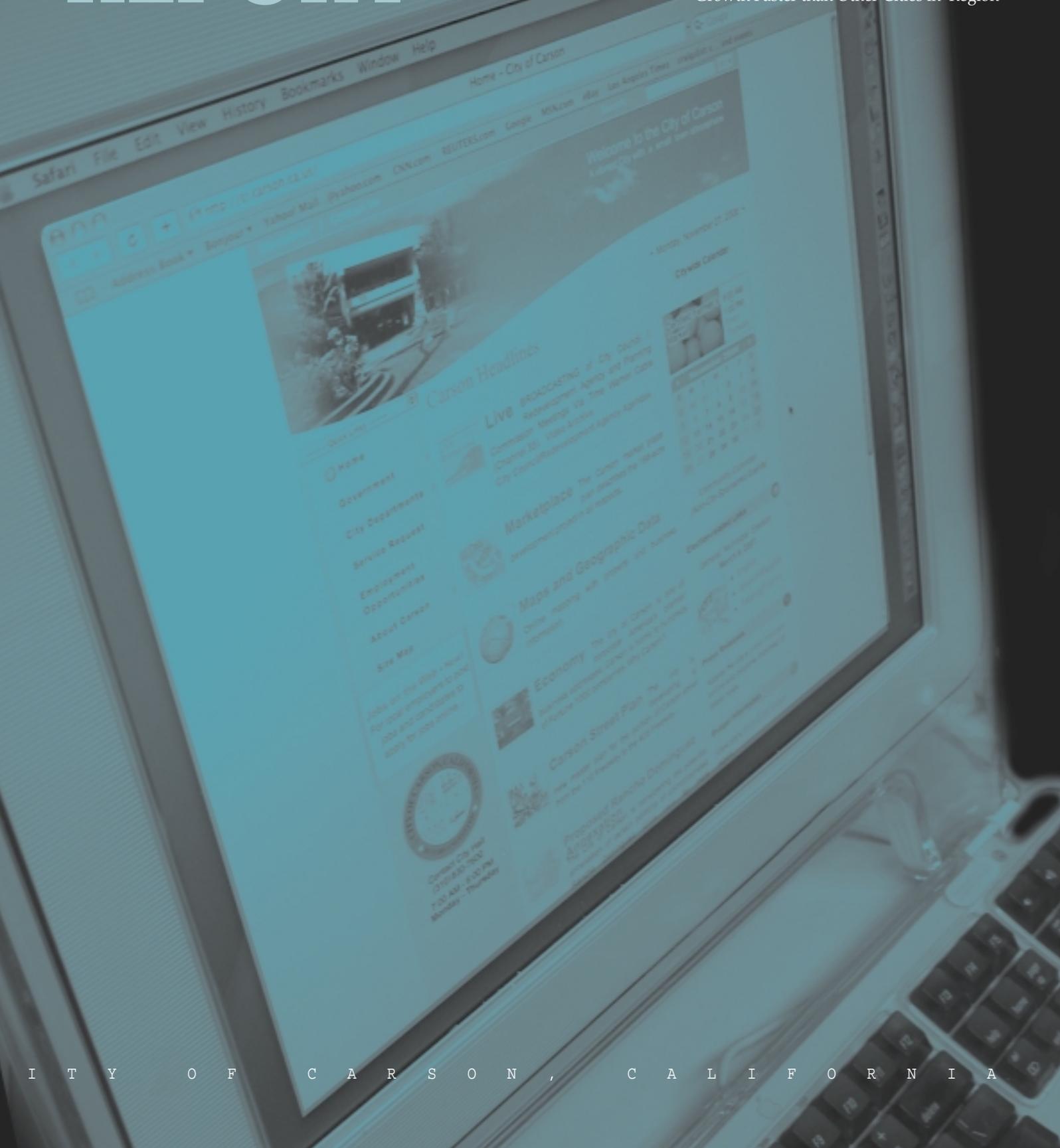


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City Eliminates Budget Deficit Through Bonds Refinancing

The City of Carson has eliminated its budget deficit and now has a balanced budget after the investment it made through assessment district bonds five years ago has created \$1.6 million in net proceeds.

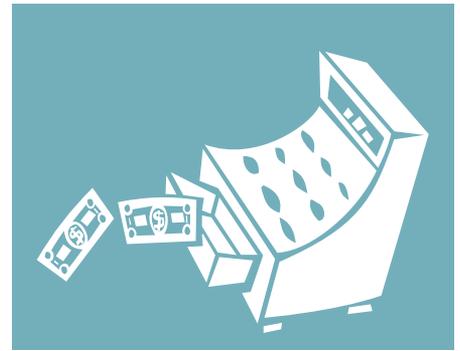
Early this year, the City Council borrowed \$1.6 million from its reserves to balance its budget for the current fiscal year. The proceeds from the bonds will peg the City's reserves at over \$25 million. In combination with the City's \$62 million annual General Fund budget, this represents a 40 percent reserve, a figure

that is much higher than most cities in Southern California.

