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Live, work, play: Alderwood Mall and Avalon Alderwood Place, the next evolution in living



(L-R) Adam Tritt, Chief Development Officer and EVP at Brookfield Properties, Jerry Irwin, Senior General Manager of Alderwood, Mike Blank, Vice President of Development at Brookfield Properties, Katie Perkins, Senior Development and head of leasing for Alderwood, Josh Deckelbaum, Vice President of Leasing at Brookfield Properties and Gabe Levijarvi, VP of Property Operations at AvalonBay Communities. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—The innovative concept of Brookfield Properties to reinvent Alderwood Mall into a mixed-use shopping and residential experience with the new Avalon Alderwood Place has been an overwhelming success according to Jerry Irwin, Senior General Manager of Alderwood.

“We are really excited about the project,” Irwin told the Lynnwood Times. “It is no secret that the face of retail is changing, and the property has done a great job evolving over the years... We were able to take a department store and transform it into an exciting and vibrant living community.”

Residents will soon enjoy more dining experiences with the Paris Baguette and Shake Shack opening soon at the mall, Josh Deckelbaum, Vice President of Leasing at Brookfield Properties, told the Lynnwood Times. He and his team are curating fitness, more entertainment and additional dining option for the whole family.

“Brick and mortar is alive and well,” Deckelbaum said. “A lot of the digitally native brands have realized they need a presence. Once they have opened in that market, their online sales go up tenfold. We are thriving here at Alderwood and excited about the future.”

Because of the forecasted supply chain issues with home delivery services, Irwin shared that the security of knowing you have your Christmas gift in-hand is an added advantage and peace-of-mind consumers are looking for this holiday season.

“The great thing about shopping here is not only the experience...but you can pick up what you want, take it home, wrap it up and put it under the tree and you know it is there for Christmas Day,” Irwin said.

Opening in September of last year, the thriving 328-multi-family residential community of Avalon Alderwood Place is at 96 percent capacity with several ground-floor retail businesses coming in 2023. The 40,000-square-foot Dave & Buster’s restaurant and arcade

opened in August. From job postings on indeed and a statement to the Seattle Times by Todd Hall, planning manager for City of Lynnwood, Dick’s Sporting Goods is also rumored to be opening in the former 100,000-square-foot Sears parcel.

“Alderwood Mall has been around for the last 43 years and has served as one of the major economic engines for the region but it’s no secret that retail is changing, Mike Blank, Vice President of Development at Brookfield Properties, told the Lynnwood Times. “This sort of takes it to that next evolution.”

Brookfield Properties teamed with AvalonBay Communities to redevelop the mall’s East entrance into a mixed-use six story development. The 328-unit property serves as the “front door” to the mall and provides much-needed housing in one of the fastest growing counties in Washington state.

“We’ve paired together the Brookfield expertise with the Avalon expertise to, hopefully, create the next iteration of what does a mall become,” Katie

Bucklew, Vice President of Mixed-Use at AvalonBay, told the Lynnwood Times.

Apartments at Avalon Alderwood Place range from studio to two bedrooms with full amenity packages including a full fitness center, an interactive indoor and outdoor lounge area with barbecue, and even a dog park. As far as security, the residential community is a controlled access building with a closed garage and has both mall security and a courtesy patrol available for residents.

The new Avalon Alderwood Place at the Alderwood Mall coincides with the city of Lynnwood’s “City Center” downtown vision as it prepares for growth in the upcoming years, particularly with the opening of the Link Light Rail station in 2024. The City Center vision underwent an extensive planning effort in the early 2000s, that was stalled due to the Great Recession between 2007 and 2009.

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Puget Brass' Music for Neighbors in Need holiday concert is coming to Lynnwood to raise awareness for the homeless



Puget Brass performing at Lutheran Church in October of this year. Source: Puget Brass

ABOUT PUGET BRASS

Formed in 1999, Puget Brass is a British-style brass band that performs traditional and contemporary literature throughout the greater Seattle area. Puget Brass players volunteer their time and efforts to perform for and educate the general public about the unique sound of traditional British brass band music. Their mission is to entertain, educate, and inspire their community through exceptional performance in the traditional British brass band style.

A British brass band is made up entirely of brass and percussion instruments. Puget Brass' instrumentation is also different than you might see in a concert band or orchestral brass section, utilizing cornets instead of trumpets, flugelhorn, Eb tenor horns instead of French horns, and Eb and BBb tubas in addition to tenor and bass trombones, baritones, and euphonium which creates a darker, warmer sound that is unique to brass bands.

The band rehearses every Tuesday evening from September to June in the Greenlake neighborhood of Seattle.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—Next month on December 3, Puget Brass will be holding a holiday concert, Music for Neighbors in Need, featuring festive-themed music for a good cause: to support Snohomish County's cold weather shelters and homeless.

At Trinity Lutheran Church, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on December 3, the Seattle-based British-style brass band will be premiering a new work from composer Emerson Eads in an effort to raise money and awareness for Neighbors in Need; a homeless support net-

work and cold weather shelter operating in south Snohomish County. In addition to the festive music the event will be accepting donations for a charity run out of the church. In previous years the event drew a full house, both in 2018 and 2019, raising over \$1,000 for the cause in just one evening.

