please submit your press releases, news articles, photos, and ad before the 15th of each month to be published the following month. Our staff has been working diligently to arrange earlier delivery of your monthly newspaper so it arrives at the beginning of the month. Therefore, we must have your information by the 15th of the preceding month to make it possible. Stories submitted must be in Microsoft Word or plain text format and photos in a JPEG format. Stories cannot exceed 400 words. If you have any questions, please call (626) 288-0811.

PUBLIC POLICY

SoCalGas Announces Approval of 10-Year Mobile Home Park Safety Upgrade Program

LOS ANGELES, April 16, 2020 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today announced it has received state approval to provide safety and service upgrades to thousands of additional mobile home park through a ten-year Mobilehome Park Utility Conversion Program. Since its inception in 2014, the program has upgraded infrastructure and enhanced safety at more than 16,000 mobile homes in more than 244 mobile home communities throughout SoCalGas' territory. Now, due to the program's success, the CPUC voted to establish it as a ten-year, ongoing program, authorizing SoCalGas to upgrade up to half of the approximately 132,000 mobile homes in its service territory to direct utility service through 2030.

The MHP Utility Conversion Program is completely voluntary. Participating mobile home communities receive a new, professionally installed gas system that provides enhanced home safety and energy reliability for residents. As direct SoCalGas customers, residents can also sign up for a variety of SoCalGas' energy savings and assistance programs that can help them save money.

"This program will enhance safety for thousands of families across our service territory," said Rodger Schwecke, SoCalGas' senior vice president of gas operations and construction. "With direct utility service, families will also have access to a host of energy savings and assistance programs that will help mobile home park residents save money and live more comfortably."

"As the Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Manufactured Home Communities, I applaud the California Public Utilities Commission's ten-year continuation of the Mobile Home Park Utility Conversion Program," said Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino). "This program continues to help residents of mobile home park communities across California, and I appreciate SoCalGas' participation in this program."

"The process from start to finish was incredibly smooth with minimal issues," said, Jamie Taylor manager of a Gardena, California mobile home park called Los Flamingos Lodge, which had direct utility service installed last

year. "The entire SoCalGas team was efficient and worked seamlessly with our residents to get the work completed in a timely manner. Our mobile park's direct SoCalGas service will help us maintain state compliance guidelines and will allow park management to focus on other areas that can help improve our community for our residents."

Enrique Lopez, a resident at Peter Pan Mobile Village in Compton, California, received direct utility service last year. "SoCalGas did a great job," he said. "Everything is going well, and I am very happy with my gas service."

Mobile home park residents with direct natural gas service will have advanced meters, which allow customers to have access to their hourly natural gas usage on a next-day basis and enable them to better manage their gas usage and save money. New SoCalGas customers will now also be able to set up their own "My Account" to view and pay their bill online, schedule service and/or sign up for paperless billing. Income-qualified customers can also benefit from energy savings and assistance programs that can help them save money. More information about these programs is available at socialgas.com (search "Assistance") or by calling 1-800-252-0259 (available in English and Spanish).

Owners of participating mobile home communities also see benefits. Owners will no longer have to maintain or be liable for privately-owned gas systems and instead can contact SoCalGas directly for service needs. Direct service also saves owners time, since they no longer have to read meters, bill residents or respond to service questions. The program covers costs for installing new utility service at each mobile home community including individual resident meters.

Nearly 80 percent of all mobile home communities in SoCalGas' territory applied to participate in the initial pilot program. For more information about the mobile home park utility conversion program and how to apply, please visit <https://www.socialgas.com/stay-safe/safety-and-prevention/mobilehome-park-utility-upgrade-program>.



Rep. Chu Hosts Virtual Town Hall on Coronavirus for San Gabriel Valley AAPI Community

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27) hosted a virtual town hall on the COVID-19 crisis for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the San Gabriel Valley. Rep. Chu was joined by Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Director of Public Health for the City of Pasadena, and Joyce Lam, Economic Development Program Supervisor at the Chinatown Service Center. Rep. Chu issued the following statement:

"With the economy on hold and people staying home to protect themselves and their loved ones, the COVID-19 crisis is impacting every community in our country. And the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is no exception. But in addition to the strains we are all feeling, the AAPI community faces a number of unique challenges, including the anti-Asian bigotry this pandemic has incited. We need to make sure that everybody is able to survive this crisis together, and that is why I hosted today's virtual town hall so that we could address these unique challenges directly.

