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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 07, 2024 AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES - 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTIONS

**AS A COURTESY TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE WOULD ASK THAT CELL PHONES BE TURNED
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PUBLIC APPEARANCE - Persons wishing to address the Commissioners on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chair, please announce your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established by Municipal Code Section 2-18. Amendments to the California Government Code Section 54950 prohibits the Commissioners from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against PC Resolution 08-07-2024-PC approving a Special Use Permit to establish a 1,200 square foot Pacific Clinics Social Center within the Needles Towne Center, located at 1060 E. Broadway Street, within the General Commercial (C-2) zoning designation, also known as APN 0186-222-09.
 - Staff Report
 - Commission questions of staff
 - Chair to open the public hearing
 - Public Comment
 - Applicant Comments
 - Comments in Favor
 - Comments Opposed
 - Applicant Rebuttal
 - Chair to close the public hearing
 - Commission Discussion / Deliberation
 - Adopt PC Resolution 08-07-2024-PC approving a Special Use Permit to establish a 1,200 square foot Pacific Clinics Social Center within the Needles Towne Center, located at 1060 E. Broadway Street, within the General Commercial (C-2) zoning designation, also known as APN 0186-222-09, pursuant to a categorical exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines section 15332.

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of July 10, 2024

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

3. Manager's Reports for the weeks of July 19 and July 26, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: August 2, 2024

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If a decision is made at this hearing and you later disagree with the decision, only issues raised at the public hearing or in written form at or before the public hearing can be considered.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the front entrance of City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2024

/s/ Candace Clark, Assistant City Clerk



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PLANNING COMMISSION ☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: August 7, 2024

Title: PC RESOLUTION 08-07-2024-PC , A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A NEW 1,200 SQUARE FOOT SOCIAL SUPPORT CENTER LOCATED AT 1060 EAST BROADWAY STREET (APN 0186-222-09) PURSUANT TO A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15332.

Background: Pacific Clinics ("Applicant"), requests that the Planning Commission approve a Special Use Permit to establish a 1,200- square-foot Social Support Center.

The project site is located within the existing Needles Town Shopping Center at 1060 East Broadway Street (APN: 0186-222-09), south of Ice Plant Road. It has a General Plan land use designation of General Commercial (C-2) and is within the General Commercial (C-2) zoning district.

Pacific Clinics, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, provides mental health services throughout the state and has been contracted by the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health.

The Social Support Center primarily focuses on behavioral health recovery, providing peer support and access to essential resources. Additionally, it extends support to a broader community, including families, individuals experiencing domestic violence, those facing food insecurities, and others needing assistance with healthy living and community resources. The program ensures a low barrier to engagement, making it easily accessible and adaptable to the specific needs of local residents.

Services and resources onsite will include support groups tailored to local needs, such as grief and loss, domestic violence, and mental health and substance use recovery. Presentations on Medi-Cal benefits and suicide prevention will be available. The site will offer workshops on resume building, sharpening interview skills, and psychoeducation on mental health topics. Case management services will provide referrals, access, and linkages to address social health factors and transportation to medical appointments and job interviews. Additional resources include a computer lab, phone access, and a printer.

The project site is located within the existing Needles Town Shopping Center on a 7.5-acre parcel at 1060 East Broadway Street (APN: 0186-222-09). This location is physically suitable in size and shape to support the operation of the support center. The surrounding area primarily consists of commercial establishments and government services, including the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles. The project will adhere to all applicable Building, zoning, fire, and standards. These measures will ensure the project is safe, attractive, and well-designed.

Services will be provided for adults 18 years and older. Individuals interested in receiving services must apply to become members of the program. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the program team. Approved members will be assisted on a walk-in basis. The center will operate from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. No services will be available outside these hours. Offsite activities will be offered in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health.

Public Notification: A public hearing notice was published in the Needles Desert Star newspaper on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, and posted in two conspicuous locations. Notices were also sent to property owners within 300 feet of the proposed projects.

Fiscal Impact: The recommended action will not result in a fiscal impact on the City of Needles.

Environmental Impact: Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section No. 15332, Class 32 (Infill Development) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Recommended Action: Based on the information in the staff report and subject to the attached Findings and Conditions of Approval, staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt PC Resolution 08-07-2024-PC , approving a Special Use Permit for a 1,200-square-foot Social Support Center, and Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

Submitted By: Irene Romero, City Planner

Attachments:

1. Vicinity Map
2. Project Site Plan
3. Project Floor Plan
4. Planning Commission Resolution, Findings, and Conditions of Approval

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 8-2-2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