Donations in the form of cash, travel sized toiletries, and non-perishable food items will be accepted the day of the event. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 6215 196th Street SW in Lynnwood. For more information, email info@pugetbrass.org.

ABOUT NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need serves all people by providing basic support services, encouragement, and unconditional acceptance within a safe, caring environment, its website states, through neighborly compassion and respect to anyone facing life's challenges, while inspiring all to continue in a shared quest for wholeness. Their vision is a healthy, compassionate, collaborative, and whole community of transformed lives in which hope defines us all, hope is spoken by all, and hope is lived by all. To learn more visit nintinity.org/

Dennis Worsham appointed as Director of Health Dept



Dennis Worsham

By SNOHOMISH COUNTY GOVT

SNOHOMISH COUNTY—Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers today announced the appointment of Dennis Worsham as the first Director for Snohomish County's Health Department.

Since Mr. Worsham spent time early in his career at the Snohomish Health District (SHD), he will be returning to Snohomish County after an eventful career in other agencies. He has over 29 years of experience in governmental public health in the State of Washington and has been an innovative public health leader at the local, regional, and state level. His most recent job was as interim Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County.

"Dennis is the leader Snohomish County needs to expand direct service, strengthen public health, and prepare us for the next public health challenge," said Executive Somers. "I am looking forward to having his innovative leadership as we navigate the public and environmental health challenges of the next few years. I also want to thank Shawn Frederick for his exceptional service to the Snohomish Health Dis-

trict. He has been a great and trusted partner, and I wish him the best."

"Returning to Snohomish County has always been a goal of mine, and I'm excited to be joining at this critical moment of change," said Worsham. "I know the professionals who will work for the Snohomish County Health Department have a stellar reputation, and I plan to do all I can to support their important work saving lives and keeping people healthy."

The Snohomish Health District is being integrated into Snohomish County government, and on January 1, 2023, the new Snohomish County Health Department will be launched.

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The Board of Health's role will be to develop, approve, and revise county-wide policy on public health issues such as opioids, immunizations, and climate change.

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City council fails to overturn Mayor's veto of car tab relief



Lynnwood City Council President George Hurst arguing for car tab relief as Mayor Christine Frizzell (center right) and Councilwomen Julieta Altamirano-Crosby (left) and Shannon Sessions listen.

By **MARIO LOTMORE**

SNOHOMISH COUNTY—At a somewhat contentious Business Meeting, the Lynnwood City Council on Monday, November 15, did not secure the five votes needed to overturn Mayor Christine Frizzell veto of the \$40 car tab relief, Ordinance 3416, that passed on October 24. Councilwoman Shirley Sutton was not present at the meeting.

“After spending these last couple of weeks educating myself on what the alternatives would look like and how that would play out if we were to get rid of the car tab fees, I have not been convinced that there would be a better alternative than the car tab fees we originally have in place,” Councilman Josh Binda said as his reason to support the mayor’s decision to veto the \$40 car tab relief ordinance. Councilman Binda abstained from the initial council vote last month.

The ordinance that Mayor Frizzell vetoed passed during the October 24 business meeting in a 4-2 vote. The October 24 vote was as follows:

- George Hurst: Yes
- Jim Smith: Yes
- Julieta Altamirano-Crosby: No
- Josh Binda: Abstained
- Patrick Decker: Yes
- Shannon Sessions: No
- Shirley Sutton: Yes

The mayor’s veto comes as no surprise, as last year, then-Councilmember Frizzell voted no on a similar \$40 car tab relief: Ordinance 3400. The previous mayor, Nicola Smith, vetoed the ordinance, with the council failing

to override it in a 4-3 vote. Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby voted yes last year but changed to a no vote this year after further researching the infrastructure needs of the city.

“I have always opposed these fees and have raise a concern that they were put by a councilmanic action, not a vote of the people,” Council President Hurst said. “According to the MRSC...Eight of the 110 [cities] have both sales tax and vehicle fees. We are one of those eight out of 110 cities that have made this decision. We are an outlier, that is a concern for me.”

“We are going to have \$4 million more than what is required by our financial policies in Reserves,” Hurst continued. “I really question these fees...”

After the motion to postpone the vote failed with the mayor voting in favor to move forward with the veto vote – there was a tie vote – Councilwoman Shannon Sessions make the motion to overturn the mayor’s veto of the ordinance related to \$40 car tab relief. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby.

The vote was as follows:

- George Hurst: Yes
- Jim Smith: Yes
- Julieta Altamirano-Crosby: No
- Josh Binda: No
- Patrick Decker: Yes
- Shannon Sessions: No

The motion failed to achieve the minimum five votes needed to overturn the mayor’s veto and hence failed.

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18-year-old woman arrested in Nordstrom store theft

LYNNWOOD—On November 11, 2022, Lynnwood Detectives concluded an investigation into a theft from Nordstrom that totaled approximately \$165,000.00.

It was discovered, the suspect used Nordstrom cash registers to conduct fraudulent returns with returns being placed into active bank accounts. This took place over approximately one month at Nordstrom stores in Lynnwood, Seattle, Tukwila, and Scotts-

dale, AZ.