"The one threat we all share is the threat of catching or spreading the coronavirus, even if we do not experience symptoms. As a leading local public health official, Dr. Goh was an incredibly valuable expert to help us understand the health risks to the community and how to protect ourselves. There is another threat from

this virus unique to AAPIs though, and that is the threat of xenophobia and violence. Anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents have been on the rise since the coronavirus started spreading with nearly 1,900 incidents reported in the past few months alone. That is why we were honored to be joined by Ms. Kulkarni whose organization is one of the leaders in tracking and reporting hate incidents and providing resources to the AAPI community. And last, we addressed the need to help AAPI-owned small businesses. Since many small businesses are started by immigrants and AAPIs are the fastest growing immigrant demographic, there are a significant number of AAPI entrepreneurs and business owners worried about their future. Fortunately, Congress has made support and relief available, but many of these resources have not been translated into Asian languages yet, even though we included funding for the Small Business Administration to do just that. And so it meant so much to have Ms. Lam on the panel to help our AAPI business owners understand the resources available to them and how to access them.

"It is so important for me to be in touch with my constituents and to hear from them directly about their experiences and needs. The coronavirus has made my typical in-person meetings with constituents impossible, but I am glad so many were able to join us virtually in order to stay as prepared, safe, and healthy."



Tax Relief in Rough Times

We understand that residential property values and businesses may be adversely affected by COVID-19. For property tax purposes, the 2020 annual bill going out in October is based on the assessed value as of January 1, 2020, also known as the lien date.

Property taxes are based on the value of your property, so it is only fair that if a property loses value you shouldn't have to pay taxes on the value that no longer exists.

The assessed (taxable) value of a property is enrolled as the fair market value at time of purchase, plus a maximum inflation adjustment of 2 percent a year. This means that over time the assessed value will likely be substantially lower than the market value if that property sold today. If property loses value, but that market value is still higher than the assessed value, then there is no change because you were not paying taxes on any value above the assessed value to begin with.

Tax relief becomes available if the market value dips below the assessed value - that is, if the property sold today it would be worth less than what it is being taxed at. This is called a Decline-In-Value (DIV). If you think this is the case for your property, you can apply for a DIV review.

If granted, a DIV temporarily reduces the assessed value of a property to account for value loss, until such time as the value is restored. A property granted a DIV is reviewed by the Assessor's Office each year, and any partially recovered value is restored.

A common myth is the Decline-In-Value voids Proposition 13 base year protections. This is false. When value is restored it will not exceed your original trended base value. However, this accounts for the 2 percent inflation adjustments that would have occurred during the period in which the DIV was applied.

Filing for the 2020 Decline-In-Value Reviews begin July 2, 2020 and end November 30, 2020. However, because property taxes are based on the Jan 1 lien date, DIV based on the impact of COVID-19 may not be available in 2020. Should a decline not be granted for 2020, the Assessor's Office will review for a 2021 decline-in-value.

Please contact the Assessor's Office for additional information on the decline-in-value process. We can be reached at (213) 974-3211 or at helpdesk@assessor.lacounty.gov, or visit <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/E-23.pdf>.

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Acts of Kindness

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Lincoln provided Aaron with a ride home that day and money for future Access services. This is just one example that the welfare of our participants is always our top priority. Random acts of kindness are simply business as usual at Lincoln Training Center.

Republic Services Launches 'Committed to Serve' Initiative to Help Employees, Customers, Communities

Republic Services has launched "Committed to Serve," a national initiative to recognize its frontline employees in the field, their families, and small business customers across the country.

Republic Services' 28,000 frontline employees will receive a weekly meal, a weekly dinner for employees and their families, and bi-weekly \$100 gift cards (\$400 per employee) to be spent locally to help stimulate the economy of municipalities they provide solid waste collection services to.