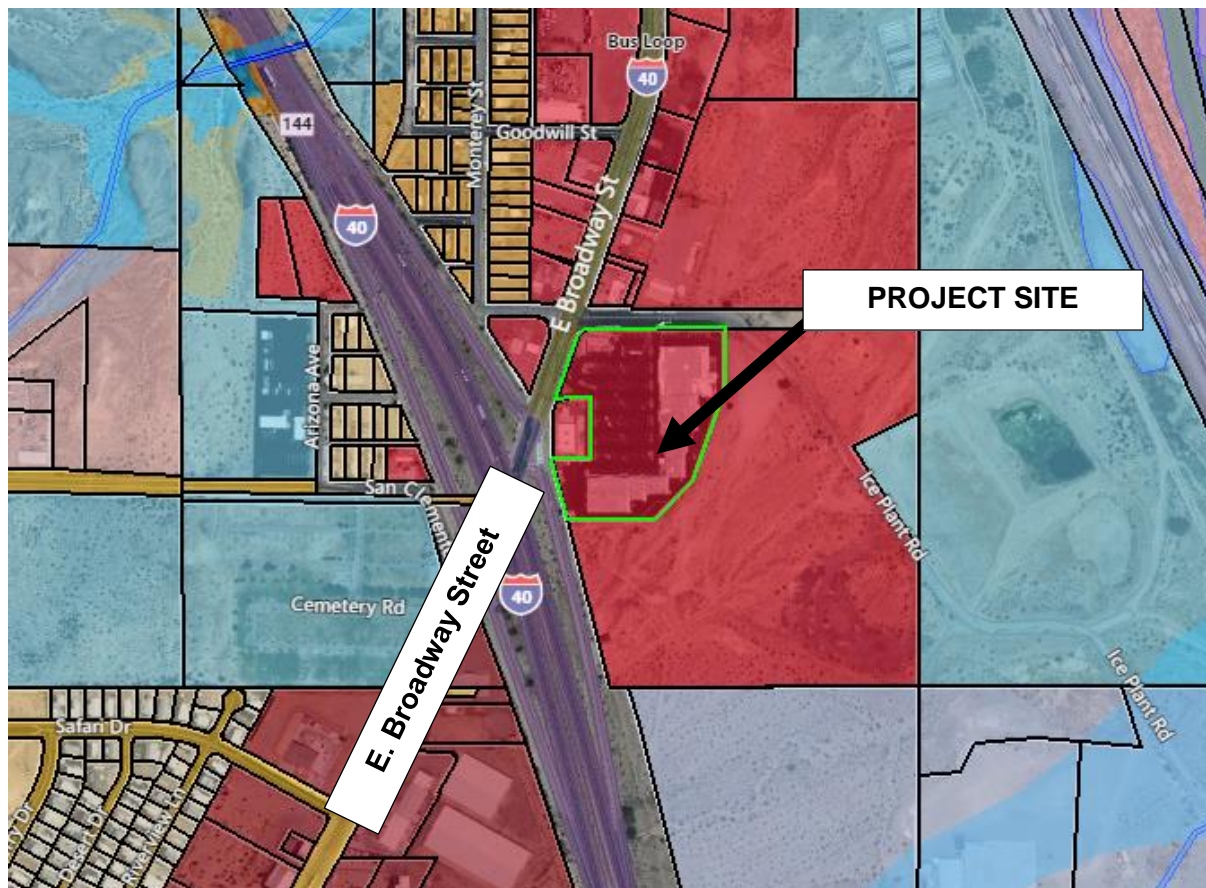
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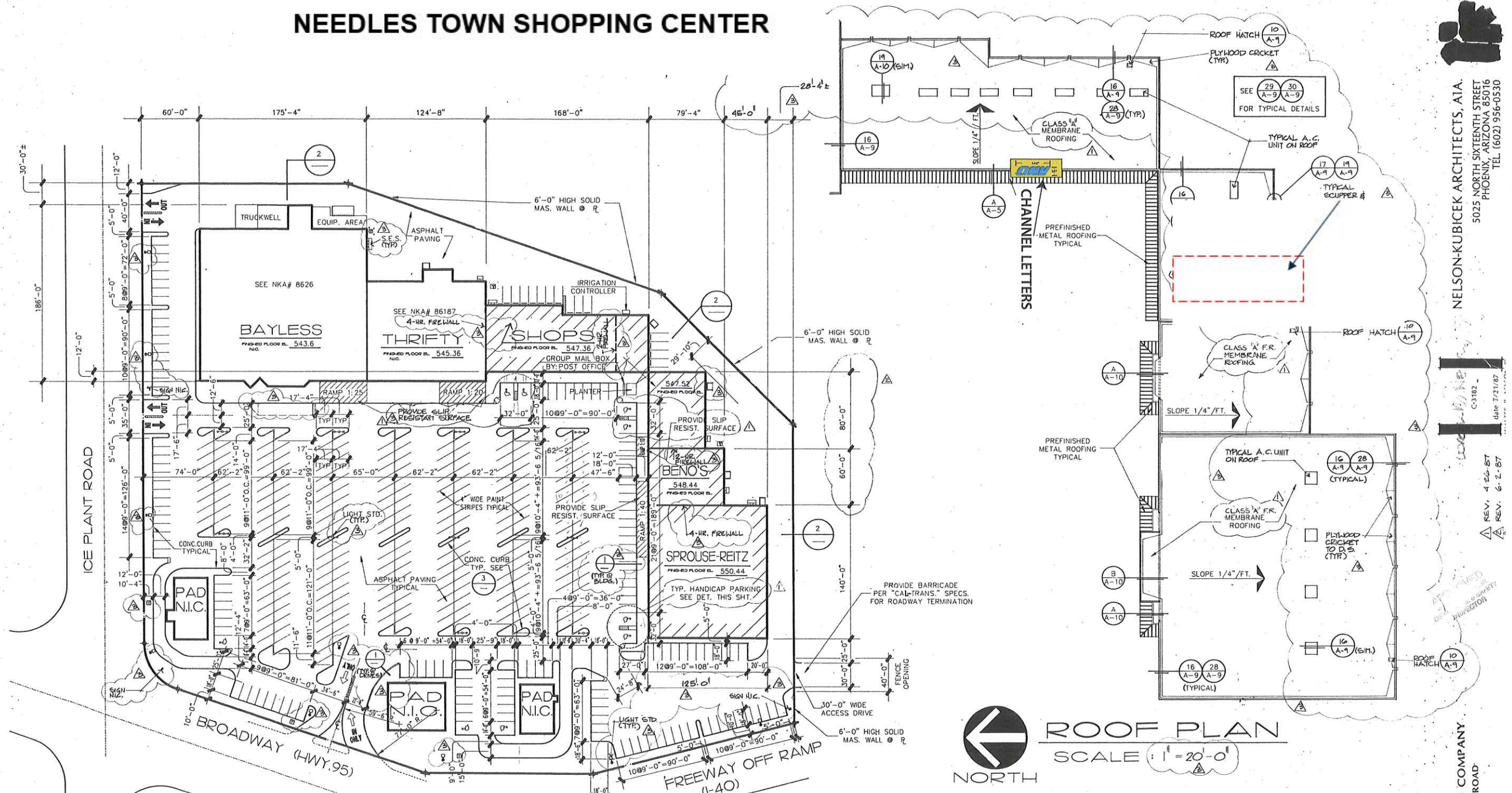


VICINITY MAP

DATE: August 7, 2024

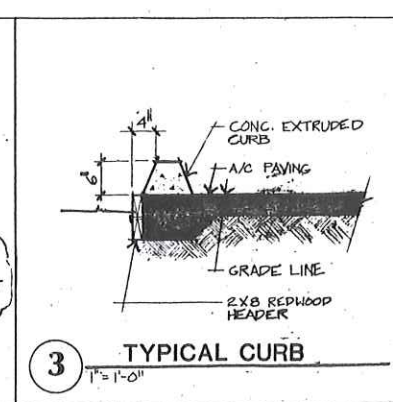
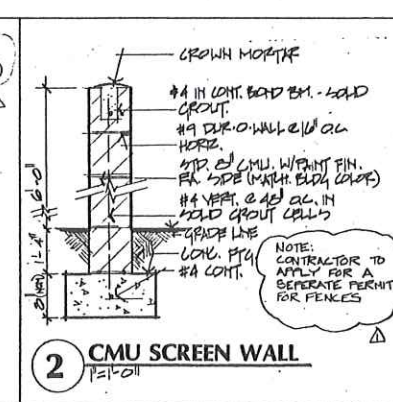
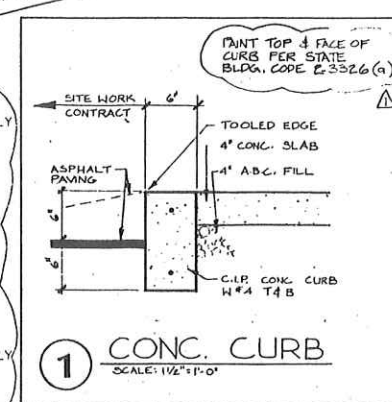
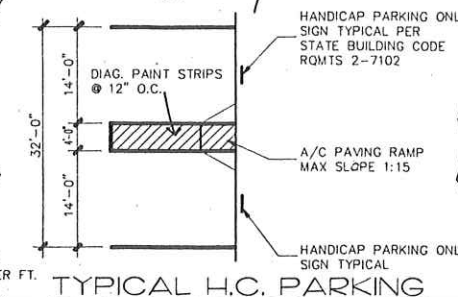
PROJECT: Special Use Permit to establish a 1,200 square foot Pacific Clinics Social Center at 1060 East Broadway Street (APN: 0186-222-09)

