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(310) 952-1786

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Street Maintenance
(310) 847-3520

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(888) 467-7600
(310) 847-3520

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(310) 847-3500

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California Water Service
Company (310) 257-1400
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Company (800) 999-4033

Meetings

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

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

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

Beautification Commission
6:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday

Economic Development Commission
8 a.m., 1st Thursday
Community Center

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

Cultural Arts Commission
6 p.m., 1st Monday
(only when necessary)

Human Relations Commission
6:00 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
12:00 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

Technology Advancement & Innovation Commission
6:30 p.m., 4th Monday

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

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

Youth Commission
7 p.m., 2nd Wednesday

Historical Committee
6:30 p.m, 4th Wednesday

Utilities Users Tax Citizen's Budget Oversight Committee
(only when necessary)

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

Relocation Appeals Board
(only when necessary)

Community Civic Engagement Board
6:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday

Sister Cities Association
6:30 p.m., 4th Wednesday

Elected Officials

Mayor
Albert Robles

Mayor Pro Tem
Jawane Hilton

Councilmember
Elito M. Santarina

Councilmember
Lula Davis-Holmes

Councilmember
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FRAUD HOTLINE

The City of Carson has established a Fraud Hotline to fight fraud and protect taxpayer's dollars. The Hotline is an option for anyone wishing to anonymously report illegal or unethical activity on the part of the City, its officials, employees, contractors or vendors. The Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and interpreters are available in 20 different languages.

Calls placed to the Hotline are confidential and handled by a third party vendor. You do not have to give your name and your call is not recorded through the use of recording devices, caller identification equipment or any other means.

The City of Carson has taken a pro-active step against fraud by establishing the Hotline. In the event that you become aware of unethical, illegal or irresponsible activity, don't ignore it. Call the Fraud Hotline toll-free telephone number at 1-877-7 HOT TIP or 1-877-746-8847.

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.

CITY OF CARSON RECEIVES 2018 SILVER BEACON AWARD

On September 13, 2018, during the League of California Cities Annual Conference, the Institute for Local Government awarded the City of Carson the 2018 Silver Beacon Award and the Spotlight Award in the Sustainability Best Practices for the following environmental achievements: 17% Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions; 26% Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions; and 9% Energy Savings.

Carson converted over 1,000 exterior lighting fixtures to LED at 12 City facilities (9 of which were parks). Annual energy savings: 720,000 kWh and we received a one-time incentive from SCE in the amount of $162,000.

"We are honored to receive the 2018 Beacon Award as we continuously strive to improve our environment and reduce our carbon footprint and amount of greenhouse gas emissions. We are proud to provide a sustainable future for our residents and future generations in Carson and the entire region as the environment does not recognize city, county, state or country boundaries," said Carson's Mayor Albert Robles. "We all call Earth home and should treat it like home."

For more than ten years, the Beacon Program has encouraged, supported and recognized voluntary action by local governments throughout California to address climate change, promote energy innovation to create more sustainable communities. It is the dedication and innovation of local government such as Carson that is making a difference.

BEACON AWARD

SILVER LEVEL BEACON AWARD

17% Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions

26% Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions

9% Energy Savings

Silver Level Award in Sustainability Best Practices

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR TREE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS?

Remove all decorations (ornaments, tinsels, etc.) and metal or plastic stands. Wooden tree stands may be left on the tree. Flocked trees are okay

Place your tree curbside the same day as your regular service. For multi-family with bin service, trees can be left in the enclosure area

Do not place your tree in a bag

Cut trees over six feet (6') tall in half

A separate WR truck will pick up your tree on the same day as your regular service **(Dec. 26, 2018 – Jan. 12, 2019)**

Your tree will be reused as compost or mulch

QUESTIONS? CALL WASTE RESOURCES AT (888) 467-7600

SEE A PROBLEM? We can fix that.

Introducing the new Citizen Engagement App, where citizens can put in various service requests within the city that need attention.

- Graffiti
- Pot holes
- Traffic Lights
- Illegal dumping, you name it!
- City Code: Car 01

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK

2 FREE WAYS FOR CARSON RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE AMERICA RECYCLES DAY!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CITY HALL PARKING LOT
701 E. CARSON STREET, CARSON, CA 90745

PROOF OF CARSON RESIDENCY REQUIRED
NO COMMERCIAL/ BUSINESS WASTE

Recycle your old electronics: Computers, TVs, copiers, VCRs, cell phones, DVD and Blu-Ray players, and microwaves.