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<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

LA County DPSS:
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<http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss>
and clicking on the YBN logo to get started or by calling 1-866-613-3777

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program:
Text APPLY (for English) or SOLICITAR (for Spanish) to 91997
or go to: <http://www.phfewic.org/apply>

Seniors/Older Adults:
For meals from LA County and City of LA, call 800-510-2020

Additional Food, Income, and Coronavirus supports and resources:
Go to 211la.org or call 2-1-1 (available 24 hours)

All meals will be purchased from local, small businesses to help support Republic Services' customers and the communities it serves.

In the Cities of Rosemead and Alhambra, Republic Services is providing meals to almost 400 employees per week. Over 3,000 meals have been provided by local restaurants, including Di Pilla's Italian Restaurant and T.G.I.F Restaurant in the City of Rosemead, and Charlie's Trio Café in the City of Alhambra.

"Small businesses are often hit the hardest during times of uncertainty. The 'Committed to Serve' initiative is a gesture of support for both our employees and our local small businesses, whom are our customers," said Tania Castaneda, Municipal Relationship Manager with Republic Services and Board Member of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce. "We're committed to be the best solid waste partners we can be in the Rosemead and Alhambra communities. The reaction from small business owners and employees has been pure appreciation. Our employees also feel a sense of pride being able to give back to the local community they serve."

For more information visit RepublicServices.com/CommittedToServe and join the social conversation by using #CommittedToServe #RosemeadStrong #TasteofRosemead #Rosemeadisinthistgether

To request an interview, please contact Tania Castaneda with Republic Services.
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May 2020

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Rosemead Community,

As we continue to navigate the unique situation the current COVID-19 pandemic has created, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank our entire community for the patience and support that has been extended to our Rosemead School District family. As promised, we will continue to provide updates regarding our instructional program and support to students and families.

Summer Program: Due to the "Safer at Home" mandate, we will not be able to offer a traditional summer school program. We are happy to announce that we will host an Extended School Year, English Language Development, and Middle School Distance Learning program to support student learning during the summer. More information regarding our summer programs will be shared with families soon.

Reopening of Schools for 2020-2021: Last week, Governor Newsom outlined six critical indicators the state will need to consider before modifying the stay-at-home order and other COVID-19 interventions, such as social distancing. Newsom stated that "we must be guided by science and data, and we must understand that things will look different than before." Newsom mentioned several hypothetical scenarios for school reopening with social distancing requirements in place including: staggering schedules with some students coming in the morning and others in the afternoon; alternating day schedules; and potential modifications to recess, lunchtimes, physical education, and assemblies. It is important to note that these are just ideas which may or may not be put into place. Whatever physical modifications, schedule changes, and adaptations to routines that may need to be put in place, the safety of our students and staff will continue to remain our primary concern.

Governor Newsom indicated that discussions are already occurring at the California Department of Education, so guidance regarding school reopening, in combination with state and local public health data, will inform our planning and decisions. In preparation for the reopening of schools, we have formed a task force that will be charged with developing recommendations regarding scheduling, daily routines, class configurations, social distancing strategies, and hygienic practices to support the safe reopening of schools in the Fall. We will, of course, keep you informed and seek your input throughout the process.

As we approach the end of the school year, we urge you to consider that the best way to prepare for the future is to focus on the present. Everyone has shown remarkable efforts in adjusting to Distance Learning to provide high quality learning experiences for our students. Our administrators and support staff are working hard to provide meals for students and essential services to keep our schools and district in good working order. Our parents and families are rising to the challenge of supporting instruction in their homes. We all need to continue to maximize our efforts to focus on student learning so our students are well prepared for the coming school year.

Questions about Technology: For questions or issues with Chromebooks or devices, please email: rsdsupport@rosemead.k12.ca.us.

Questions During the School Closure: School secretaries, teachers and administrators are available via email throughout the school closure. You may also call the school phone number, and calls are currently being transferred. Please contact them directly for assistance and guidance.

Meal Service: We are continuing to offer "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch at Encinita, Savannah, and Muscatel from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and supper at Muscatel from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Our Grab and Go meal service supper program will end on May 29, 2020.

The well being of everyone in the Rosemead School District family is our priority during these unknown times. We thank you for your continued support and assistance to ensure our children continue to engage with academics. To help protect our community, we hope everyone in our district community will continue to follow the Safer at Home mandate.