NEEDLES TOWN SHOPPING CENTER

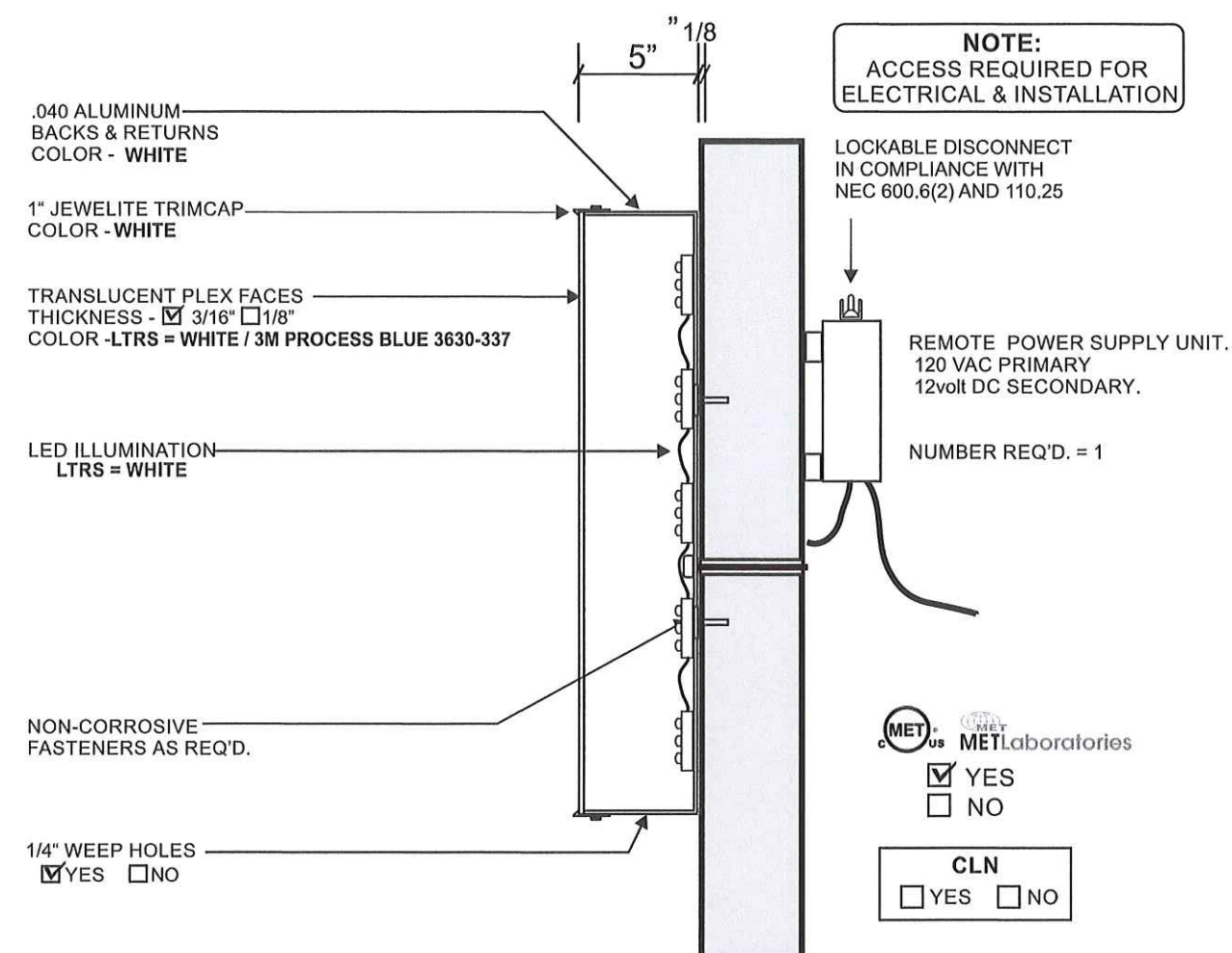
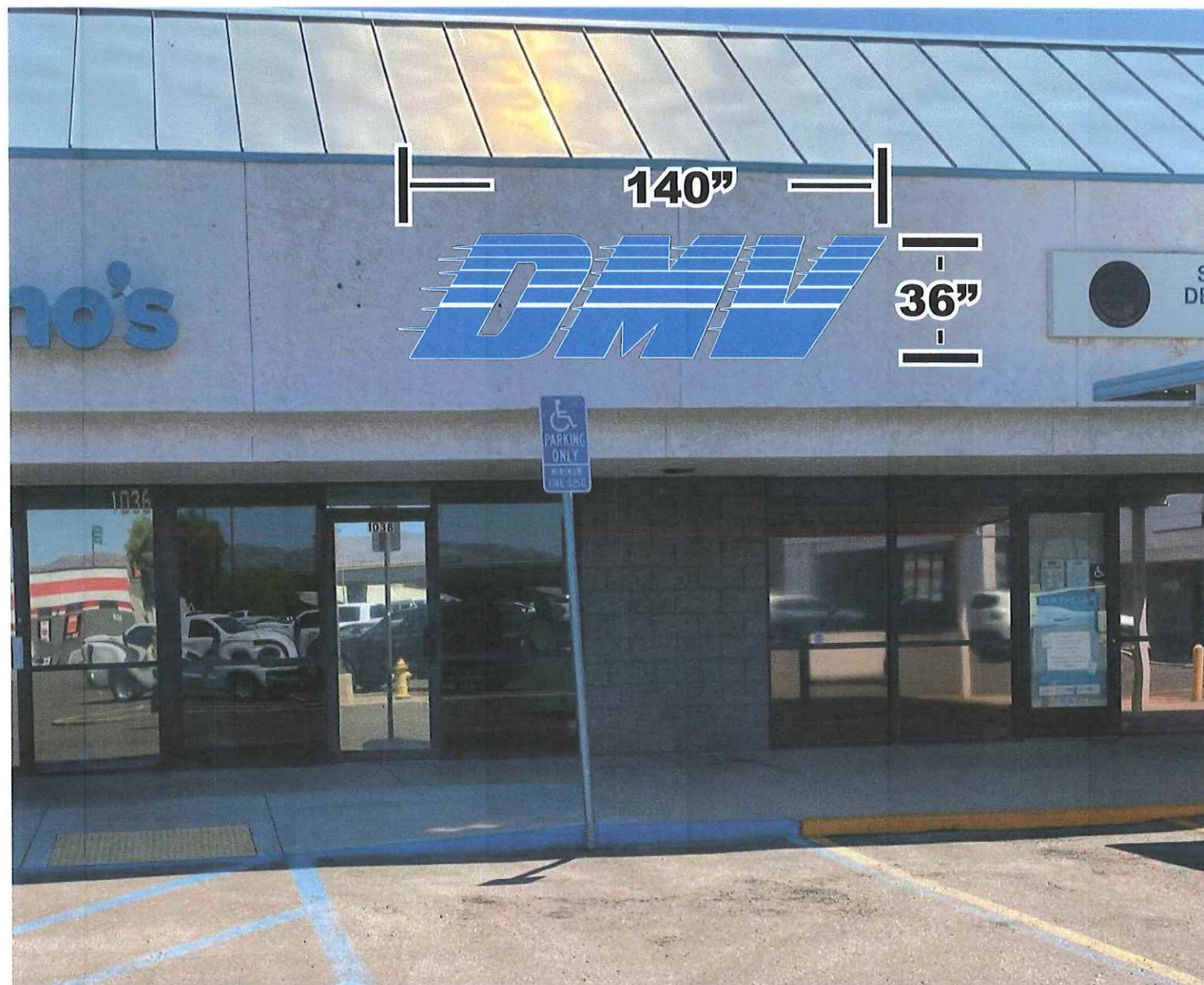