The City Council unanimously voted to begin the bond refinancing procedure at the October 17 council meeting, and described the latest development as a "demonstration of strong private and public partnership that resulted in a win-win situation for both parties."

In August 2001, the City issued over \$32 million in assessment district bonds to fund public improvements at Dominguez Technology

Center, a 440-acre industrial property owned by Watson Land Company and the Carson Company.



The significant increase in property value resulting from the completion of public improvements over the last five years, along with the

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City Website Has a Brand New Look

The City of Carson's website has recently been completely redesigned and now sports a modern and dynamic look.

In addition to the new look, the website is now more user-friendly and easier to navigate, even for those who are not computer-savvy.

Watching the live videostream of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting, and accessing the archive of meetings, agendas and minutes are also now easier to do with the website's new design.



The new website contains comprehensive and up-to-date information about Carson, the City government and its various departments, a calendar of events, status of City projects, online mapping with property information and bidding opportunities.

One of the special features of the new website is the "job on the web" section, which allows local employers to post job openings and job

seekers to submit applications online. It also has an online contact form for service requests and inquiries, and soon will allow users to conduct business transactions, such as making payments online.

The new site also contains useful links to other agencies that serve Carson.

To check out the City's new website, please visit <http://ci.carson.ca.us/>

City Council Unveils Tribute to Nation's Motto

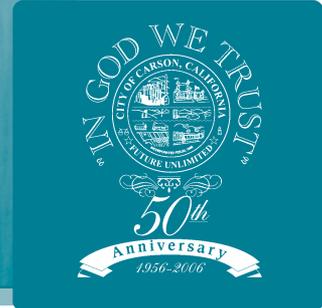
City of Carson elected officials led the community in unveiling a wood commemorative plaque and brass letters that read "In God We Trust" as a tribute to the 50th anniversary of our nation's motto.

The plaque and the brass letters are now displayed in the City Council chambers on the second floor of Carson City Hall, following an unveiling ceremony that took place on November 21.

The phrase "In God We Trust" first appeared on U.S. currency in 1864, and in 1956, Congress enacted a law making it the national motto. The motto has since been reproduced on all U.S. coins and every dollar bill printed



Brass letters (above) and a wood plaque (right) are now displayed at the Council chambers.



by the Federal Government. The motto is also displayed above the entrance to the US Senate Chamber and above the speaker's dais in the House of Representatives.

Earlier this year, which marks the 50th year of the law to adopt the phrase as the

national motto, the City Council voted to display "In God We Trust" on two locations within the Council chambers.

The wood plaque is now displayed on the south wall of the Council chambers, while the brass letters are installed on the wood paneling behind the Council dais

Carson Seniors Recognized for Outstanding Service to Community

Hundreds of senior citizens from Carson packed the Carson Community Center on October 17 for the annual Senior Recognition Luncheon.

This year, in addition to the 12 outstanding senior citizens awards presented to senior volunteers in the Carson community, two special honorees were also recognized and recognitions were presented posthumously

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Awardees in the Senior Recognition Luncheon pose for a commemorative photo after the ceremony held on October 17.

Carson's Growth Faster than

No other city in the region comes close to Carson in economic growth and developing prosperity, Carson's Mayor declared during his annual State of the City Address held on November 2 at the Carson Community Center.

"Who would have thought that Carson, which only became a City 38 years ago -- and where landfills and junkyards are a common sight-- is not only comparable, but in fact faster in growth to other cities that were incorporated long before us?" the Mayor said at the event, which is organized yearly by the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

In describing Carson as "getting to be a better and better place to live, work and play," the Mayor summarized the City's achievements, stating that big businesses are entering the city, new homes adorn its streets and the City has a healthy and balanced budget with equally healthy reserves."

"Our roads and infrastructure are constantly being improved, our parks and facilities upgraded and we have become a technologically-savvy city. We have great programs and services of our citizens and we are strongly committed to make our streets safe for our citizens.



The ongoing makeover at the SouthBay Pavilion has brought Chili's, Target and many other new stores to Carson.

A major economic development over the past year, the Mayor said, is the close of escrow on the Carson Marketplace, the impending development on the giant vacant property on Del Amo Boulevard, west of the 405 freeway.