Best regards,
Alicia Rivas-Caba
Superintendent

Educational Services Department

ENROLLMENT - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND 1ST-8TH GRADE

Enrollment for our 2019-2020 school year has begun. We have implemented our online enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/488> to find more information on enrollment and registration.

Preschool Program:
Call 626-312-2900 to reach the Child Development/Preschool department.

Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade Program:
1) enroll online and 2) call the campuses. For more information visit our websites or call our campuses.

Encinita Elementary School (626) 286-3111 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/encinita	Mildred B. Janson Elementary School (626) 288-3150 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/janson	Savannah Elementary School (626) 443-4015 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/savannah
Emma. W. Shuey Elementary School (626) 287-5221 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/shuey	Muscatel Middle School (626) 287-1139 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/muscatel	Rosemead School District District Office (626) 312-2900 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us

Questions:
Preschool enrollment & qualification: contact Mrs. Bella Galvan, (626) 312-2900 x235, bgalvan@rosemead.k12.ca.us
TK-8th gr. & Transfer permits: contact Ms. Myrene Mangali, (626) 312-2900 x230, mmangali@rosemead.k12.ca.us

Important Upcoming Dates:

Day	Date	Event	Time / Location	Questions - Contact
Thurs.	May 7	Regular Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting	Superintendent's Office
Thurs.	May 21	Regular Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting	Superintendent's Office
Mon.	May 25	Memorial Day Holiday	All sites closed	
Fri.	May 29	DAC/DELAC Meeting	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Zoom meeting - details TBD	Educational Services
Thurs.	Jun. 11	Last Day of 2019-2020 School Year		
Thurs.	Jun. 11	Regular Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting	Superintendent's Office



Trails Do's & Don'ts, Planned Beach Re-Opening

The County of Los Angeles is regularly updating resources on COVID-19 and offers update in an effort to keep you and yours informed. Please share the following up-to-date information:

Trails Do's & Don'ts

LA County reopened previously closed trails and parks this past Saturday, May 9th. And while many had the opportunity to return to the great outdoors for a little physical and mental self-care, we remind LA County residents that physical distancing, face coverings, and avoiding gatherings are a must!

Help us keep LA County trails open by following these Do's & Don'ts:

DO'S

- Prepare before you visit a trail. Check with the park in advance, know which areas or services are open, and bring what you need with you.
- Follow all park, trail or nature preserve rules, regulations and any posted access restrictions.
- Stay at least six (6) feet from others who are not members of your household at all times. This might make some open areas, trails, and paths better to use than others. Avoid crowded areas. Everyone needs a face covering at the trailhead/ parking lots and on any trails where there are other groups of people nearby.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

DON'TS

- Don't use trails that you know are crowded. If you can't stay 6 feet away from others that are not part of your household, choose a different trail. If you are on a trail and notice a crowd ahead of you turn back. If it is unavoidable, be sure to wear your cloth face covering as you pass by and do not stop to gather or converse with other groups.
- Don't leave your home if you are sick with a fever or respiratory symptoms or are currently under isolation or quarantine.
- Do not gather in groups or linger at any one location except as needed for brief rests.
- Do not share food or water while out on the trails.

To map out your hike, find a family-friendly hike or for information on incline levels, visit trails.lacounty.gov.

Sneak Peek: Phase I of Planned Beach Re-Opening

The first phase of planned beach re-openings could begin as soon as this Wednesday, May 13th. In an effort to prepare you for the reopening of our beautiful beaches, we offer an overview of what will likely be LA County's "Beach Rules" in Phase I:

1. Only individual or family exercises and activities will be allowed, such as walking, running, swimming or surfing.
2. Face coverings will be required out of the water & around others.
3. Six feet (or more) of physical distancing will be required between individuals outside of the same household.
4. NO: sunbathing, chairs, canopies, coolers, picnicking, sitting or lying on the sand.
5. NO Biking: bike paths, piers & boardwalks remain closed.
6. NO: group sports (such as Volleyball), gatherings or events.
7. If you or people you live with are sick, stay home!
8. Those violating beach rules may be fined or penalized.

While LA County's beaches remain closed, we do want to make sure you know just what to do when the time comes for them to reopen!