Recycle your confidential documents safely and conveniently. All paper will be shredded on-site.

Shredding may end before 12:00 p.m. if paper capacity is reached early.

EXTRA RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SERVICES NOVEMBER 12 -16 ONLY

During this week only, residents can get the following extra services for free:

- one extra pickup of up to three 30-gallon bags of trash
- one extra pickup of up to three 30-gallon bags of recycling
- one extra pickup of up to three 30-gallon of greenwaste
- one extra bulky/e-waste pickup, up to four items

Set the bags out next to your carts on your regular service day (please mark what's in the bags so they are properly handled).

Bulky/e-waste pickups still need to be scheduled by phone up to noon the day before your regular service day, but will not count towards your limit (once per quarter or number of units per year).

Tel: 888.467.7600 **Fax: 310.366.7606** **www.wasteresources.com**

Waste Resources
Today's Waste, Tomorrow's Resource

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

BY CAPTAIN JASON SKEEN

Working Together Teams a a proven

Block Captains Wanted:

The Carson Sheriff Station and city of Carson Block Captain Program relies on the efforts of community volunteers. The Block Captain's Program works to unite law enforcement, private organizations, and individual citizens in a city-wide effort to reduce crime and improve our community. The goal of the program is to assist with crime prevention awareness and to empower residents and business operators to become active in community efforts. Block Captains have played a critical and valuable role in keeping deputies and detectives apprised of issues in our community.

Quarterly Meetings are held in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, and the Safety First, Act Now program amongst many other organizations, to provide information to the Block Captains.

Block Captains help make your neighborhood safer, they receive crime trend information and share their concerns. For more information about becoming a Block Captain, please contact Public Safety Specialist Raeann Muñoz at 310-835-5039.

New Additions to Carson Station:

Carson Sheriff's Station is constantly evaluating concerns relative to crime and quality of life issues. During 2018, we created a couple of new teams and augmented existing programs to adjust for trends in the community.

Homeless Outreach and Service Team (HOST)

We created a Homeless Outreach and Service Team (HOST Team). The team was staffed by two experienced fulltime deputies and was supported by 13 other specialized team deputies when needed. The new HOST Team started the year with a goal of developing a level of trust with the homeless community. The Team collaborated with churches, community and homeless advocates, the Health Department, non-profit organizations, homeless outreach experts, and city and county departments to have a positive impact on a growing issue in the South Bay. The HOST Team worked with all of these entities to clean several homeless encampments and to provide services to the homeless. The HOST Team also engaged those living in vehicles to warn and hold them accountable for local and state laws while assisting those interested in services.

Investigative Social Media Team

We also developed a Social Media Team. The Team consisted of collateral duties for a lieutenant, detective, and two special problem team deputies. The Team's focus was to monitor the ever-growing social media community and to provide proactive enforcement, collect evidence, and engage victims who were previously unknown to us.

We found several instances where crimes were being committed but were not reported to the Carson Sheriff's Station. The Social Media Team obtained search and arrest warrants leading to multiple arrest and the confiscation of stolen property, narcotics, and weapons.

Mental Health Evaluation Team

This last year we added a Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET Team). The MET Team consists of the partnering of a specially trained mental health deputy and a mental health clinician who respond to calls for service with Carson patrol deputies where mental illness issues are present. These calls for service can include family disturbances, suicide attempts, barricades, and homeless outreach. The MET key tactic in supporting a constructive interface between deputies and those suffering from serious mental illness, as well optimizing our redirection of such individuals away from incarceration toward treatment programs.

Patrol Enforcement Additions

With the support of the city leaders we earmarked funding for a dedicated city lieutenant. Once the position is filled this supervisor will oversee all of the contracted patrol, traffic, and specialized enforcement teams. City officials also added funding for two additional traffic units consisting of a motorcycle deputy and a traffic unit. An increase in residential and commuter population over the last several years has caused an increase in traffic violators and vehicle collisions. The increase to our traffic enforcement cadre was a critical addition to our law enforcement program. We have also obtained specialized commercial traffic training for a couple of our traffic enforcement deputies to enforce commercial trucking laws and inspect commercial vehicle equipment.