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ROOF PLAN
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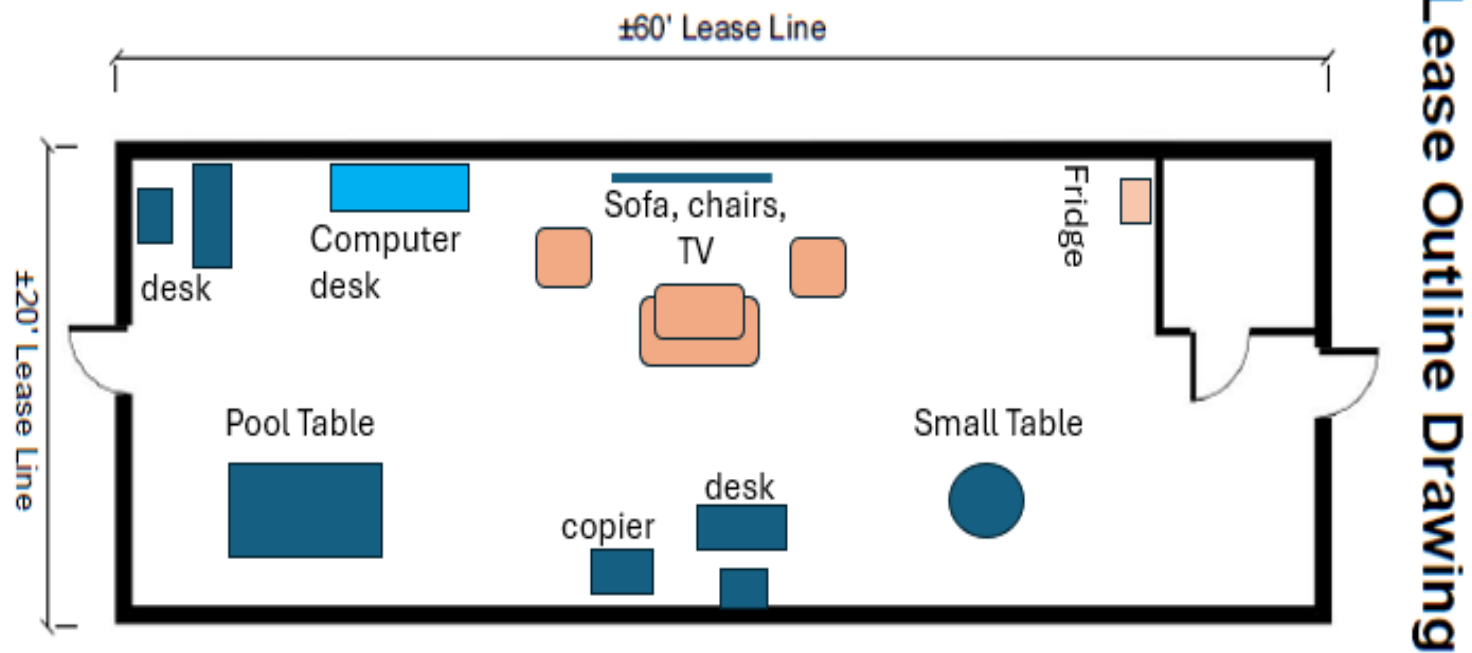
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PROJECT NAME: **Precise Builders MVD**
SITE ADDRESS: **1040 E BROADWAY**
OWNER NAME:
PARCEL NUMBER:
APPROVAL:
CONTRACTOR: **PRECISE BUILDERS.**

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PACIFIC CLINICS – FLOOR PLAN



ATTACHMENT NO. 3

RESOLUTION 08-07-2024-PC

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A NEW 1,200 SQUARE FOOT SOCIAL SUPPORT CENTER LOCATED AT 1060 EAST BROADWAY STREET (APN 0186-222-09) PURSUANT TO A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15332.

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2024, the City of Needles ("City") received a Special Use Permit application from Pacific Clinics ("Applicant"), for approval for a 1,200 square foot social support center ("Project") located at 1060 East Broadway Street (APN 0186-222-09) ("Project Site"); and

WHEREAS, the Project Site has a General Plan Land Use designation of General Commercial (C-2) and is located with the General Commercial (C-2) zoning district which provides applicable zoning regulations and allows for social centers (or similar uses) with approval of a Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section No. 15332, Class 32 (Infill Development) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, Section 94.09 of the Needles City Code specifies the criteria by which a Special Use Permit may be granted by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, all of the notices required by statute and the Needles Municipal Code have been given as required; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property within 300 feet of the proposed project site were notified via public hearing notice mailer prior to the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was published in the Needles *Desert Star* newspaper on July 24, 2024, and simultaneously displayed at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the City of Needles Planning Commissions ("Planning Commission") to consider testimony and evidence presented by City staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the Planning Commission carefully considered all information, evidence and testimony presented at its public hearing on the above referenced application; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that this project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15332 as a Class 32, In-Fill Development Project.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES, with reports and findings, that facts do exist to approve PC Resolution No. 2024-08-07, subject to conditions, according to the criteria specified in Section 94.09 of the Needles City Code:

- A. *That the requested permit is within its jurisdiction according to the table of permissible uses.*

FINDING: According to Section 96.01 (Table of Permissible Uses), Social, fraternal clubs and lodges, union halls; and similar uses is allowed in the C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district subject to the approval of a Special Use Permit by the Planning Commission.

- B. *The application is complete.*

FINDING: The completed application, including the site plan, floor plan, and required fees, has been submitted to the city to demonstrate the proposed project's compliance with the Needles Code criteria.

- C. *The development will not materially endanger the public health or safety.*

FINDING: Pacific Clinics, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, provides mental health services throughout the state and has been contracted by the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health.

The Social Support Center primarily focuses on behavioral health recovery, providing peer support and access to essential resources. Additionally, it extends support to a broader community, including families, individuals experiencing domestic violence, those facing food insecurities, and others needing assistance with healthy living and community resources.

Services and resources at the site will include support groups tailored to local needs, such as grief and loss, domestic violence, and mental health and substance use recovery. Presentations on topics like Medi-Cal benefits and suicide prevention will be offered. The site will offer workshops focused on resume building, sharpening interview skills, and psychoeducation on mental health topics. Case management services will provide referrals, access, and linkages to address social determinants of health, as well as transportation to medical appointments and job interviews. Additional resources include a computer lab and access to phones and a printer.