COMMERCE

How To Apply for CSFP Over the Phone



The LA Food Bank is now accepting new applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Program Guidelines:

- Must reside within Los Angeles County
- Be 60 years of age or older (must provide date of birth)
- Household income at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (see table below)
- **Please note:**
 - Applications are temporary for a 90-day period (or until the COVID-19 crisis ends)
 - Home-delivery is only guaranteed for May 2020

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Annual Gross Income
1	\$1,383	\$16,588
2	\$1,868	\$22,412
3	\$2,353	\$28,236

Contact Information:

CSFP@lafoodbank.org
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2020: 6 New California Employment Law Updates To Be Aware Of

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For California employers, 2020 carries a whole set of new legal obligations. In this article, we highlight some of these new changes that may affect your business:

AB 5: Employee v. Independent Contractor: Enter the ABC Test

In *Dynamex Operations West, Inc. v. Super. Ct.*, 4 Cal. 5th 903 (2018), the California Supreme Court decided that the “ABC Test” should be used to determine worker classification. Under the ABC Test, a worker is by default an employee, unless the employer can prove the following:

- A) the worker is free from the control and direction of the hirer in connection with the performance of the work, both under the contract for the performance of the work and in fact;
- B) the worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity’s business; and
- C) the worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation or business of the same nature as work performed for the hiring entity.

Certain occupations and professions are exempt from this test: doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, licensed insurance agents, real estate agents, securities broker-dealers and investment advisors, architects, private investigators, direct sellers, and certain professional services workers with their own business (marketing, human resources, travel agents and licensed manicurists, barbers or cosmetologists, etc.), licensed subcontractors in the construction industry, certain referral agencies, and others.

For these exemptions, courts will apply the 11-part Borello test to determine worker classification.

AB 51: Mandatory Arbitration Agreements Prohibited

Employers cannot require applicants or employees to agree, as a condition of employment, continued employment, or in exchange for any employment-related benefit, to arbitrate claims involving workplace claims. The law also prohibits employers from threatening, retaliating, discriminating, or terminating any applicant or employee because of their refusal to sign an arbitration agreement.

The statute provides for injunctive relief and reasonable attorneys’ fees to a prevailing plaintiff who enforces his or her rights under the statute. Employers who violate the law may be charged with a criminal misdemeanor.

SB 778: Sexual Harassment Training

As of 2018, employers with 5 or more employees are required to provide sexual harassment training as follows:

1. 2 hours of sexual harassment prevention training for supervisory employees
2. 1 hour of sexual harassment prevention training for non-supervisory employees.
3. The new law extends the prior deadline of January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021.
4. Training must be provided once every 2 years thereafter and must be completed within 6 months of hiring or promotion.

SB 142: Lactation Accommodation

Employers are required to provide:

- 1) a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee who wants to express breast milk for her child
- 2) use of a private room near the employee’s work area, other than a bathroom, and
- 3) access to a sink with running water and a refrigerator suitable for storing milk close to the employee’s work space, or another cooling device suitable for storing milk.

SB 83: Paid Family Leave

Paid Family Leave (“PFL”) currently provides benefits for up to six (6) weeks through California’s state disability insurance program to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a child within one year of the birth, adoption or foster care placement of the child. Beginning July 1, 2020, the law will increase benefits to eight (8) weeks.

SB 188: FEHA’s Definition of Race

This new law expands the definition of “race” under California Fair Employment and Housing Act to provide that race “is inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.” It also provides a definition of “protective hairstyles,” which includes, but is not limited to, “such hairstyles as braids, locks, and twists.”

Business owners: Is your business compliant with the new labor laws?

To learn more about the new laws that could affect California businesses this year, contact our experienced team of Los Angeles employment law attorneys at Amity Law Group, LLP. Being compliant to these new labor laws can help to avoid potential fines and lawsuits.