Detectives arrested an 18-year-old female from Issaquah. The female was charged with Theft 1, which is a class B felony. She had previously worked for Nordstrom in 2021.

“This is a large amount of money,” said Detective Hammersmith. “One of the highest I have encountered at Lynnwood.”



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MPD and Nic's Barbershop take a cut for prostate cancer awareness



Nic along with patron Violete with (L-R) Mukilteo Police Officer Kuwana, Hoogerhyde, Police Chief Cheol Kang, Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine, Officer Ponti and Officer Fabia at the Cuts with Cops event on November 5, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.



Nic and Mukilteo Police Officer Hoogerhyde cutting Violete's hair during Cuts with Cops event on November 5, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By MARIO LOTMORE

MUKILTEO—Mukilteo Nic's Barbershop hosted its fourth annual Cuts with Cops event to raise awareness for prostate cancer on November 5. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., community members came in to get their hair cut by officers of the Mukilteo Police Department. Donuts and coffee were available for patrons.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to someone in need locally or a men's health awareness charity. Donations can also be made directly to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute at <https://pcri.org/donate>.

"Bringing our community together is the biggest thing I love about [Cuts with Cops]," says the shop's owner Cheri Nicolopoulos, who also goes by Nic. "I just love everybody in here and socializing, but it all comes down to men's health; we just want to bring

awareness to it."

During the event, Nic's staff supervised officers as they made the first few trims for customers before passing the clippers to a professional who'd finish the job.

North Lynnwood resident Tony Nicolas comes the Nic's Barbershop for the \$8 haircut with his wife Violete and their two kids.

"It is a great thing and a good cause," Nicolas told the Lynnwood Times. "All of the staff are really friendly and down-to-earth."

Leading the way on the shop's floor was Mukilteo Police Chief Cheol Kang, Fire Marshal Albright and Mayor Joe Marine, along with Officers Fabia, Hoogerhyde, Ponti, and Kuwana.

Nic also spoke how this event strengthens the relationship between the MPD and the people they serve. "It just shows that they're human — that it doesn't matter what your title is, it doesn't matter what you do for a living, at the end of the day we're all a community."

As an enthusiastic proponent of the Mukilteo Strong motto, Nic is devoted to helping her fellow citizens, especially during Men's Health Awareness Month. "Whether it's someone you know who's been affected by [prostate cancer] or someone else who has been affected by it, we're just here to bring awareness and come together and just show support and love and that's all I care about."

Nic's Barbershop has been serving \$8 haircuts since 2012 and is located at 4704 Pointes Dr Ste 105, Mukilteo, WA 98275. Follow them on Instagram @ [nics_barbershop](https://www.instagram.com/nics_barbershop).

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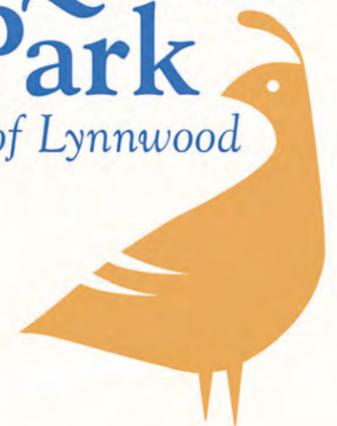
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The Day of the Dead returned to Lynnwood



Portraits of women in the community dressed as catrinas by photographer Mary Gomez Camba at the Day of the Dead event at the Lynnwood Convention Center on October 29, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—The WAGRO Foundation returned to Lynnwood for their annual Day of the Dead celebration, October 29, offering everything from music, to dancing, to artwork, and of course food.

On display were the works of Photographer Mary Gomez Camba, featuring portraits of women dressed up as La Catrina. Camba began photographing women six years ago when she was living in Singapore in an attempt to tell their own, unique, personal, stories.

“I wanted to tell women’s stories that I felt I connected to as a woman,” Camba told the Lynnwood Times. “I feel like I was going through a lot of changes in my life and I wanted to see their stories and see what I could learn from them.”

When Camba returned to Seattle she decided to continue her exhibition while representing the women of her community. During the pandemic Camba noticed that many women had different experiences, some experienced loss while others had more time to redefine themselves. The works on display at the Day of the Dead celebration were 17 unique

stories taken from 2021 through 2022 all dealing with the theme of “being reborn”. Camba found her models from the suggestions of her community members including Lynnwood City Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby.

Just some of the stories told through Camba’s portraits include a woman with a tamale business who switched to selling face masks during the pandemic, a 15-year-old girl who was unable to have a quinceañera because event centers were closed, and a mother and daughter who connect with their heritage through dance. Camba’s work allows women to have the opportunity to tell their story, for others to fall in love with their story, to see weakness, to see vulnerability, and accept that as being a part of being human, she told the Lynnwood Times.

“The beginning of my exhibition I wanted to focus on the fact that Dias de los muertos was something that was celebrated before the glamorized Catrina look,” Camba said. “This is something that’s ancestral, that we celebrate that connects us to the celebration of life.”

Camba has photography studio in North Seattle, where she lives, called

Portraits of Women.

The event began with a traditional Aztec dance performed by the German-Maldonado family and some close friends. After the dance, a Las Catrinas costume contest was held. Catrinas are recognizable by their iconic skeletal face-paintings and usually wear elaborate headpieces or hats. They’re essentially symbols of the Day of the Dead and that the costumes tell a story.