The project site is situated on a 7.5-acre parcel at 1060 East Broadway Street (APN: 0186-222-09), within the existing Needles Town Shopping Center. The location is appropriately sized and shaped to accommodate the support center's operations. The surrounding area primarily consists of commercial establishments and government services, including the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore, the proposed project will not endanger the life or property in the surrounding area.

- D. *The development will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting properties.*

FINDING: Pacific Clinics has been providing behavioral healthcare services since 1867 with over 58 office locations in five counties throughout Southern California. Pacific Clinics currently has similar adult programs that have been long time established in three other San Bernadino County communities (Yucca Valley, Lucerne Valley, and Rialto) that are similarly located as this development. In addition, two new adult-based programs will be opening in Apple Valley and Yucaipa in the future.

The location of the program is also central to the successful nature of the program service model of wellness & recovery which also engages with community partners. Pacific Clinics maintains and provides safe, clean and conducive environment for employees and its clients, complies with building regulations and guidelines, as set by Federal, State and local agencies – which helps in maintaining the value of adjoining or abutting properties. Additionally, Pacific Clinics maintains full CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities) accreditation. Finally, conditions of approval have been included to ensure that the proposed behavioral healthcare provider clinic is proactive in monitoring the neighborhood for those individuals who may be in need of their services and that the clinic itself is kept to high standards of cleanliness. Thus, the development would not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting properties.

E. The development is in harmony with the area in which it is located.

FINDING: Pacific Clinics partners with the local community and business leaders to enhance the social and economic development of program service participants and the community members. Services at this location are to be focused on wellness and recovery and resilience. Pacific Clinics has a longstanding record of successfully operating programs throughout the State of California. The organization has received various recognitions for providing quality.

Pacific Clinics program services goals are meant to provide for strong community connections and to reinforce self-sufficiency. Program participants often engage in community service and partner with other community organizations as a way of giving back to their home communities

Finally, the proposed behavioral healthcare provider will be consistent with other uses in the surrounding neighborhood it is located and does not feature exterior modifications that would affect public views of the surrounding neighborhood. Thus, the development would be in harmony with the area in which it is located.

F. The development is in general conformity with the Needles General Plan.

FINDING: The proposal is consistent with the General Plan designation “General Commercial” and with the goals and objectives.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that facts do exist to APPROVE PC Resolution No. 2024-08-07.

SECTION 4. The Planning Commission HERBY APPROVES PC Resolution No. 2024-08-07, approving a Special Use Permit for the Pacific Clinics Social Support Center

located at 1060 East Broadway Street (APN 0186-222-09) with the following Conditions of Approval:

1. The site shall be developed and maintained in substantial accordance with the development plans.
2. The applicant shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws relative to the approved use including the requirements of the Planning Department, Building, Fire, Sheriff and Health Departments.
3. All development on the project site shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the City's Municipal Code and all applicable provisions of the adopted and applicable Building, Construction and Fire Codes, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and all City building, zoning, business, and health regulations. All new construction shall obtain appropriate building permits and comply with the requirements of the Planning, Building, and Fire Departments.
4. Approval of a Special Use Permit shall not waive compliance with sections of the Zoning Ordinance, all other applicable City ordinances and regulations, in effect at the time of building permit issuance.
5. The clinic shall observe quiet hours after 10 p.m. every day. This includes deliveries, services, shift changes and patient intake/discharge which should generally be kept to normal business hours as much as possible.
6. The clinic shall be kept clean and presentable.
7. The applicant shall identify staffing, supervision and security arrangements appropriate to the facility. A twenty-four-hour on-call supervisor is required at all times.
8. The applicant shall have an approved communications plan in place.
9. Graffiti and unauthorized markings on any wall, sign, or structure must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours.
10. All signs shall be reviewed under a separate Sign application.
11. Violation of the conditions of approval may result in citation and/or initiation of revocation proceedings.
12. Any revisions to the approved plans must be resubmitted for review and approval by the Planning Department.

SECTION 5. This action shall become final and effective fifteen (15) days after this decision by the Planning Commission, unless within such period, a written appeal is filed with the City Clerk for consideration by the City Council as provided by the Needles City Code.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California, held on the 7th day of August 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Bob Rath, Chairperson
Needles Planning Commission

Kathy Raasch
Interim Development Services Director



MINUTES

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 AT 4:00 PM EL GARCES - 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Rath called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Wright
Commissioner Beard
Chair Rath
Commissioner Ostby
Commissioner Dressler
Commissioner Bosboom

ABSENT - None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *led by Chair Rath*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ostby moved, second by Commissioner Beard to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

*Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Chair Rath, Commissioners Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - *None*

CORRESPONDENCE - *None*

INTRODUCTIONS - *Chair Rath acknowledged Mayor Janet Jernigan and Council Member JoAnne Pogue in attendance.*

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - *None*

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against approval of Resolution 07-10-2024-PC, finding that the abandonment of the 8' wide sewer easement located along the south property line of Parcel A of Parcel Map 14798, is in compliance with the General Plan.

Interim Community Development Director Raasch and City Manager Martinez gave power point presentation and staff report

Commissioners asked questions of staff and minimal discussion ensued.

Chair Rath opened the public hearing at 4:27 p.m. There was no public comment.

Chair Rath closed the public hearing at 4:27 p.m.

Commissioners engaged in minimal discussion, Commissioner Beard moved, second by Commissioner Ostby to approve Resolution 07-10-2024-PC, finding that the abandonment of the 8' wide sewer easement located along the south property line of Parcel A of Parcel Map 14798, is in compliance with the General Plan. Motion carried by the following vote:

*Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Chair Rath, Commissioners Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None*

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of May 8, 2024

Commissioner Beard requested an abstention, as she was not present at the May 8 meeting. Commissioner Wright moved, second by Chair Rath, to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2024. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Wright, Chair Rath, Commissioners Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom.

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Commissioner Beard

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Wright - requested information about determining lot lines.

Commissioner Beard – commended City Manager Martinez on his reports; applauded Animal Control for their efforts in neutering stray cats; commented on the successful opening of the cannabis lab.

Chair Rath – thanked City Manager Martinez for getting the lights fixed in Riverview Terrace.

Commissioner Ostby – had no requests

Commissioner Dressler - had no requests

Commissioner Bosboom - had no requests

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Martinez gave report for the weeks of June 21 and June 28, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rath called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Dressler moved, second by Chair Rath. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Chair Rath, Commissioners Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom.

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Bob Rath
Chair

Candace Clark, CPMC
Assistant City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 19, 2024

1. On **July 16, 2024**, the Palo Verde College (PVC) Needles Center hosted a 'Summer Cool Party' and 'Pirate Tuesday' event. This lively gathering drew in around 80 attendees, including students, prospective students, children, community members, and representatives from various non-profit organizations. Everyone had a great time with water slides, PVC Pirate giveaways, and delicious community-provided treats like popcorn, nachos, and hot dogs.