Emergencies 9-1-1

Calls for Service (310) 830-1123

Watch Commander (310) 830-1123

Community Relations (310) 847-8386

Visit our website at www.carson.lasd.org

Applications for the

Christmas Family Assistance Program

CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION
Community Relations Office
21356 S. Avalon Boulevard, Carson, CA 90745

Applications are available between the following dates
in the Carson Station Lobby for Carson residents ONLY:

November 26 - November 30, 2018 and December 3 - December 7, 2018
Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 2 PM
(Closed Saturdays & Sundays)

ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

1. **Photo I.D.** - Valid Current CA Driver's License or CA I.D. card. No Passports.
2. **Provide** Birth Certificates, Social Security Card, or Proof of Medical Insurance and proof of dependency for all children and adults you are applying for.
3. **Proof of Expenses** - Current rent or utility bills in your name and address. No P.O. Box.
4. **Proof of Household Income** - All income must be reported. Applicants can bring current payroll stub, SSI award letter, or other income verification.

Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Donated toys and food will be distributed on Saturday, December 22, 2018 here at the Carson Station Visitor Parking Lot. For more information, contact Community Relations Staff at (310) 847-8386 or (310) 847-4019.

This program relies solely on donations. There is NO GUARANTEE that applicants will receive assistance. Applicant's information will not be shared to other organizations

WHAT WILL CARSON BE LIKE IN 20 YEARS?

General Plan Update

CARSON 2040

Have you ever wondered where residents of Carson will live, work, and play in the future?

The City of Carson has launched an exciting new project: the update of our General Plan. The update provides Carson with an opportunity to take look at its successes and chart a course for a new era of development that fosters a vibrant and sustainable community, responds to an increasingly diverse and aging population, and addresses challenges that the city faces.

Working together, we will create a long-term vision for Carson and a roadmap to get there. You have the opportunity to help create the vision and planning principles that will guide this important process: What will the next 20 years hold for Carson?

OBJECTIVES

Carson's updated General Plan will address issues spanning all aspects of life in the city. The project's primary objectives include:

- Working with the community to articulate a vision for the city, and translating this vision into a viable implementation program
- Ensuring balanced land use development that benefits residents and businesses
- Fostering transportation improvements that allow people to easily and safely get around the city by driving, walking, biking, and/or taking transit
- Enhancing quality of life and community character
- Improving the City's fiscal and economic health
- Revitalizing the community for a diverse, aging, and changing population
- Coordinating with regional planning initiatives and State mandates regarding

What area does the General Plan Cover?

As required by State law, the General Plan update covers all land within the city limits of Carson as well as its defined Sphere of Influence, which includes some unincorporated areas directly adjacent to the city.

Process

Updating the General Plan involves four main phases. Each phase builds on the last and will involve community discussion. The project began in July 2017 and is expected to conclude in late 2019, once the updated General Plan is adopted by City Council.

Tell us what you think!

Workshops and public meetings will be held throughout the process. No matter how much time you have, there are ways to contribute and make your voice heard. You can provide ideas and suggestions by coming to meetings and workshops, writing to the City, and participating in whatever ways are convenient for you.

Please sign-up for updates on our website

www.carson2040.com

Contact Us

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malexand@carson.ca.us • 310-952-1700 ext. 1326

GENERAL PLAN FAQS

The General Plan is a 20 year framework for the City's future. The plan informs current and future decision makers where we've been, where we are today, where we want to go, and how we intend to get there.

6 FACTS ABOUT THE GENERAL PLAN

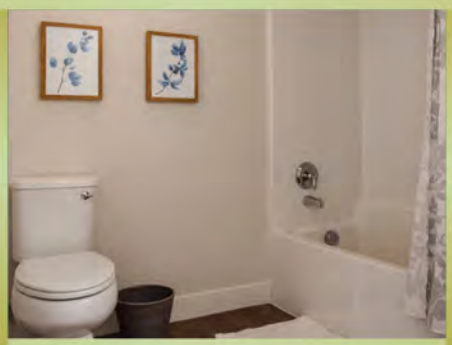
1. Defines the City's biggest assets and challenges for the future.
2. Makes recommendations about the type and character of development appropriate in different areas in the City.
3. Recommends and prioritizes policies, actions and resources to achieve the visions of the plan.
4. Serves as the guide for growth (development and redevelopment).
5. Provides recommendations to the City in developing future capital budgets.
6. Serves as a guide for future zoning recommendations throughout the City.