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 Car dealership showrooms

 Golf courses* (not including pro-shops or dine-in restaurants)

 Trails, trailheads and parks*

*LA County Parks, Trails and Golf Courses will reopen Saturday, May 9

LA County's Roadmap to Recovery

CHAMBER



SCE'S CUSTOMER CARE RESPONSE TO COVID-19

A full-circle response effort to aid our customers.* For more information, please visit sce.com/safety/coronavirus.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Suspending service disconnects ✓ Waiving late fees ✓ Waiving security deposits Expanding payment assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discounted rate programs Increase in bill assistance grants for low-income customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Suspending verifications for low income rate programs ✓ Waiving physician signature requirement for Medical Baseline program Sign up to receive Spending Alerts – track spending before your bill arrives \$37 Early delivery of October climate dividend credit for residential customers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional outreach for critical care of Medical Baseline customers Partnering with emergency response agencies Sharing recent federal stimulus loan opportunities for small businesses 	<p>EASING FINANCIAL BURDENS</p>	<p>SIMPLIFYING PROCESSES</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area-specific critical outage notifications through Nextdoor 	<p>PROVIDING INFORMATION</p>	<p>CARE DURING OUTAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$50 Rebate for portable battery power stations Providing ice coupons to prevent food spoilage Scheduling critical outages overnight to minimize impact Providing backup generators for Medical Baseline customers Distributing portable battery packs to charge cellphones

* Response efforts are available based on customer eligibility.



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Kuo says that business owners should give back to the community and do it for the right reasons. “It’s super highly important,” said Kuo. “First, you have to have a desire to be involved. You can’t do it [just] because you want to do business. I never go out into any organization thinking ‘Oh, yes if I get involved with this community organization, it’s going to bring me business.’ Usually it doesn’t work out that way.” Kuo continued. “You can’t look at that physical cost, but you have to look at it in terms of: If you want to develop a relationship, what is it that you’re willing to put in? It could be your time, it could be your product, it could be money,” Kuo explained. “I think the most important thing is the human connection aspect of showing that you really care about what these organizations are trying to do, supporting them in any way that they are asking, and just being consistent about it—not just a one-time thing, but really just finding a few organizations that you really, really care about and just participating more and more, and you’ll find that there’s an advantage because then people really trust what you’re doing, what your brand is all about, and what your values are.”

Work (FROM HOME) Wellness



10 tips to enhance your well-being while working remotely

- Get dressed**
As enticing as it is to work in your pajamas, it is not a recommended practice. Getting dressed, brushing your teeth and fixing your hair can help you transition into your workday and make you feel more confident (as well as help you avoid that terrifying moment when your video conferencing camera switches on).
- Set aside a designated work area**
Create and keep a dedicated workspace. Whether it’s a home office, a desk in the corner of your living room or even the kitchen table, make sure it works for you. Pay attention to your body position and eye strain, making adjustments as needed. Try to make your workspace a place you enjoy going to each day by surrounding yourself with things that inspire you. This can help you focus and do your best work.
- Schedule walking meetings**
Walking meetings can be done virtually. This works especially well if both participants are working remotely and commit to the walk. Snap a picture of where you are walking and share it with your walking buddy!
- Take a virtual coffee break**
Much of workplace camaraderie develops in the break room and around the water cooler. In the natural flow of the workday in an office, we can check in with our teammates. While that element is missing in a virtual setting, it can be replicated in cyberspace. Encourage your team to hop on a virtual meeting at a specified time, sit down with their beverage of choice, and chat for 15 minutes.



TASTE OF ROSEMEAD FOOD PHOTO CONTEST

For the month of April & May we will be hosting a weekly Food Photo Contest.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Order food from any restaurants in Rosemead
- Take a photo of your food or restaurant
- Post on Facebook and tag **Rosemead Chamber**, **#tasteofrosemead**, & **Restaurant Name**



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE TOP 3 PHOTOS WITH THE MOST LIKES BY FRIDAY AT 5PM WILL WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD TO A SELECTED CHAMBER RESTAURANT IN ROSEMEAD.

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 - ▶ Are 60-64 and have been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 or are at high risk as defined by the CDC
 - ✓ Live alone or with one other program eligible adult
 - ✓ Are not currently receiving assistance from other state or federal nutrition programs, like CalFresh/SNAP
 - ✓ Earn less than \$74,940 (single) or \$101,460 (two-person household)
 - ✓ Have difficulty accessing food resources or preparing own meals
 - ✓ Live in unincorporated LA County or a city that does not have it's own Great Plates Delivered program

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