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<b>CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS</b>	
Jan 12	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Jan 19	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Jan 21	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Jan 21	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
No Mtg	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) Meeting 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Jan 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Jan 27	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Feb 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Feb 16	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Feb 18	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Feb 18	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
No Mtg	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) Meeting 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Feb 24	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
No Mtg	Serra Mesa Community Council Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Mar 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### **Ready for a restart?**

Happy New Year and all of the good things that come with it which can include amnesia of the previous year as far as isolation, distancing, kids home from school, and vacations put on hold. If we ever received a message of why we need each other, 2020 showed us. For those of us who lost loved ones due to the pandemic, we offer our deepest sympathy and wishes for peace and comfort. From my standpoint, I think our community did very well and most of us followed the mandates of wearing our masks, maintaining social distancing, and care in washing our hands. I do not know of anyone who has contracted Covid let alone been hospitalized. While the vaccine is out it may be awhile until it reaches our level, we still need to be mindful of our circumstances and continue to “play it safe”. I am so grateful for the medical research people who have created a vaccine in record time even though it seemed forever, it took eleven months and not three years. However, it is possible to look ahead and hope that the worst is behind us and we can get back to “normal” if that can ever exist again.

I want to praise our frontline workers: those who work in the medical field, first responders namely police and firefighters, employees of critical services such as grocery providers and others who need to face all of us daily as part of their employment, teachers who have had to learn a new way to communicate, and parents who have had to alter their lives to provide for our children during our lockdown. While I question some of the sequester directives, I feel that because of those persons who followed the mandates, they have profited especially if they have medical complexities and remain more susceptible to the ravages of this pandemic.

I would like to congratulate our new public servants especially our new City Councilman, Raul Camillo who I have met during our debates. He is a fine man

with great qualifications and a great work history. SMCC is looking forward to interacting with he and his representatives as he has inherited some issues near and dear to our hearts. Our new mayor who we have interacted with in the past as he filled a vacancy for a short time. He deserves our support and respect as he goes about tackling some of our city's greatest problems namely homelessness and vagrancy. He is well qualified, experienced, and motivated. We look forward to working with him as we reach out to represent you our citizens.

As a final thought, my thoughts and prayers are for healing of our nation. As I learned from my football coach in years past, it is important to return to basics. We are all Americans or here because we would rather be here than where we were born. We are a democracy which means we have rights under the constitution which include, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are a nation of laws which are based on basic principles which allow us to live peaceably together. A basic premise is that we are all created equal and should live under the concept of treating others as we wish to be treated. When someone is not treated equally, we should review that condition and correct it. In an effort not to try to oversimplify a basic concept, we can use truth as a measure of what really exists. If we are truthful, we become accountable for our words. If we follow the law, we become accountable for our actions. If we treat our neighbors as we wish to be treated, peace can exist between us and we can work together for the common good. A quote about America is that “America is great because America is good”. We need to conclude that Democracy works and trust the results of our elected officials. In return, our elected officials must realize that we have elected them to act in our stead. Our system is based on the concept that if our elected officials are not acting on our behalf that they should be removed. That method is based on elections and elections must reflect the will of the people through their votes. Elections should be the result of each eligible citizen's vote and be beyond manipulation. Our democracy requires that fair elections be implemented, and the results be accountable.

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## ICOM Academy Prepares San Diegans for IT Work in a Covid-19 Economy

Allura Garis



*San Diego Continuing Education's Cisco Learning Lab*

San Diego residents in search of pandemic resilient jobs can enroll in San Diego Continuing Education's (SDCE's) ICOM Academy (Interactive Competency-based Online Micro-credentialing Academy) for essential information technology skills. Noncredit classes are available at no cost, and due to the pandemic are taught fully online.

"I was worried like everyone else to lose my job," said Danielle Nadeu, SDCE student and information technology (IT) manager. "Fortunately, the current climate is reaffirming why we do what we do in the first place. Everyone needs IT support right now."

California Governor Gavin Newsom declared the communications and information technology sector part of the essential workforce in March 2020.

"The technology industry will survive the pandemic and will be here long after a post COVID-19 Economy," said Carlos Osvaldo Cortez, Ph.D., SDCE President. "For people in immediate need of job security, ICOM Academy is a great place to start."

Like many San Diego residents who need to upskill, Nadeu looked forward to being inside SDCE's lab classrooms but adapted to the change. Remote learning provided her unique opportunities, recorded lectures, virtual operating machines, and free computer software.