GRAND OPENING NEWS

BELLA VITA

A four-story mixed-use building with 65 affordable residential units for seniors and 3,000 sf of commercial space opened on September 27, 2018. This project was developed by Affirmed Housing is one of the leading companies in its field. They take pride in creating affordable sustainable communities that enhance the surrounding neighborhood. The beautiful complex has already filled its vacancies.

For more information please call or visit www.affirmedhousing.com



KUYA NIC'S

Authentic Filipino cuisine that tastes like your big brother made it.

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Carson, CA 90745
(310) 872-3752
Monday-Saturday
10 A.M. - 8 P.M.
Sunday
9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

CHINŌLLŌ

Making healthy food that tastes fantastic and at the same time affordable.

18415 S. Avalon Boulevard
Carson, CA 90746
Monday-Saturday
11 A.M. - 8 P.M.
Sunday
Closed

CAREER SERVICES OFFERED:
Assessment
Career Counseling
Computer Workshops
Training
Career Workshops
Job Club
Internet Job Search
Career Resource Library
Job Placement Assistance
Labor Market Information
Phones, Faxes, Computers and Copiers

BUSINESS SERVICES OFFERED:
Developing recruitment strategies
Marketing / Publicizing of position(s)
Identifying required skills/skills testing
Generating qualified applicants
Screening resumes and applications
Pre-screening applicants (interviewing)
Reference/background checks
Referral of finalist
Profiling position

CONNECT WITH US

South Bay One Stop

SouthBayWIB

South Bay Workforce Investment Board

South Bay Workforce Investment Board
South Bay One Stop Business & Career Center

SUMMER IN JAPAN
CARSON SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

An opportunity to visit Soka, Japan awaits 6 Carson students with a yen to travel.

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Between the ages of 16 - 21 (at the time of travel)
- A full-time student at a high school, college or university
- Maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA (last 3 semesters or last 6 quarters)
- A Carson resident for at least one year
- A member of the Carson Sister Cities Association
- A holder of a valid passport (and valid travel visas for non-US citizens)
- Able to pay half of the cost of the airfare and all personal expenses for the trip
- Must sign agreement to host visiting students to Carson

TRAVEL DATES: JULY 27 – AUGUST 10, 2019

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience living in a foreign country for two weeks, and gain first-hand knowledge and appreciation of the culture and history of Soka, Japan, Carson's sister city. Participants will live with Japanese families during the visit and take part in various events and family activities.
For more information, please call (310) 952-1740.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

Women's Issues Commission

The Women's Issue Commission is comprised of twelve women who have committed themselves to helping the less fortunate, particularly underserved women and their families. This group operates on a budget of "Love" as they do not use city funds. Commissioners discuss and agree on an amount that each will donate, out of pocket as they plan projects. No one is obligated to give, however all of the commissioners give regularly throughout the year.

In 2016, the Women's Issues Commissioners took a fresh look at avenues on how to best serve and assist women in the community. They investigated Human Trafficking, battered women, homelessness and senior care. They agreed to assist the underserved homeless, battered women, and senior women living in care facilities. The commissioners learned that the Carson Sheriff's Station refer homeless and battered women to surrounding shelters, since Carson does not have one. After a few visits and outreach to the surrounding shelters, the commission decided to focus on the **Lydia House** in Long Beach and the **Carson Senior Assisted Living Facility** on Carson Street.

Carolyn Foster, Chair of the Commission said that her most fulfilling project was last year at the Lydia House where they fed over 50 women with donations from El Pollo Loco. The women had enough to have seconds and to pack plates to take home to their families. " There was a lady there who never had El Pollo Loco chicken before and was so grateful, things we often take for granted." Commissioners donated water, soda, lemonade, cups and plates and volunteered time to assist in serving and clean up.