This year’s costume contest winner was

Sylvia Rodriguez who fashioned her costume out of all-recycled material with the message of spreading climate change awareness.

Day of the Dead poems, known as “Calavera Literaria,” were also read during the event. Altamirano says that the poems give insight into how Mexican culture views death. “It’s a way of seeing Mexican culture — life and death, and how we see them.”

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Mari's Place for the Arts holds a "call to action" to support underprivileged kids



(L) Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine at Mari's Place for the Arts Executive Board event at Forest Park's Floral Hall in Everett on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe. (R) CEO and founder Mary Toews at Mari's Place for the Arts Executive Board event at Forest Park's Floral Hall in Everett on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EVERETT—Approximately 50 people gathered at Forest Park's Floral Hall in Everett on Wednesday, November 9, for Mari's Place for the Arts' Board of Directors event. During the cocktail hour before the event commenced, the room was bustling with conversation of how Mary Toews, the organization's founder and CEO, is "the sweetest woman alive" and how "art means so much to her."

"For me, everything we have, from your car to your bed, from your toothbrush to your pencil, from the freeway to taking a train, music, writing, plays, movies, started on a white piece of paper by somebody creating," Toews said. "Everything is art and art means everything to me."

Mari's Place, which was named by the children who attend it, is an art

school for children and teens at surface level, but an initiative to bring the arts to underprivileged kids at its core. Through scholarships these children can undertake drawing, painting, drama, dancing, and music classes at no cost to them or their families, an idea that Toews formed from watching her son's interest in performance arts and recognizing a "serious state of misfortune" within the Latino community she subscribes to.

The overall objective of Wednesday's event was, in many ways, a call for action; to spread the word of Mari's Place to the community, pique an interest, and ultimately search for donors, ambassadors, and a strong board of directors to keep the organization's good work alive. These potential ambassadors can donate just one, or two, dollars a month to support the arts in underprivileged kids. As it stands, about 80 to 85% of children

at Mari's Place are there because of scholarships who couldn't be if the organization wasn't supported.

"To be a board member for Mari's place means you are involved and personally committed to working with Mary and your fellow board members to find ways of bringing the arts to children who wouldn't otherwise have that opportunity," Russ Kimball, Board Member and Treasurer for Mari's Place, told the Lynnwood Times. "We work with kids in the greater Snohomish County area and expose them to the arts who may not have the financial ability to do it themselves, whether it's dancing, or theater, or the visual arts. They have a great opportunity here and it doesn't cost anything to them or their families."

Toews originally intended the event to be a fundraiser but decided to hold a smaller, invite-only, gathering of people

she knew had a deep appreciation for the arts since the economy is less than ideal, she said.

While working as a translator for Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Toews began to see a lot of artistic talent within the Latino community and always wanted to do something to cultivate that talent. More importantly she began to realize not many members of the community had access to the proper resource to pursue their artistic interests.

When Toews' son left for college, she returned to her home country of Mexico, sold her house, her land, and her apartment and with that money started Mari's Place in 2011. The organization began by holding art classes from painting to drawing to singing to dancing for just \$5 a class. Toews quickly saw the quality of art her students were producing and immediately knew, in that moment, that this was her calling.

Mukilteo Mayor, Joe Marine, the President of the Board of Directors for Mari's Place, first met Toews while both serving on the Campfire Board. She approached him, looking for a Board of Directors, and the two sat down for lunch. Marine told the Lynnwood Times he initially thought "oh that's cute, it's like a daycare with arts and crafts" but quickly saw the quality of art these children were producing and thought "I have to be a part of this."

"I dare anyone in this room to tell Mary no. And if you do, at least tell me how you did it because I haven't found

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Nancy Pelosi to step down as Speaker of the House

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Last Thursday, Representative Nancy Pelosi (CA-12), 82, announces that she is stepping down as Speaker of the House of Representatives. In 2007, Pelosi became the first most powerful woman elected to office after being selected by her colleagues as Speaker of the House, a position second in line to the presidency. Both Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Majority Whip Jim Clyburn also stepped down today from leading the Democratic caucus.

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (WA-01) released the following statement on the historic career of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

“For two decades, Nancy Pelosi has been the heart of the House Democratic Caucus and fearlessly led us through some of the most challenging moments in our nation’s history, Rep. DelBene wrote. “I have watched in awe as she has stood up to enemies of democracy, both foreign and domestic.

“Her career is historic in so many ways, including rising to be the first woman elected Speaker of the House, but she will be most remembered for the difference she made. This Congress she united a narrow majority to pass some of the boldest investments in our country’s future in decades and just led us through a history-defying election. No one has accomplished more in their time with the gavel than Speaker Pelosi. Her legacy will be felt for generations to come in this country and abroad.



Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA-12), 82, announcing her intent to step down as Speaker of the House on Nov. 17, 2022. Photo courtesy of the Office of Nancy Pelosi. Top: Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02), Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA-01), and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08).

“As a fellow American, Democrat, woman, mother, and grandmother, I am incredibly grateful for her leadership and for leaving the Democratic Caucus in a strong position heading

into the next Congress. I will honor her by continuing to fight for the children.”