Under the proposal of Steve Hopkins Real Estate Group and LNR Property Corporation, Carson Marketplace will comprise close to two million square

feet of a mixed-use complex with a wide array of restaurants and entertainment venues, big box retail stores, a hotel with a conference center and over 1,000 residential units of for-sale or for-rent residential units.

Remediation construction on the Carson Marketplace -- which the Mayor described as " a project that will go down in history as a milestone in transforming Carson into a

Other Cities in the Region

modern, clean, safe and prosperous community" - is expected to begin in 2007.

Another major achievement in the area of economic development is the ongoing makeover that is taking place in the SouthBay Pavilion, where the grand opening of Chili's Bar and Grill opening in September marked the second biggest opening in the company's history.

In addition to the new Chili's restaurant and Target, which opened in 2005, other recent openings and reopenings at the mall include the Washington Mutual Bank, Big 5, Coffee Bean, Radio Shack and Jamba Juice. The Carson location of 24-Hour Fitness is also expected to open soon.

The construction of a new retail mall, which will be anchored by the El Pescador

Seafood Restaurant is also expected to start next spring at the Avalon/Albertoni site, adjacent to the 91 freeway.

The Mayor also pointed out that Carson is outperforming other South Bay cities in the creation of workforce housing, as evidenced by the number of newly-constructed homes, ongoing construction and application for constructions approved over the past year. Workforce housing, he said, is "essential for the economic health of the South Bay."

Other accomplishments that the Mayor enumerated in his 30-minute speech include the upgrade of City facilities, among them the Senior Citizens Technology Center, infrastructure improvements, expansion of city programs and services, and big strides in the area of technology.



Successful advocacy programs for Carson's senior population is one of the City's accomplishments for the past year.



A rendering of the mixed-use Carson Marketplace, which will rise on the giant vacant property on Del Amo and the 405 freeway.

Patriotic Ceremony Marks Celebration of Veterans Day

The Carson City Council led the community in joining the entire nation in observing Veterans Day on November 11.

The celebration, which was held at Veterans Park, featured traditional military rites and patriotic musical numbers and was enjoyed by a wide

participation from various veterans organizations, local civic groups, and members of the community.

Veterans Park is home to the City's Veterans Wall, where names of local residents who have served in the war are displayed.



Carson Seniors Recognized for

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as part of the Senior Wall of Loving Memories to senior citizens who made contributions to the Carson community.

This year's special honorees include former Mayor and Councilmember Kay A. Calas -- a known champion for the elderly and a strong supporter of all senior programs - and Ruby Robinson, founding member of the Carson Women's Club

who offered countless hours preparing meals for the sick and shut-ins.

The 12 senior awardees are Harold Banks, Ana Cariaso, Arlo Dundas, Gloria Estrada, Patricia Evans, Eleanor Loock, Carol and Raymond Park, Francis Poblete, James Thomas, Wilma M. Wilson and Rufina "Penny" Yan.

Five new names will adorn the Senior Wall of Loving

Memories at the Carson Community Center's Carson-Dominguez Room. They are Merle Arcy, Martin Dunbar, Elder Reverend Tuiofu Foisia, Sr., Sadie Maxine Thomas Norrell and Harold A. Pitts.

The Senior Recognition Luncheon and Senior Wall of Loving Memories are projects of the Carson Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

Bonds Refinancing

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decline in interest rates and the change in market conditions has now allowed the City to lower the assessment rate on the property, and also created an opportunity to realize a profitable return by refinancing the bonds.

Prior to the development of the property, which is located between Victoria Street and



University Drive and east of the Cal State Dominguez Hills campus, Dominguez Technology and the area surrounding it used to be an abandoned oil operation site. The property now houses nearly three million square feet of state-of-the-art development which includes the regional office of FedEx Ground, Northrop Grumman, Epson among others.