Several community partners supported the event, including the City of Needles, Needles Chamber of Commerce, San Bernardino County Library, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), Murphy Broadcasting, and First Institute Training and Management. As a result of the event, over 20 students enrolled or re-enrolled in classes for the upcoming semester. The attached images provide visual references.

2. On **July 17, 2024**, Needles Tourism, in collaboration with the Tri-State Chamber and Mohave County Economic Development Regional Tourism, hosted a joint meeting at the historic El Garces Building. Attendees included representatives from the City of Needles, Needles Chamber, Kingman, Kingman Chamber, Bullhead Chamber, Lake Havasu, Goffs Schoolhouse, and Steve Reyes from Supervisor Dawn Rowe's Office. The guest speaker, Freddy Bi, CEO of Discover Inland Empire, presented a vision to capitalize on the region's potential, provided updates on the Route 66 Centennial Celebration, and highlighted vital state tourism initiatives. The City of Needles is poised to attract visitors from Europe and China to explore Route 66 and experience outdoor wellness travel in our Mojave Desert.

The City of Needles City Council has recently adopted goals to foster economic growth and business development. Our strategy, which includes engaging with regional cities, counties, and states to support economic initiatives. The Route 66 Centennial Celebration aligns with these objectives, promoting economic growth and community pride.

3. We are pleased to announce that the San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-Clerk's Office has released the 2024 San Bernardino County Assessment Roll for the City of Needles, valuing total property at \$563 million. This represents a 4.4% increase from 2023 and an impressive 81% increase from 2017.
The assessment roll reflects the total gross assessed value of locally assessed real, business, and personal property in Needles that has either changed ownership or gained value through new construction. This significant growth underscores the City Council's goal of fostering economic growth with ongoing development and economic vitality. Refer to the attached graph for more information.
4. City Public Works Staff has been actively implementing temporary repairs on deteriorated streets to ensure road safety until permanent solutions can be applied. We are committed to maintaining and improving our infrastructure, as evidenced by the ongoing work highlighted in the attached photos of Peru Street. We encourage all residents to report any potholes or road issues by contacting the City of Needles billing office at 760-326-2115, pressing #9, or using the convenient Needles Connect app. Your feedback is invaluable as we work together to enhance the quality of our roads. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any concerns or to report issues. Your involvement is crucial to our community's continuous improvement.
5. We are excited to invite you to visit the newly revitalized swim area at Jack Smith Park, now ready for the summer season. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our City Staff, we have enhanced this public space in alignment with our Council Goals, including replacing the floating buoys and repairing the rope area. These improvements aim to attract more families and engage both residents and visitors. Please refer to the attached images for more details.
6. Last November, City Staff developed the "City of Needles Resources" guide (attached), which provides essential contact information for Needles residents. This comprehensive directory includes resources for low-income housing, social services, employment opportunities, shelters, and food distribution programs. Additionally, it covers utility assistance, local transit options, and medical supply providers. The guide also features educational resources, veterans' services, legal aid, health services, emergency contacts, hotlines, and local church information. Designed to be a valuable tool, this directory helps residents access a wide range of community support services, ensuring they have the necessary information to find assistance and improve their quality of life.
7. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**
 - **The Housing Authority of the City of Needles** will be accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program from **July 1 to July 31, 2024**. The Public Housing waitlist remains **open year-round**. Applications can be obtained and submitted at 908 Sycamore Drive. For more information, call (760) 326-3222, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1. PALO VERDE COLLEGE SUMMER COOL PARTY



Image Source: Palo Verde College

Agenda Item 3.

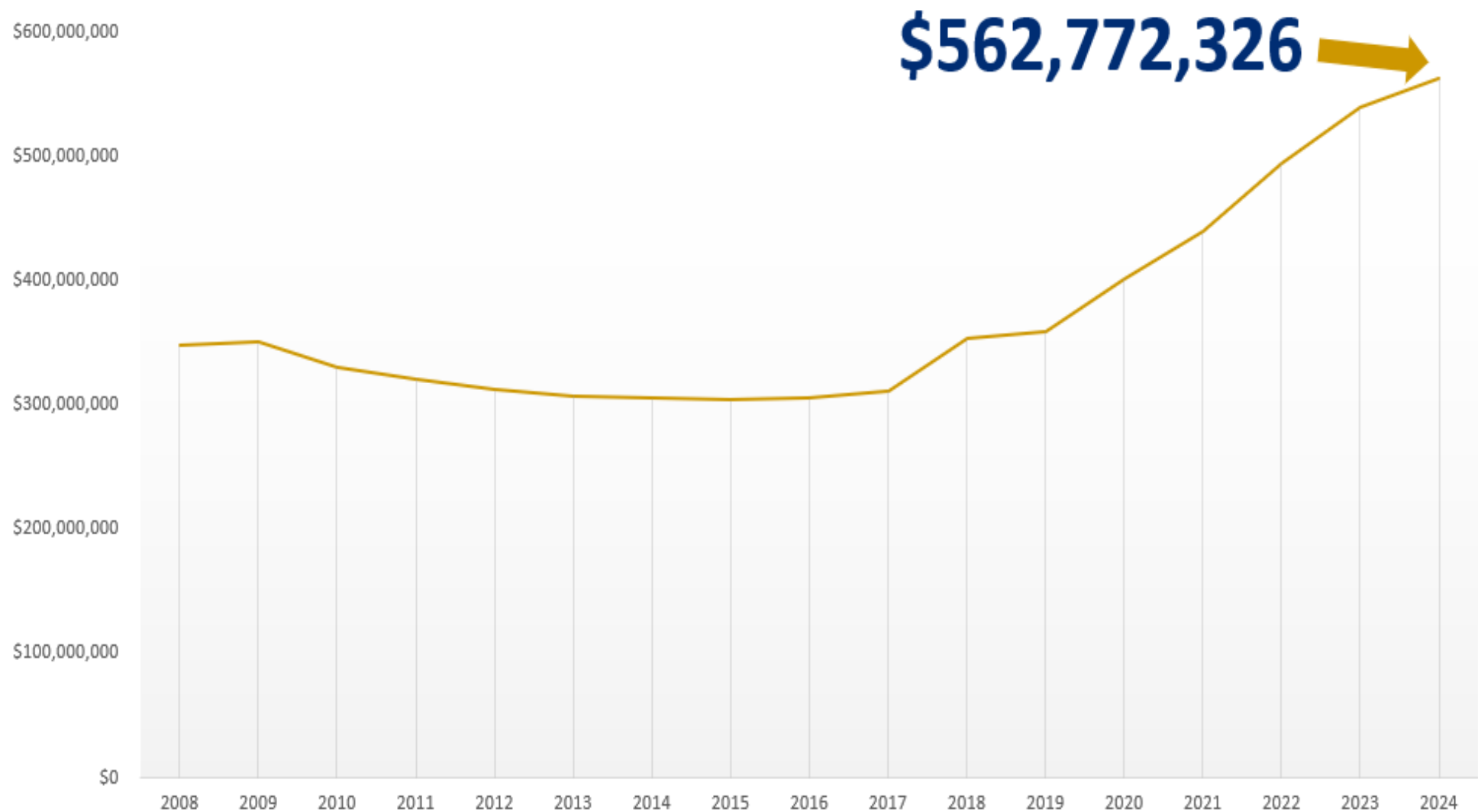
2. JOINT MEETING TRI-STATE CHAMBER AND TOURISM



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3. 2024 NEEDLES ASSESSMENT ROLL



2024 City of Needles Assessment Roll

Chris Wilhite | Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk

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Agenda Item 3.