DelBene, who is Vice Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, recently accompanied Speaker Pelosi on an Indo-Pacific regional trip that including visits to Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and Japan that focused on security, economic partnership and democratic governance. DelBene’s Office shared with the Lynnwood Times that she will support Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08) in his bid for the top leadership position.

DelBene, who was first sworn into the House of Representatives in 2012, easily won re-election this year with 63.41% of the vote. Besides serving in House Ways and Means Committee, she is Chair of the New Democrat

Coalition, co-chair of the Women’s High-Tech Coalition, and member of Internet of Things Caucus, and Dairy Caucus, and Pro-Choice Caucus. The Congresswoman is term-limited as chair of the New Democrat Coalition but will serve as chair-emeritus next Congress.

Jeffries, 52, who was sworn into office in 2013, is the current Chairman of the House Democratic caucus. He is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and House Budget Committee. He is a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the most left-leaning faction of the Democratic Party, and is also the former Whip of the Congressional Black Caucus and previously co-chaired the Democratic Policy

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President Joe Biden’s big lie: Student loan debt forgiveness deemed illegal

By MARIO LOTMORE

FORT WORTH, TX—Federal Judge Mark T. Pittman of the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas, on November 10, declares President Joe Biden’s plan to cancel up to \$20,000 in student loan debt for eligible borrowers “UNLAWFUL” and orders that the Administration “VACATES the Program.”

This latest ruling comes less than a month after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit granted an administrative stay while it considers the plaintiffs’ request for an injunction to put billions of dollars in federal student loan forgiveness on hold until the court issues a final ruling on the case. This lawsuit was filed in a federal court in Missouri last month by state attorneys general from, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Carolina, and legal representatives from Iowa.

Judge Pittman’s final judgement was in response to a lawsuit filed by two student-loan borrowers, Myra

Brown and Alexander Taylor, who sued because they didn’t qualify for the full relief.

In a statement condemning the court’s ruling, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said the Department of Justice has appealed the decision.

“We are disappointed in the decision of the Texas court to block loan relief moving forward,” wrote Cardona. “Amidst efforts to block our debt relief program, we are not standing down. The Department of Justice has appealed today’s decision on our behalf, and we will continue to keep borrowers informed about our efforts to deliver targeted relief.

Only loans held by the Department of Education are eligible. This includes direct subsidized or unsubsidized loans and graduate or parent PLUS loans. Those borrowers who did not apply to consolidate their student loans with the Department of Education prior to September 29, 2022, will NOT be eligible for loan forgiveness. According to NPR, “the department [of Education] quietly changed”

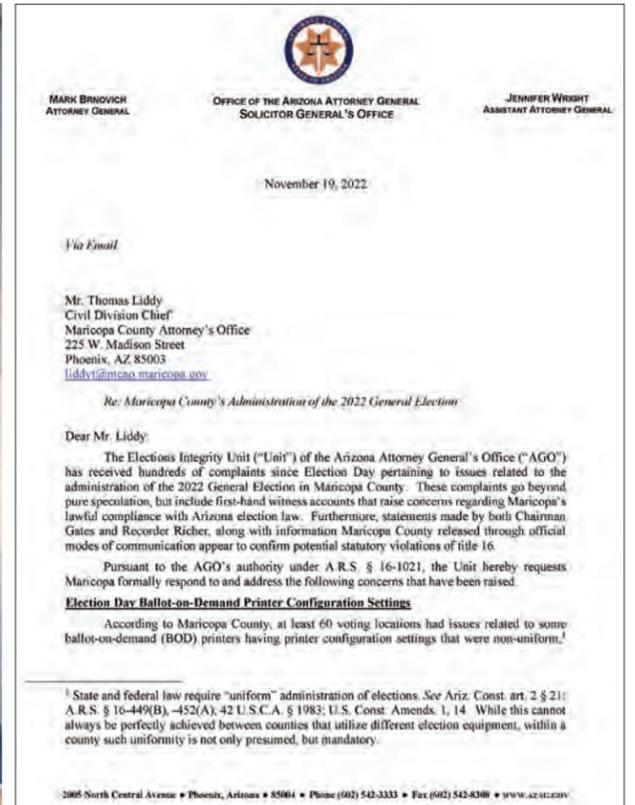
the language to restrict student loan forgiveness impacting up to 4 million borrowers. Private student loans are also ineligible for forgiveness.

Various legal challenges claim that Congress, and not the Biden administration, has the legal authority to broadly cancel student loan debt. A claim that was reiterated in July of 2021 by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi during a presser telling reporters that only an Act of Congress can forgive student loan debt.

“People think that the President of the United States has the power for debt forgiveness, he does not,” Speaker Pelosi said. “He can postpone, he can delay, but he does not have that power. That would have to be an Act of Congress.”

However, lawyers for the federal government argue that Congress gave the secretary of education the power to discharge debt in a 2003 law known as the HEROES Act.

