Mayor’s Message

Dear Community Member:

In this edition you will find details about Jorge Marín’s Wings of the City unveiling, held in Downtown Santa Ana on Friday, October 27th.

I also share with you some history behind the Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association Annual Christmas Parade.

Lastly, I’d like to congratulate Bureau Chief Paul Walters on his appointment to the Investigations Bureau of the Orange County District Attorney’s Office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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Upcoming Events

December 1-31, 2017
Winter Zoobilation

The Zoo is transformed into a winter wonderland filled with beautiful, original, hand-crafted decorations, train and carousel rides in their full holiday regale, mischievous monkeys and festive weekend entertainment.

November 12, 2017 through March 11, 2018
Bowers Museum
Empress Dowager CIXI

Jorge Marín’s (Wings of the City) Unveiling in Downtown Santa Ana

Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido welcomes the community to the Wings of the City Unveiling on Thursday, October 27, 2017

The City of Santa Ana, in collaboration with the Consulate of Mexico and the Santa Ana Unified School District, hosted an unveiling of (Wings of the City), an outdoor art exhibit consisting of nine bronze sculptures by one of Mexico’s most acclaimed artists, Jorge Marín. The unveiling festivities took place on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm at Plaza Calle Cuatro in Downtown Santa Ana. Over 500 people attended the program, which included lively entertainment from local mariachi and folklórico students, food from Downtown Santa Ana restaurants, and the official unveiling of the main (Alas de México) sculpture. Commemorations by the Consulate of Mexico in Orange County, Mario Cuevas Zamora, the curator of Studio Marín, Elena Catalán, and myself, proceeded the unveiling.

The wings sculptures, which debuted in 2010 as a public art exhibit in Mexico City’s Paseo de la Reforma, have engaged millions of people as they have toured all over the world, including China, Germany, Israel, Turkey, Singapore, and the United States. For more information, please visit www.santa-ana.org/wingsdtsa.

The (Alas de México) sculpture, which is located at Plaza Calle Cuatro, consists of two large, outstretched wings and a frame. The artist encourages viewers to engage with the interactive sculpture by standing on a pedestal directly in front of the wings, posing for photos and videos in between the wings, and sharing on social media using the #WingsDTSA hashtag.
This exhibition is the first of its kind in the United States to explore the empress dowager’s roles beyond politics.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 6, 2018
Pacific Electric Park Ribbon Cutting

February 5, 2018
Roosevelt/Walker Community Center Ribbon Cutting

April 21, 2018
Santa Ana Public Library Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

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Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association Annual Christmas Parade

Santa Ana's Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association celebrates the season in style with their annual Christmas Holiday Parade! Started by Jim Kendrick nearly 20 years ago, this neighborhood tradition brings together families, civic groups, the drum line and bands from Valley, Saddleback and Santa Ana High Schools, the OC Fire Authority, City leaders and others to promote neighborhood involvement and positive activities for everyone. The winners of the neighborhood's annual holiday lighting contest participate in the parade. When the parade first began, Lisa Bist was on the City council and rode in a convertible. Just behind that convertible was Mayor Miguel Pulido who joined and pulled Miguelito, his son, in a wagon, walking the entire route! Tim Rush, a splendor and featured highlight of this event, as Santa Claus brings out the spirit of Christmas for the Wilshire Square neighborhood. Longtime resident Bob Runnels, who was with the Santa Ana Fire Department, secured the restored 1921 Seagrave fire engine for Santa Claus to ride through the parade route. Tim Graber drives Santa yearly and is a major force in restoring and maintaining the vintage engine. For many years, the neighborhood had the honor and great support from Chief Paul Walters who led the parade with SAPD mounted unit.

This year's Wilshire Square Holiday Parade tradition is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm on the 1100 block of South Ross Street!

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Paul Walters Appointed Orange County District Attorney's Bureau Chief

Paul Walters has been appointed as the Bureau Chief of the Investigations Bureau for the Orange County District Attorney's Office. The Investigations Bureau consists of 130 sworn law enforcement investigators and 90 investigative assistants and technical support members, who provide trial support and investigate original jurisdiction cases, according to the DA's press release.

Paul Walters joins the Orange County District Attorney after a long career in government, law enforcement, and the military. He most recently served as Chief of Staff to Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett of the Fifth District, which encompasses 600,000 residents in south Orange County. Walters previously served as Chief of Police for the City of Santa Ana from 1988 to 2012, and worked as Interim City Manager from 2011 to 2013, which overlapped with his work as Chief.

Paul Walters' official swearing in ceremony as Chief of Bureau of Investigations will be held on Monday, December 12, 2017.

To learn more about Chief Walters, click here.

Can you guess what this is?
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