4. TEMPORARY ROAD REPAIRS



5. JACK SMITH PARK UPDATE



Low Income Housing

- Needles Housing Authority (760) 326-3222
- Lilly Hill Apartments (760) 326-2433
- Mesa Grande Apartments (760) 326-2404
- Riverview Terrace Apartments (760) 326-4800

Social Services

- Adult Protective Services/ In-Home Support Services (760)326-9328
- Behavioral Health Services (DBH) (760) 326-9313
- Children and Family Services (760) 326-9339
- Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) (877) 410-8829
- Social Security Administration (866) 931-4956
- Fort Mohave Tribal Social Services (928) 346-1550
- Department of Child Support (866) 901-3212

Employment Resources

- First Institute (657) 799-6388
- California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) (800)640-2462
- Department of Labor (800) 333-4636
- Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment (800)300-5616
- Fair Employment and Housing (800) 884-1684
- Paid Family Leave Act (877) 480-3287
- San Bernardino County Job Line (909) 387-5611

Shelters

- Set Free Church (760) 326-2941
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (909) 888-4880
- Domestic Violence Unity Home (760) 366-9663

6. RESOURCE GUIDE

Food Distribution/Meal Program

- St. Vincent De Paul (760) 326-4420
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- Santa Fe Park (760) 326-3522
- Salvation Army (760) 877-3940
- Isabel's Pantry (760) 443-4342
- Calvary Church Of Needles (760) 326-2904
- Bonnie Baker/Meals on Wheels (760) 326-2898
- Ft. Mohave Tribal Senior Nutrition Program (760) 629-2371
- Needles CAPK WIC Program (866)327-3074

Utility Assistance Programs

- Lifeline Telephone Service (866)-272-0349
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (909) 723-1500
- Salvation Army Utility Help (760) 228-0114

Local Utility Companies

- Needles Public Utility Association (NPUA) (760) 326-5700
- Southwest Gas Co. (877) 860-6020
- Rt. 66 Broadband (760) 326-4190
- Frontier Communications (928) 453-0532
- Mohave Broadband (928) 768- 0110

Transportation

- Needles Area Transit (NAT) (866) 669-6309
- Needles Dial-A-Ride (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Medical Transport (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Shopper Shuttle (760) 326-4789

Medical Supply

- Shield Healthcare (800) 557-8797
- Anything Medical (928) 763-5959
- Preferred Home Care (928) 704-4654
- Lin-Care (928)704-9033

City Of Needles Resources



City of Needles
(760) 326-2113

Educational Resources

- Department of Environmental Health Services (800) 442-2283
- Needles Unified School District Administration (760) 326-3891
- Katie Hohstadt School HeadStart/Preschool (760) 326-5221
- Vista Colorado Elementary School (760) 326-2167
- Needles Middle School (760) 326-3894
- Needles High School/ Educational Training Center (ETC) (760) 326-2191
- Seventh Day Adventist School (760) 326-4406
- WIOA Program (760) 326-4590
- SB County Library – Needles Branch (760)-326-9255
- Palo Verde Community College (760) 326-5033
- Mohave Community College (928) 758-3926
- First 5/ West Care (760) 326-3135

Homeless/ Low Income Veterans

- Nations Finest (928) 615-4965 Ask for Khristina
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System HCHV Program (800) 741- 8387
- Veterans National Homeless Call Center (877) 424- 3838
- VA Crisis Chat Line 988 then press 1

Legal

- Inland County Legal Services (888) 805-6455 Ext: 4520
- Inland Fair Housing and Mediation (800) 321-0911
- Victim Witness (760) 552-6946
- SB County Superior Court – Needles (760) 269-4962

Health Services

- Health Department (760) 326-9230
- Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC) (760) 326-7100
- Valley View Medical Center (928) 788-2273
- Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) (928) 763-2273
- Havasu Regional Medical Center (928) 855-8185
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Tri-State Community HealthCare (760) 326-0222

Safety

- Ambulance (760) 326-5299
- Highway Patrol (760) 326-2000
- Fire Department (760) 326-2833
- Sheriff Station (760) 326-9200
- Poison Control (800) 222-1222
- Teen Rescue (800) 494-2200

Hotlines

- Adult & Elder Abuse (877) 565-2020
- Child Abuse (800) 827-8724
- Database Information 211
- WE TIP (800) 782-7462 Report Crime
- Alcoholics Anonymous (760) 242-9292
- Gamblers Anonymous (760) 261-4267
- Narcotics Anonymous (888) 322-6817
- Victim Witness Services (800) 777-9229
- National Sexual Assault (800) 656-4673
- National Domestic Violence (800) 799-7233

Churches

- Needles Assembly of God (760) 326-2751
- Christian Church of Needles (760) 326-2781
- Needles Church of Christ (760) 326-2441
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (760) 326-3363
- Calvary Chapel (760) 326-2904
- Set Free (760) 326-2941
- Grace Lutheran (760) 326-3128
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness (760) 326-2520
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- St. John's Episcopal Church (760) 326-3552
- Seventh Day Adventist (760) 326-4406
- Church of God in Christ (760) 326-3113
- Fire House Ministries (760) 443-4342

Support Services

- Department of Social Services (DSS) (877) 410-8829
- Needles Senior Center (760) 326-4789
- Needles Animal Control (760) 326-4952
- Inland Medical Center (909) 890-3000 Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) (760) 326-9224
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HTCAP) (800) 434-0222
- California Relay Services (877) 546-7414
- Fort Mohave Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (928) 768-1144
- Camp Good Grief (909) 558-8212



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2024

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1. During the City Council meeting on July 9, 2024, Michael Bracken of Development Management Group, Inc., the city's contract Chief Economist, presented an economic development update. His presentation detailed significant growth in Needles over the past decade.

Key highlights include:

- A 4.5% increase in the city's population.
- Growth in educational attainment, with high school and bachelor's degree holders rising by 4.4% and 38%, respectively.
- A 34% increase in median household income.
- A 31% increase in median home value.

In the past 5-10 years, the city has seen notable additions, including:

- An AutoZone and a Dollar General
- A \$45 million cannabis industry
- \$8 million Park improvements
- \$16 million water infrastructure
- Over 25 Tesla electric vehicle charging stations
- A Hampton Inn

Bracken emphasized that Needles faced severe financial challenges just a decade ago, but today, the city enjoys economic stability. These developments have positively impacted the community, enhancing the quality of life for its residents. Refer to the attached PowerPoint presentation or read the Needles Desert Star [article](#) for more details.