Nadeu has been working her way up in the IT industry for years, a career industry she didn't know existed as a Boston University humanities graduate. After completing the Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) certificate and Security Essentials certificate in SDCE's ICOM Academy, she was offered a temporary contract through LinkedIn with Bristol Myers Squibb, a global biopharmaceutical company.

"SDCE allows you to stand out on your resume with education and specialized certifications. You will learn things in class that you would not learn on the job," said Nadeu. Six months into her contract, Bristol Myers hired Nadeu full time as a Laboratory Operations Systems Manager earlier this year.

SDCE is enrolling now for the spring semester. To enroll visit, [SDCE.EDU](https://www.sdce.edu).

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Poison Control Center	(800) 876-4766
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RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)	(858) 495-7990
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Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
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2:00-6:00 p.m. Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday  
Closed Sunday.

**Community Sports Information:**  
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SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625  
Serra Mesa Senior Softball:  
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Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on  
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## Dependent Elders Need Our Help Now More Than Ever

By Mara W. Elliott



As City Attorney, I've made it a priority to protect the most vulnerable in our communities, especially children, domestic violence victims, and elderly and dependent adults.

Some of the most disturbing cases our office handles involve elderly and dependent adults who reside in Independent Living Facilities (ILFs) that do not comply with local and state laws intended to keep residents safe. An ILF offers rooms in a single-family home for rent to people who often have no other residential options because they do not have family or friends to look out for them and they lack financial resources. Most ILFs are responsible and law-abiding and are often the only housing option that keeps these renters from being on the streets.

Now, as the pandemic continues, our most vulnerable are especially at risk because many are completely isolated from outsiders, especially medical professionals. Routine interactions that might have raised a red flag about the treatment of a resident aren't happening, and might not happen anytime soon.

Since ILFs aren't nursing homes or assisted living facilities, they aren't licensed or overseen by the County or the State, and this can lead to serious and potentially deadly problems for members of our communities. We've encountered ILFs that subject their tenants to truly deplorable conditions, including rodents, cockroaches, and bed bug infestations, and serious code violations including exposed electrical wiring and non-working carbon monoxide detectors. In one case, inspectors found the residents wearing filthy clothes, and the owner admitted he'd unplugged the washer and dryer because he didn't want the tenants wasting water.

In several cases, inspectors have arrived to find a tenant in such bad physical shape that they had to be immediately hospitalized. City inspectors found one

resident lying naked, disheveled, and unresponsive in a dirty, trash-strewn bedroom.

Our Office launched a concerted crackdown on substandard ILFs in 2018. In most cases, we file criminal charges, seek penalties against unscrupulous owners and operators, and shut them down.

Recently, our Office charged an ILF operator with 23 criminal counts, including willful cruelty to a dependent adult, theft, and embezzlement. A paraplegic man in his care had to be transported to the hospital after paramedics found him covered in feces, suffering from severe bedsores, and hooked to a catheter that hadn't been changed in weeks. Another resident had his \$800 Social Security check stolen by the operator.

When I realized a team approach was required to hold ILF operators accountable for their abuse and exploitation, I established the Independent Living Facilities Vulnerable Victim Program in our Criminal and Community Justice Division. I've also hired a Victim Services Coordinator to work with prosecutors to ensure the safe relocation of residents. Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, our investigators continue to conduct extensive site visits to build criminal cases against problem ILFs.

Because the pandemic makes it more difficult to monitor ILFs, we need your help looking out for seniors and the medically fragile who have no family or friends nearby.

You can help us protect people from predatory ILF operators by keeping an eye out for them in your own neighborhood. Sometimes the residences that house these vulnerable individuals are the site of frequent disturbances, or so poorly kept that they are an eyesore in the community.

Please call the police if you see suspicious activity at homes where it appears vulnerable residents may be living in a group setting.

SDPD non-emergency lines: (619) 531-2000 or (858) 484-3154. Always call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

You can also contact our Victim Services Coordinator at (619) 533-5678 or by emailing [cityattorney@sandiego.gov](mailto:cityattorney@sandiego.gov).

With your help, our work to protect San Diego's most vulnerable residents will continue despite these challenging times.

*Mara W. Elliott is the San Diego City Attorney*



## **Serra Mesa Little League News: Spring Registration is coming!**

The holiday season is here, which means Spring baseball is right around the corner. We are gearing up for another fun and exciting season of Little League Baseball in our community.

### **Spring Registration**

Registration for the Spring 2021 season is coming soon, please visit our website/Facebook page for more information: [www.serramesalittleleague.org](http://www.serramesalittleleague.org).

Baseball activities will be commencing in February and continue through May.