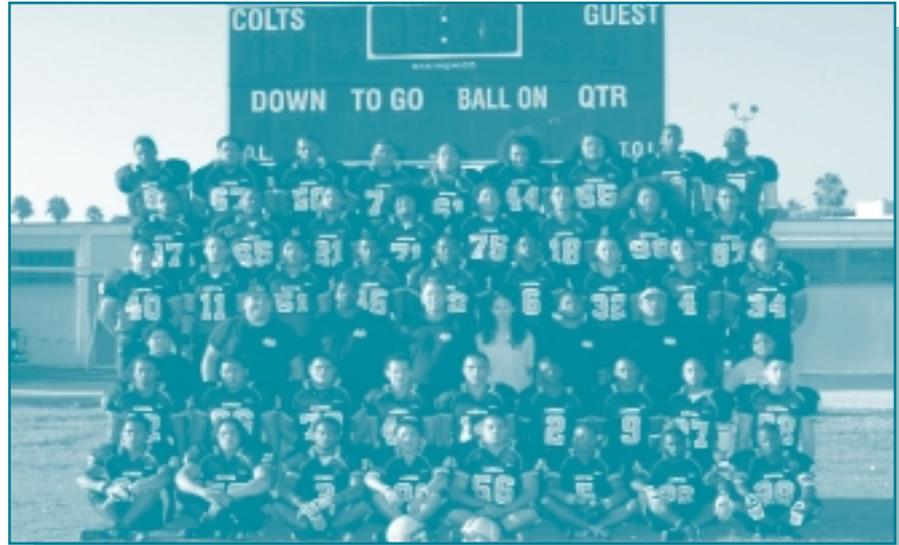
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Athletics, Academics and Motivation are Key to Carson Colts' Successful Year

The Carson Colts, Carson High School's Varsity Football Team, is positioned to complete the season in flying colors, following a highly impressive record that can be attributed to a fine balance between athletics, academics and motivation.

The team's offensive lineup, comprised of Matt Hunt, Sean Enesi, Andrew Perez, Sala Tela Pelo Fa'asee and Marrell Presley are described as the "heart and soul" of the Colts, and mostly responsible for the Colts' current standing (9-3 as of presstime). And then there's Jack Sula, an offensive running back in his junior year, who has had 1800 rushing yards this season, making him second on the all-time rushing single list for Carson.

At the helm is Coach Michael Christensen, who took over this year and whose new system may just have been



The Colts attribute their success to a balance between athletics, academics and motivation.

the formula to a winning season. The formula involves discipline, not only on the field and in the weight room, but also in the classroom, as evidenced by random grade checks of his players. He sets high expectations, emphasizes discipline and instills his philosophy among his players. The result is trust, motivation, teamwork and success on the field.

"Coach Christensen sticks to his guns when it comes to taking care of responsibility," says Carson High's Athletic Director Richard Masson who also complimented the new coach's work ethics and open communication approach as responsible for the renewed confidence among students, parents and administrative staff.

Carson Seniors are Ballroom Dance Champs

Carson senior citizens Alice Argel and Orlando Green were big winners in the senior ballroom dance contest held during the L.A. County Fair in September.

The pair represented the City of Carson at the contest and won first place in Rhumba and third place in Cha-Cha. Argel and Green are longtime Carson residents and attend

ballroom dancing classes offered at the Carson Community Center.





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Meetings

Meetings are in City Hall and the Community Center unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public.

City Council/Redevelopment Agency 6 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Citywide Advisory Commission 7 p.m., 2nd Thursday (Only when necessary)

Economic Development Commission Noon, 1st Thursday, Community Center

Environmental Commission 6:30 p.m., 1st Wednesday

Fine Arts and Historical Commission 7 p.m., 1st Monday

Human Relations Commission 6:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday

Parks and Recreation Commission 6:30 p.m., last Thursday

Planning Commission 6:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Public Relations Commission 12:30 p.m., 4th Tuesday,

Public Safety Commission 6:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday

Public Works Commission 6:30 p.m., 2nd Monday

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission 4 p.m., 2nd Monday

Veterans Affairs Commission 6 p.m., 3rd Monday

Women's Issues Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., 4th Monday

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board 6:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Youth Commission 7 p.m., 2nd Wednesday

Relocation Appeals Board (Meetings are held when required)

Sister Cities Association 7 p.m., 4th Wednesday

Beautification Committee 5:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday

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CITY OF CARSON POSITION STATEMENT

Carson is a vibrant city with a small town atmosphere where relationships are important. This is clearly visible throughout the community, from the stable single family neighborhoods, which make up nearly eighty percent of the city's residences, to the partnership between businesses and volunteer driven agencies which strengthen the city's remarkable social fabric.

The social composition of Carson is California in miniature. It is a city with a balanced ethnic and cultural mix living together in harmony and prosperity.

The community takes pride in the large percentage of Carson students who attend college, many to California State University, Dominguez Hills, a valuable asset to the city.

Carson's strategic position in the heart of the powerful economic engine that is Southern California attracts international corporations which recognize the city's bright future. The city's proximity to the West Coast's two major ports, as well as its intersection by four Southland freeways, makes it a major gateway to the Pacific Rim.

We, the people who live and work in Carson, take pride in our city and will continue to build relationships which ensure that future.



English/Tagalog and English/Spanish Speaking Pollworkers Needed for Election Day March 6, 2007

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