Arizona Attorney General alleges unlawful election



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which appeared to have resulted in ballots that were unable to be read by on-site ballot tabulators.² Based on sworn complaints submitted by election workers employed by Maricopa County, the BOD printers were tested on Monday, November 7 without any apparent problems. Many of those election workers report that despite the successful testing the night before, the tabulators began experiencing problems reading ballots printed by the BOD printers within the first thirty minutes of voting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Based on the plethora of reports from election workers, poll observers, and voters, combined with Maricopa County's admission that there were in fact widespread problems related to non-uniform BOD printer configuration settings, the Unit requests that Maricopa County provide a comprehensive report detailing with specificity (1) the voting locations that had problems with either BOD printers or tabulation; (2) the specific problems at each voting location; (3) any other issues related to BOD printers and/or tabulators that may have contributed to the problems at voting locations; (4) a comprehensive log of all changes to the BOD printer configuration settings (to include the identity of individuals making changes); (5) Maricopa County's standards for the BOD printer configuration settings as specified in internal technical specifications and/or manufacturer technical specifications; (6) the precise time the non-uniform printer configuration settings were found to be the root cause of the problem; and (7) the method used to update or reconfigure the printer configuration settings at each voting location (specifically, if technicians were sent to the voting location, when were they deployed in the field and when did they make the changes at each voting location; alternatively, if the network administrator was able to make universal changes, please detail when and how the printer configuration settings were corrected).

Election Day "Check-out" Procedures

Following widespread reports of problems at voting locations on Election Day, Chairman Gates publicly stated that voters who had already checked in to e-Pollbook, but were having difficulties voting could "check out" of that voting location, and would be able to nonetheless vote in another voting location. Based on sworn complaints received by the Unit, not only have poll workers reported that they were not trained and/or not provided with information on how to execute "check out" procedures, but many voters have reported the second voting location required the voter to cast a provisional ballot as the e-Pollbooks maintained the voter had cast a ballot in the original voting location. In fact, Arizona law specifically prohibits provisional ballots to be counted when a voter has signed multiple pollbooks. See A.R.S. 16-584(D) (If the voter's name is not signed on the roster and if there is no indication that the voter voted an early ballot, the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened and the ballot shall be counted. If there is information

² Many media outlets have disputed that number, and some have suggested upwards to 50% of voting locations experienced one or more difficulties with issues associated with the BOD printers. See: https://twitter.com/Rasmussen_Poll/status/1593368258115211264?s=20&src=vid&v=ck7487_wL6EA_YuLpbfA. Notably, it has also been reported that the BOD printers were discontinued by the manufacturer prior to the 2022 General Election, but were nonetheless used. See <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/11/10/kari-lake-arizona-maricopa-county/>

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showing the person did vote, the provisional ballot shall remain unopened and shall not be counted.) (emphasis added).

Please provide a detailed report indicating (1) when and how poll workers were trained and/or provided with procedures on how to "check out" voters from one voting location so they could lawfully vote in another location; (2) the legal basis for the "check out" procedures in light of A.R.S. § 16-584(D); (3) why Maricopa continued to publicly encourage voters to leave a voting location after having been notified by the Unit that poll workers appeared to be improperly trained on "check out" procedures; and (4) a report detailing all voters who were provided a provisional ballot due to having already signed an e-pollbook at another Election Day voting location and the final disposition of their provisional ballot.

Ballots Deposited in Door 3 and Statutorily Required Election Board Close Out Duties

Due to the widespread problems in non-uniform printer configuration settings, many voters were unable to tabulate their ballots on Election Day using on-site tabulators. Instead, voters were instructed to deposit their ballot in "Door 3." According to statements by Chairman Gates, Recorder Richer, and Maricopa County official communications, "Door 3" ballots were transported to Maricopa County Tabulation and Center to be tabulated by the HiPro 821 or Cannon GI130 tabulators at central count.

Maricopa County appears to have failed to adhere to the statutory guidelines in segregating, counting, tabulating, tallying, and transporting the "Door 3" ballots. In fact, Maricopa County has admitted that, in some voting locations, "Door 3" non-tabulated ballots were commingled with tabulated ballots at the voting location. Further, we have received a sworn complaint from an election observer indicating that more than 1700 "Door 3" non-tabulated ballots from one voting location were placed in black duffel bags that were intended to be used for tabulated ballots.

Pursuant to Arizona law, Maricopa County was required to complete "reconciliation of ballots cast against check ins"³ at the voting locations before leaving the voting location, not at central count. See A.R.S. §§ 16-564(A), -602(A), -607(A), -608(A),(B), -614, -615(A),(B), and -616; see also 2019 Elections Procedures Manual, Ch. 9 (VIII).

Please provide a copy of each voting location's Official Ballot Report, including any discrepancies in the report and explanations for any such discrepancies. Please also provide a written statement clarifying the "reconciliation" that appears to have occurred at central count on or around November 16, 2022. Finally, please provide a written report regarding how many ballots were commingled, how many ballots were placed inside the black duffel bags intended for

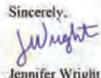
³ On November 8, 2022, the Unit forwarded complaint #EIL-2022-68567-3370 and #EILU-2022-68645-3417, both of which stated that "it does not appear that poll workers know how to 'check out' someone so they can vote at a later time in a different location" and further requested that Maricopa "promptly advise your poll workers how to 'check out' voters who wish to leave a voting location, or remove instructions on twitter suggesting this is a viable option."

https://twitter.com/MaricopaVote/status/1592984837681713157?s=20&t=1.7b_at0ZWe63czd3f3sQIOA

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tabulated ballots, how and when Maricopa became aware of the related problems, and how these problems were ultimately resolved.