The Spring Baseball Divisions include Tee Ball (ages 4-6), Rookies (ages 5-6), CAPS (ages 7-8), Minors (ages 9-10), Majors (ages 11-12) and Juniors (ages 13-14).

### **Calling all Volunteers**

As an all-volunteer league, we are reliant on our community members for support throughout the season. Whether you are a grandparent, a parent fondly recalling your child playing Little League, or simply a proud member of our community, we would love to have you join the 2021 Little League family. We have several opportunities to help, from coaching to helping with field maintenance and more. Please contact [serramesalittleleague@outlook.com](mailto:serramesalittleleague@outlook.com) to find out more.

### **Support Little League Baseball in Serra Mesa**

Are you looking to promote your company or service? Sponsorship of Serra Mesa Little League is a great way to let the community know about what you offer and that you support youth sports. Start your sponsorship before the season starts to take advantage of all the promotional opportunities, including field banner, logo on our website and more. To learn more visit our website at [www.serramesalittleleague.org](http://www.serramesalittleleague.org) and click on Sponsorships.



## Sharp Health Care to Modernize Medical Campus in Serra Mesa

*Project Will Help Meet Community's Future Health Care Needs*

Sharp HealthCare is set to break ground in early 2021 on a modernization project that will transform its Serra Mesa medical campus in order to meet the community's future health care needs.

The project – spurred in part by new state laws requiring hospitals to meet strict earthquake-safe building rules – will expand Sharp Memorial Hospital's emergency room, upgrade outdated and undersized surgical and procedural areas, and increase onsite parking.

The project begins in April with construction of a new parking structure at the southern end of the medical campus, near Vista Hill Avenue. The structure will mainly be used by construction vehicles until later in the project, when employees will be able to park there. Sharp will also build a new Central Plant to produce more efficient heating, cooling, and electrical power to the campus; and construct a new connector that will integrate surgical services at Sharp Memorial and Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns.

One of the most visible elements of the project will include a new two-story annex along Frost Street that will house a larger emergency room and operating rooms for Sharp Memorial. Construction will begin in late 2021 and last about two years. Sharp's current emergency room and surgical services will remain open during this time.

“We're excited to embark on this important project,” said Arghavan Pajouhandeh, Sharp's director of campus planning and development. “Sharp HealthCare has served San Diego and its Serra Mesa neighbors for more than 65 years, and our steadfast commitment has always been to provide our community with the highest-quality health care. This project ensures that we can continue to meet this promise into the future.”

Annually, Sharp Memorial and Sharp Mary Birch care for more than 33,000 hospitalized patients and perform more than 20,000 surgeries. Nearly 100,000 people visit Sharp Memorial's emergency room each year.

*Stay tuned for future updates about Sharp's medical campus modernization.*



### **New Frost Street Tower**

Construction will begin in late 2021 on one of the most visible elements of Sharp's modernization project in Serra Mesa – a two-story addition to Sharp Memorial Hospital that will house an expanded emergency room and larger operating rooms.

### Project Proposed for Former Serra Mesa Library

The City Council will be considering a proposal by Community Housing Works' to build 26 units for chronically homeless youth and young adults on this .336-acre site at 3440 Sandrock Road with on-site case management provided by YMCA Youth and Family Services. Target date for opening is August 2023.

The proposal was the result of a competitive Request for Proposal issued in February by the City's Real Estate Asset Department for building supportive housing on sites available to lease. As of press time the proposal was still being negotiated and was not available to the public.



### Serra Mesa Planning Group News

The Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) is officially recognized by the City and makes recommendations on land use issues to the City. SMPG meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm. Because of COVID-19 online meetings are being conducted. Next meetings: January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org)

SMPG's bylaws allow fifteen Board members. On March 18, 2021 SMPG will conduct an annual election for board members for two year terms. Anyone who is at least 18 years old, affiliated with the community as a property owner, resident of Serra Mesa, or a local Serra Mesa business person and who has attended two SMPG meetings in the last six months is eligible to be elected. The City provides training. See <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources>.



### Illegal Use at Murray Ridge/Mission Center Lot

The northwest corner of Murray Ridge/Mission Center Rd, 8692 ¼ Mission Center Road, is a vacant lot zoned RS-1-7 (refers to residential development). The lot is surrounded by a fence with barbed wire at the top and as of press time is being used to store vehicles.

On August 7<sup>th</sup> a Request for Investigation was submitted, case CE-0518810. Staff issued a Civil Penalty Notice and Order on September 17<sup>th</sup>; latest Administrative Citation, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The owner of the property is in violation of residential zone, fencing (visibility), electricity charged and sharp fence regulations.