This past May the group decided they wanted to do something special for Mother's Day at the Carson Senior Assisted Living Facility. A talented commissioner made scarfs and beautiful handmade gift boxes in the shape of purses for twenty-five residents as Mother's Day gifts.

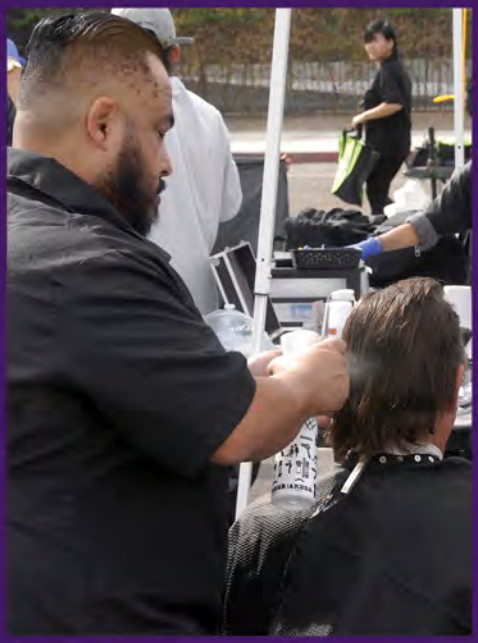
The Commissioners visited the Lydia House's stock room to see what items they were lacking. This year each commissioner agreed to donate a minimum of $15 toward the purchase of blankets and toiletries for the female residents.

At the nucleus of the organization's drive for creating new projects is their love for giving. They find giving rewarding. Yolanda Fielder enjoys shopping for items and often gives items she personally likes. "We don't give them junk or cheap stuff." In a time where people are driven to do things because it can benefit them, this Commission finds new ways to serve others. "It feels good to give and good things come from doing good for others."

Want to learn more about how you can donate to the Women's Issues Commission?
Please email the Chair, Carolyn Foster at ccfrsf@sbcglobal.net

CARSON'S HOMELESS RESOURCE FAIR

FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND YOUTH



The City of Carson along with the SPA 8 Coordinated Entry System presented this year's Homeless Resource Fair. The event took place Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Dominguez Aquatic Center. PATH, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority and Harbor Interfaith Services were a few of the event sponsors who participated. Thirty vendors offered an array of services. Each attendee was given a card upon arrival which they get stamped at each booth that they visit.

The number of homeless in the area has increased since last year. The majority of homeless in the area are vehicular. This event increased its resources to accommodate the increase. This year also included more resources for families such as the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) School on Wheels project which provides mobile tutoring services. There was also a valet service that allowed guests to check-in their personal items while they perused the fair.

The event provided linkage to housing, HIV and STI testing, medical services and enrollment information. Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Centers provided health screenings and did blood pressure checks. People were also able to receive flu and hepatitis shots. Many attendees received free hair cuts and got their hair washed and styled by 14 cosmetology students from Victory Career College.

The fair transformed attendees from head to toe allowing them to shower, shop for free clothing and shoes in Calvary Chapel's thrift store. Carson employees and AFSCME members donated toiletries and undergarments for the fair. Cudahy Nail Spa donated flip flops for participants to use while they showered and another organization provided towels.

Many homeless have lost or don't have any form of identification which can hinder them from being able to receive resources that are available to them. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), had a booth that assisted participants with obtaining California identification cards and driver licenses. The One-Stop Carson Career Center's booth provided information on job placement.

A hearty meal was provided and served by Calvary Chapel Southbay and Victory Outreach of Carson. California Water provided water bottles. Carson Public Works provided waste disposal.

Part of the event's success is a result of the hard work of the volunteers, Calvary Chapel Soutbay, Victory Outreach of Carson and the Carson Sheriff's Station who all go out and distribute flyers to the local homeless. They all interact with these individuals throughout the year and are familiar with the places that they frequent. The Carson Sheriff's Station also assisted in providing round trip transportation for attendees.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:
Homeless Count is on **January 23, 2019**
For more information contact the Human Services Department or visit LAHSA https://www.theycountwillyou.org/

Domestic Violence Hotline:
(800) 978-3600

PATH (People Assisting the Homeless Hotline: (562) 457-0205

LA-HOP- Homeless outreach portal-to request outreach services
www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE FIGHTS

FABELA CHAVEZ BOXING CENTER 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HISTORY

Alexander "Fabela" Chavez was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 15, 1929. At the early age of 8, Fabela moved to East Los Angeles, California with his family. He continued to attend school in East Los Angeles up until he reached 6th grade. At the age of 11 years old, he started to sell newspapers in order to make money.