Arizonans deserve a full report and accounting of the myriad problems that occurred in relation to Maricopa County's administration of the 2022 General Election. As the canvass is looming, and these issues relate to Maricopa County's ability to lawfully certify election results, the Unit requests a response to the aforementioned issues on or before Maricopa County submits its official canvass to the Secretary of State, which must occur on or before November 28, 2022. See A.R.S. § 16-642(A).

Sincerely,

 Jennifer Wright
 Assistant Attorney General

Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake (R) with AZ Attorney General candidate Abraham "Abe" Hamadeh (R, left) and AZ Secretary of State candidate Mark Finchem (R, right). Photo courtesy of Kari Lake campaign. Surrounding are copies of the AG's Office letter contesting the compliance of the 2022 Midterms Elections in Arizona.

By MARIO LOTMORE

PHEONIX, AZ—In an official letter by Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Wright representing the Elections Integrity Unit of the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, she demands a plethora of election information from Maricopa County officials relating to voting machine problems that raise concerns to the "lawful compliance with Arizona election law."

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The AG's office demands the following information of the 2022 Midterm election from Maricopa officials:

- A list of the 60 of the 201 voting locations that had problems with

- either ballot-on-demand (BOD) printers or tabulation with specific problems at each voting location
- A complete reconciliation report of ballots cast against check ins
- List of any other issues related to the BOD printers
- Logs of all changes to the BOD printer configuration settings
- The standards for configuration for the BOD printers
- The precise time the non-uniform printer configuration settings were found to be in the root cause of the problem
- The method used to update or reconfigure the printer configuration settings at each voting location and when did they make the changes as each voting location

Originally it was reported that approximately 20% of vote tabulation machines in Maricopa, with roughly 50% of the state's population, but now the proportion of tabulators with issues in the county is now at least 30%. Also on Election Day, a judge in Maricopa County rejected a Republican request to keep polls open past their usual closing time of 7 p.m., as a remedy to the thousands of people who were unable to vote.

The Associated Press reported about 17,000 ballots were unable to be scanned at some sites but were instead collected and counted by different machines at the county's main elections office. Those ballots were collected in what was called "box three" and according to the AG's Office there is sworn testimony that some of these ballots were placed in unsecured duffel bags.

"Finally, please provide a written report regarding how many ballots were commingled, how many ballots were placed inside the black duffel bags intended for tabulated ballots, how and when Maricopa became aware of the related problems, and how these problems were ultimately resolved," the demand letter states.

Maricopa County officials told reporters in a presser that every ballot cast was counted and that voters had the option to visit any polling place to avoid waiting in long lines due to the voting machine tabulation errors; however, when voters went to other polling places, they were unable to vote.

In a surprise twist, as of Monday, November 21, two Arizona counties – Cochise and Mohave – voted that they

will delay certifying their Midterm Election results. In Arizona, a state's election cannot be certified until all counties have certified their results.

In the wake of the election fiasco, Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates confirmed to local Fox affiliate KSAZ-TV that he moved to an "undisclosed location" with a security detail from the sheriff's office for his protection.

Lake told The Daily Mail on Saturday that she still believes she will become governor of Arizona.

"The way they run elections in Maricopa County is worse than in banana republics around this world," she said in an exclusive interview, referring to Maricopa County.

"And I'll tell you what, I believe at the end of the day that this will be turned around and I don't know what the solution will be but I still believe I will become governor, and we are going to restore honesty to our elections," she added.

As of Monday, November 21, Kari Lake (R) is trailing Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs (D) by 17,116 votes in the governor's race.

Public Input Sought on Affordable Housing and Community Development Needs

By SNOHOMISH COUNTY GOV'T

For more information and to participate in this public hearing, scan the QR Code to the right.



Snohomish County invites all interested persons to provide input on local community needs for affordable housing, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, and economic development projects to be funded with 2023 federal grant funds and to provide input on 2021 grant performance.

Snohomish County, in consortium with 19 cities and towns within the County, receives approximately \$5 million in federal funds each year

under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The grant funds help support local affordable housing, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, and economic development projects that benefit low-to-moderate income persons and neighborhoods in Snohomish County.

The use of these grant funds is guided by a five-year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which establishes goals based on community needs. Each year, Snohomish County, as lead agency of the consortium, is required to develop an Action Plan for use of these funds. The 2023 Action Plan will cover the

period between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

The Virtual Public Hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 .pm.

For more information and to participate in the public hearings, please visit: <https://www.snohomishcounty-wa.gov/5645/Consolidated-Plan-for-2020-2024>

Snohomish County will also accept written comments. Comments may be sent to Debra May at debra.may@snoco.org or by mail at Snohomish County Human Services Department – OHCD, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 305, Everett, WA 98201.

For more information, to request a reasonable accommodation, or to request a foreign language interpreter, contact Debra May, Human Services Department at (425) 388-3264 or at debra.may@snoco.org.