Corrections required:

- Cease use of vacant lot as a vehicle storage yard
- Remove fencing that exceeds 3ft in visibility area (corner) and front and street side property lines
- Remove all sharp pointed fencing
- Remove mesh as fencing material

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the City's zoning investigator, Code Enforcement Division (CED), indicated that "the owner has not contacted CED, however, we are pursuing compliance." He, also, clarified that a hearing is only scheduled if the owner appeals the administrative citations.

Slow moving wheels of justice!

## **Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library**

(858) 573-1396 [facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/)

Email Questions to [weblibrary@sandiego.gov](mailto:weblibrary@sandiego.gov)

Under the guidance of the CA Department of Public Health and San Diego County's Public Health Officer, 12 San Diego Public Library locations are open for limited in-person services Monday – Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and will be closed from 1-2 pm for cleaning. Online library services, Contactless Holds Pickup, and all book drops are available to the public. For the most up to date information please visit the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Facebook and the San Diego Public Library homepage <https://sandiego.gov/public-library>

### **Contactless Pickup Service**

While the Serra Mesa-Kearny Branch Library is closed for in-person service, we provide access to physical materials through our limited Contactless Pickup Service, as well as at an additional 12 Pickup Service Locations. Place holds at <https://sandiego.gov/public-library> and find more information and for updates about Contactless Pickup Service at <https://sandiego.gov/public-library/pickup-service>

Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
All library services will be unavailable between 1-2 p.m. for sanitation break.

### **Limited In-Person Service**

12 locations are now open for limited In-Person Services. For everyone's safety, browsing is not allowed at this time. Limited Services include Computer Usage (up to one hour), Printing, Holds Pickup, Light Reference and Reader's Advisory, Getting/Renewing a Library Card.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
All library services will be unavailable between 1-2 p.m. for sanitation break.

Limited In-Person Service Locations:

- Central
- Carmel Valley
- College-Rolando
- La Jolla/Riford
- Logan Heights
- Mira Mesa
- Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox
- Mission Valley
- Point Loma/Hervey
- Rancho Bernardo
- San Ysidro
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X

### **List of online library services available for you 24/7:**

- **eBooks, eAudiobooks and Digital Magazines:** take a look at our eLibrary resource, we've got some new resources for the kids and adults <https://sandiego.gov/eLibrary>
- **Online Book Clubs** <https://sandiego.gov/bookclubs>
- **Videos:** <https://sandiego.gov/public-library/program-videos>
  - [Learn Bicycle Repair & Maintenance](#)
  - [Library Opera Insights Series](#): a series of free lectures for the community by San Diego Opera and UC San Diego

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- Virtual Hub: virtual library media collection <https://sandiego.gov/sdplvirtual>
- medici.tv: classical music channel

### **Virtual Monday Morning Storytime with Ms. Carrie**

Join Ms. Carrie, on Zoom, Monday mornings at 10am for virtual stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills.

Register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-monday-morning-storytime-ms-carrie-22>. When you register for one storytime, you will receive an email with the Meeting Room and Passcode good for storytimes until March 29th, so you do not need to register for each session.

### **Serra Mesa Book Club**

Join the Serra Mesa Book Club virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. For registration, contact library staff at [smstaff@sandiego.gov](mailto:smstaff@sandiego.gov)

January 12<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore and February 9<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orleans.

### **Library NEXt 2021**

In partnership with Sally Ride Science, Middle Schoolers can sign up for the *Virtual Wellness in the Digital Age* program, which will take place on Tuesday, January 19 from 4:30-6:00pm. In this class students learn how to set healthy boundaries for use of electronic devices and look at the benefits of cultivating mindfulness and a growth mindset, and of making time for play. For more information and to register, visit <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-wellness-digital-age-1>

### **Winter Reading Challenge 2021**

Join the virtual Winter Reading Challenge from January 1<sup>st</sup>-January 31<sup>st</sup>. San Diego residents of all ages are encouraged to take the challenge by reading 5 books or for 5 hours to receive free passes to the Museum of Us, free food from Subway, and a coloring puzzle for children or a doodle journal for teens and adults. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/winterreading>



## Franklin Ridge Road Connection Lawsuit Appeal

**Appeal:** Filed on May 21, 2020. The appellant brief was filed on December 22, 2020. Next step is for the City to file a brief.