When Fabela turned 13, he was asked if he wanted to fight at a local gym. The only issue was California law stated that no minors under the age of 18 were allowed to box. However, this setback did not stop Fabela from pursuing boxing. He was extremely determined. At age 15, he was able to obtain a false identification card that stated he was 18. The fake ID had the name Rod Fabela. This is how he was able to start his boxing career at such an early age. By the time Fabela was 18, he had already fought over 169 bouts. This included amateur, professional, and exhibition of which he only lost six. Fabela's passion for boxing kept him busy. However, he eventually met the love of his life and they spent the next 55 years together. They had 4 beautiful children.

By the end of Fabela's professional boxing career, he had fiercely fought over 380 bouts. He then decided to give back to the community by running a boxing center in Carson, California from 1975 to 1999. This boxing center would later be named after him: the "Fabela Chavez Boxing and Weightlifting Center."

Armando Santana, Sr., last living original pioneer of the Fabela Chavez Boxing Club

Fabela's ultimate goal was to teach children about his devotion to boxing. He strongly believed that a very important asset to boxing was discipline. Fabela was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in 1993.

PCYC Gold Coast Boxing Team Attendees

DINNER

A formal sit down dinner took place around 6:30 p.m. A delicious meal featured a garden salad, barbeque chicken, an array of vegetables, macaroni and cheese, and buttery dinner rolls. Others chose to skip dinner and start their evening by watching the fights. Over three hundred people attended.

Boxing Coordinator Eddie Rodriguez and Recreation Center Supervisor Janny Noa

ONE-TWO-THREE PUNCH

The event featured bouts that were organized by weight class and experience. Five Fabela Chavez Boxers competed which featured a 65lb Junior Olympian, 95lb Junior Olympian, 130lb Junior, Olympian, 162lb middle weight, and 192lb Light Heavyweight Senior. Senior Coach Jermaine Lefeiloa'i, Coach Gustavo Delgado and Volunteer Coach Arturo Velasquez were all there to show their support. Many local clubs joined the evening's bouts.

A few of the special guests who were honored included Brian Ortega (#1 UFC Contender-Featherweight), Alex Chavez (Fabela Chavez's son), Adrian Chavez (Fabela Chavez's grandson), and Chavez's daughters were also recognized. Other special guests who were in attendance were Ricky Romero, Kevin Payne, and Efren Esquivias.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the celebration from start to finish. For many the event was more like a family reunion. The night concluded with a live performance by Latin Nation. The Fabela Boxing Center has truly made an impact on this community and the attendance reflected it.

CARSON MAKES HISTORY
with a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® title holder for Most people making slime simultaneously

"The community friendship day was a big success. We broke the world record for most people making slime "slimeultaneously". I had a lot of fun making slime, but most importantly, this whole event provided a positive impact on our community. I am especially proud of all those who took part in this event to break this world record. I saw that everyone had a fun time, especially the kids," said **9-year old** Joey S. Malana.

(Age correction, 9 at time of event now 10 years old)

CARSON CITY HALL
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
ACCEPTING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

Do you have your passport?

Standard Fees (but not limited to):

PASSPORT MINOR (under 16)

Book	Card	Both
$80	$15	$95

PASSPORT ADULT

Book	Card	Both
$110	$30	$140

(Payable by check or money order to the US Department of State)

Execution Fee: $35
(Payable to the City of Carson by cash, credit or debit)

Monday - Thursday
7 A.M. - 4 P.M.
(Walk-Ins Only)

For more information, please call (310) 233- 4891

IT'S NOT JUST A BITE

Mosquitoes spread West Nile virus.

Protect yourself and your loved ones from mosquito bites.

- **Wear mosquito repellent when you're outdoors. Use spray, wipes or lotion.**
- **Cover, clear, clean and throw away items that can hold water and breed mosquitoes.**

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