The Snohomish County Human Services Department helps all persons meet their basic needs and develop their potential by providing timely, effective human services and building community. The Housing & Community Services Division administers a wide range of programs that provide affordable housing, community development, and related services to low-income and homeless persons.

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“We see it in a satirical way, a funny way,” she explains. “It’s how we embrace death in our lives.”

For the concluding event, artists showcased their Ofrendas. An Ofrenda is essentially an altar adorned with

offerings for deceased loved ones. Altamirano explained why they are central to the holiday, saying, “The Ofrendas are offerings for our dead people. It’s a way to communicate with them. They are the elements that guide the soul and the spirit to get to our homes and our lives again.”

Altamirano said that it is customary to place food on the altars that loved ones passed enjoyed and that candles and flowers are also used to help guide the spirits back to their living relatives. Different levels on the altar can also symbolize “earth, life, and heaven,” according to Altamirano.

Of course, no celebration would be complete without delicious food. Volunteers dished out tamales and pan de muerto for the occasion.



Alter to respect and remember those who have passed on at the Day of the Dead event at the Lynnwood Convention Center on October 29, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

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Both the Alderwood Mall and Avalon Alderwood Place reside in the service area of Community Transit's latest innovation to public transportation, the on-demand ride Zip Shuttle. Commuters can book a trip through the GOIN' – Rides for All app, designate a pick-up and drop-off location, and within minutes, a blue and white Community Transit Zip vehicle will arrive offering easy and affordable access to Alderwood Mall, the library, and nearby multimodal transit centers.

BLACK FRIDAY AT ALDERWOOD MALL

According to the History Channel, the term "Black Friday," now synonymous with holiday shopping was first coined after the U.S. gold market crash on September 24, 1869. This Friday, November 25, thousands of shoppers are expected to take advantage of the many sales and deals in the stores of Alderwood Mall to begin securing their Christmas gifts for friends and family.



The main lobby of Alavon Alderwood Place. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

Matt Martin with State Farm Insurance provided some of the following safety tips for shoppers to avoid holiday shopping pitfalls:

- Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Don't argue or fight over an item.
- Don't take your money out until asked and don't flash a lot of cash.
- Use only one credit card. Data breaches have occurred in the past at major retailers and credit card companies. Should something similar occur, you can reduce the risk of having multiple cards compromised.
- Save your receipts and monitor your credit card activity by reviewing your bill immediately or periodically checking the online app.

- Ask for help moving and loading large items if needed.
- If shopping with children, select a central location to meet in case you are separated. Teach kids how to ask a security guard or employee for help if they're lost.

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

The Lynnwood Times wants to know what issues you would like us investigate email editorial@lynnwoodtimes.com.

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a way yet since she approached me and said hey will you be on my board?" Mayor Marine joked. "Mary never tells her kids they can't do it, so they don't know and then they do it."

Mari's Place is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) relying completely on grants and individual donations. Recently the organization was awarded a \$150,000 grant from Group Health which Mary plans to onboard new staff members.

"It's time for us to grow and I always think I am a mature woman. One day I want to leave and I want this organization to be independent and self-sufficient to continue to do what I do," Toews told the Lynnwood Times.

While cultivating an interest in the arts is the goal of Mari's Place, Toews told the Lynnwood Times it is her mission to also create an organization where her students can return as staff members to create job opportunities for them. This would not be possible without the assistance of a strong board of directors, she said.

You can donate to Mari's Place Amazon Smiles or by visiting their website at <https://marisplaceforthearts.org/donate/>

For those interested in becoming an ambassador or Board Member for Mari's place email info@marisplaceforthearts.org or call 425-330-4425.

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"I think it is irresponsible of this council, particularly as we are growing, building up a major downtown corridor, having Sound Transit come, wanting all the things that this council is asking for in public safety, streets and sewer... by taking this money away is drastically hurting that, so I think that is irresponsible," Councilmember Shannon Sessions said before her vote to support the mayor's veto.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Act Fund allocations:

- Up to \$300,000 for a Human Services Coordinator Position (proposed by Hurst) – approved unanimously
- \$60,000 for Mentors for standardized testing for low-income students (proposed by Altamirano-Crosby) – approved unanimously
- \$43,000 for Shop Lynnwood campaign (proposed by Sessions) – approved 5-1 with Councilman Smith voting against.

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and Communications Committee.

In January 2020, Rep. Jeffries was selected by Speaker Pelosi to serve as one of seven House Impeachment Managers in the Senate trial of President Donald Trump. If elected by House Democrats, he would be the first Black party leader in either the House or Senate.

Congressman Rick Larsen's (WA-01) Office confirmed with the Lynnwood Times that he will be seeking the Ranking Member position for the Democrats in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Larsen is currently a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and

the Armed Services Committee. He is Chair, the most senior Democrat, of the Aviation Subcommittee.

"With the election behind us, now is the time to recommit ourselves to the task ahead of us—ensuring that the hard-fought gains of the last two years do not recede in the next Congress," Larsen wrote in a statement. "To do this, we must choose from among us leaders who can anticipate the challenges ahead and defend the accomplishments we have made."

He concluded, "I believe I am the best person to lead this effort and, accordingly, respectfully ask for your support of my candidacy to be Ranking Member on the T&I Committee."

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