**Background:** An environmental lawsuit regarding the approval of the road connection from Phyllis Place in Serra Mesa to Civita in Mission Valley was filed on November 27, 2017. A 501(c)3 nonprofit Board, composed of representatives from Civita and Serra Mesa, sued to protect public safety and the quality of life in Civita and Serra Mesa. On January 28, 2020, more than two years later, the San Diego County Superior Court ruled against the environmental lawsuit. The decision supported the City’s process.

**Donations:** Thanks to all of the generous people who have donated to this cause and made the fundraising effort a success. **Some additional funds are needed.** Turn your concerns about the road connection into action. Donations are tax deductible. Online donation information is at <https://savecivita.com/take-action/> or checks can be addressed to Save Civita and mailed to Save Civita, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193.

**More information:** <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/> (includes appeal, briefs, and judge’s ruling) and <https://savecivita.com/>.

Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition



### 'Tis The Season Of Opportunity

San Diego has a new Mayor, Todd Gloria, who has already offered support to Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition (MGEC).

Last January, MGEC requested then California Assemblymember Todd Gloria to sponsor legislation to require all general aviation airports in the state to offer unleaded aviation fuel alongside toxic leaded avgas that only a minority of general aviation planes need to use for safety.

Although, it was decided that requirement might conflict with federal law, Assemblymember Gloria garnered the support of Assemblymembers Brian Maienschein and Dr. Shirley Weber, and sent a letter to then Mayor Kevin Faulconer urging him to assure that Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport will offer unleaded aviation fuel and commit to ongoing efforts to phase out leaded avgas.

Mayor Faulconer did nothing, but we can be assured that Mayor Todd Gloria will do everything possible to get unleaded aviation fuel offered at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport which sits right across Aero Drive from Serra Mesa.

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February 6, 2020

Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
 City of San Diego  
 202 C Street, 11th Floor  
 San Diego, CA 92101

RE: RFP for Operation of Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport, Leaded Fuel

Dear Mayor Faulconer:

As state legislators representing affected constituencies, we are writing to request that the City of San Diego consider the adverse health impacts of leaded fuel in negotiating a new contract for operation of the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport.


The City has a responsibility to minimize safety hazards for residents caused by this municipal facility. The severe adverse health impacts of leaded fuels have been documented for decades. Aviation fuel is the only leaded transportation fuel still in use. Alternative unleaded fuels exist for several aircraft types and efforts to develop complete replacement fuels are ongoing.

Concerned residents of our districts have asked for swift action to reduce harmful lead emissions at the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport, which is in close proximity to many homes and businesses. This solicitation, and the signing of a long-term lease with a new operator, represents a rare and significant opportunity to address the issue.

As decision makers review proposals and negotiate a lease contract, we urge the City to seek assurance that the operator will offer unleaded aviation fuel and commit to ongoing efforts to phase out leaded fuels. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
 TODD GLORIA  
 Assemblymember, 78<sup>th</sup> District

  
 DR. SHIRLEY WEBER  
 Assemblymember, 79<sup>th</sup> District

  
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 Assemblymember, 77<sup>th</sup> District



TODD GLORIA, 78<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

Thank you for your request of Assemblymember Gloria to consider authoring legislation. Changes to existing laws and the enactment of new statutes can be significant and the potential consequences of those changes, both intended and unintended, must be duly evaluated. Thus, all proposals undergo a lengthy vetting process by legislative staff. In order to assist Assemblymember Gloria and legislative staff with the evaluation of your proposal, please provide detailed responses to the questions below.

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### 2. PROPOSAL SUMMARY: Briefly describe the proposal.

All general aviation airports which sell aviation fuel for piston driven aircraft in the State of California shall be required to offer *unleaded* aviation fuel to all aircraft capable of utilizing it within three years. Said airports may contract with Fixed Base Operators to sell unleaded, or may act as their own vendor to offer unleaded aviation fuel for sale.

Unleaded aviation fuel may be offered alongside leaded avgas which only a minority of piston driven planes absolutely need to use for safety.

The sale of *leaded* fuel for all aircraft capable of utilizing *unleaded aviation fuel* shall be eliminated within five years, but the sale of leaded fuel for the minority of planes which absolutely need to use it for safety shall be allowed to continue

### 3. PROBLEM: Describe the problem(s) that the proposal would address.

Piston-engine aircraft operating on leaded aviation gasoline are one of the two largest remaining aggregate sources of lead emissions to air in the U.S. according to the EPA. The EPA reports piston-driven aircraft generate nearly 50 tons of lead pollution annually in California alone.



**We wish you a very happy and safe New Year 2021**

Quentin Yates, MGEC President  
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