2. The City of Needles extends its heartfelt gratitude to Arrowhead Credit Union's ArrowHeart Foundation for their generous donation of over 100 JanSport school backpacks. These backpacks were distributed to the Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Day Camp participants, ensuring that each child had a new, high-quality backpack for the upcoming school year.

As summer draws to a close, the City proudly celebrates a successful season at the Needles Recreation Center. This year's diverse programs, including Summer Day Camp, Pee Wee Basketball, and swim lessons, saw enthusiastic participation. The aquatics center will continue offering morning lap swim and exercise four days a week through August 29, 2024 (Monday-Thursday).

Thank you to all City Staff and those involved for making this summer memorable and supporting our community's youth.

3. Rivers Edge Golf Course is celebrating the successful conclusion of its 2024 Summer Junior Camp, a rewarding 7-week program. The camp will wrap up next week with a 5-hole golf tournament, where participants will compete for exciting prizes. Throughout the program, 42 young golfers developed valuable skills, enjoyed the fresh air, and learned the basics of the game.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jason Parnell, Needles High School Golf Coach, Don Johnson, a dedicated long-time volunteer, and the Touchstone Staff for their crucial roles in making this summer's camp a success. We also appreciate the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for hosting a memorable putting contest on July 24, 2024. For highlights from the contest, please see the attached photos.

Additionally, Rivers Edge is excited to announce a photo contest with a chance to win a free round of golf. To participate, submit your entries by the end of the month to jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com. For more information call 760-326-3931.

4. The City Manager recently had a strategic meeting with the Mohave County Manager. This meeting was a significant step towards achieving our Council's goal of fostering strong relationships with regional representatives.

The primary objectives of this meeting were twofold:

- **Securing Support for Economic Growth Initiatives:** We discussed potential collaborations and support mechanisms that could enhance regional economic development efforts. Building a robust partnership with Mohave County is crucial for advancing our shared economic growth goals.
- **Enhancing Emergency Response Coordination:** We explored ways to work collaboratively during emergencies. Establishing a cooperative framework will help ensure the safety and resilience of our communities during critical situations.

This initial meeting lays the foundation for ongoing dialogue and cooperation between our city and Mohave County, aligning with our commitment to regional engagement and community safety.

5. On **July 18, 2024**, Sheriff Dicus and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department revealed that San Bernardino, Victorville, and Fontana have

emerged as critical areas in California for the proliferation of unserialized or "ghost" guns. Following this, on **July 24, 2024**, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station issued an advisory urging firearm owners to maintain detailed firearms records on their guns.

In the past year, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station- Needles Police have seized 74 firearms, including handguns, rifles, and shotguns, in connection with various crimes. Many of these weapons were found to be unregistered, and at least one ghost gun was recovered. To aid in the recovery of stolen firearms, firearm owners are encouraged to document their guns' make, model, and serial numbers. This information is crucial for entering stolen weapons into the law enforcement database and identifying them if recovered. Without registration details, tracing and returning stolen firearms to their rightful owners can be challenging.

The Colorado River Station: Needles Police remains committed to enhancing community safety through proactive law enforcement, community engagement, and raising awareness of crime trends. For more information on California gun laws, visit [California Department of Justice Firearms](#) or refer to the attached press releases for further details.

6. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **The Housing Authority of the City of Needles** will be accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program from **July 1 to July 31, 2024**. The Public Housing waitlist remains **open year-round**. Applications can be obtained and submitted at 908 Sycamore Drive. For more information, call (760) 326-3222, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1. ECONOMIC UPDATE

CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

JULY 9, 2024

PURPOSE OF UPDATE

- **Define Economic Development**
- **Economic Progress**
- **Discuss Community Demographics/Market Opportunity**
- **State of Retail & Housing**
- **Objectives for FY 24/25**
- **Invite City Council Communication/Comments/Feedback**

DEFINING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **“Any activity that increases the overall wealth of the community”**
 - **Housing**
 - **Employment/Jobs**
 - **Healthcare**
 - **Retail**
 - **Quality of Life**
(Parks/Recreation/Arts/Entertainment/Education)

DEMOGRAPHIC COMPARISON (2013 & 2024)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2024</u>
• Population	4,909	5,133
• Median Age	38.6	45.5
• Education HS+	78.41%	81.86%
• Education BA+	8.72%	12.04%
• Median HH Income	\$29,852	\$40,021
• Employed	1,693	1,605
• Owner Occupied Housing	53.28%	51.96%
• Median Home Value	\$109,057	\$142,887
• Total Housing Units	1,950	2,142

Source: Claritas/DataQuick

STATE OF RETAIL

- **ICSC San Diego (9/23) & Las Vegas (5/24)**
- **10+ Meetings Retailers, Brokers, Developers**
- **Restaurant/Fast Food: Watching Impact of \$20 Minimum Wage on Price/Demand**
- **Retailers: Most on Hold in 2024 with Economic Stability Concerns + Interest Rates + Wage Increases**
- **All: Watching Job Growth, Traffic Counts, Government Stability**
- **ICSC Western (aka San Diego) to be held in Palm Springs late September, 2024, ACRE March 2025, ICSC-LV May 2025**

GROCERY/PHARMACY STORE UPDATE

- **Grocery Outreach includes:**

- **Retailers/Brokers/Developers**

- Aldi
 - Grocery Outlet
 - Smart & Final
 - Stater Brothers
 - Independents

- **Feedback:**

- Focused on Markets of 25,000+ people
 - Markets with high growth (significant residential home construction)
 - Infill Opportunity Markets (existing competitors)

- **Pharmacy/HABA**

- Industry going through reset (bankruptcies, mergers) Most not financially healthy, no current expansion happening at current. May see rise in independent

STATE OF HOUSING

- **Motel Conversion:** Planning Commission & City Council appear open to motel to micro-apartment conversion (blight elimination, increase in workforce housing stock)
- **Apartment Developers:** Rents currently do not justify new construction
- **Home Builders:** Riverfront Homes continue to see demand (2nd home/short-term rental). Tract or Made to Order Tract Builders have toured region in last 60 days and are showing interest cautiously (interest rates, cost of materials)
- **Best housing opportunity for investors:** purchase and rehab older 2-3 bedroom homes and rent/sell (more cost effective than new construction)

EXAMPLES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDLES (LAST 5-10 YEARS)



FY 24/25 OBJECTIVES

- **Housing:** Identify and work with regional home developers to attract them to Needles opportunity
- **Retail:** Continue working with brokers, developers and retailers to bring them to Needles
- **Hotel/Tourism:**
 - Work to attract additional hoteliers and work with existing to remodel/rebrand/expand.
 - Identify process, location/co-location and costs to host California Welcome Center
 - Determine viability of TBID or similar financial structure for joint marketing campaign
 - Regular Use of Instagram, Twitter, Facebook for City/Community News/Events
- **Industrial/Logistics:** Identify brokers/developers in Tri-State area with projects to attract to Needles
- **All:** Create Regional Economic Development Forum (Annual Event) w/ Laughlin, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City, Fort Mohave, Tribe and City of Needles

FEEDBACK, COMMENTS & QUESTIONS



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2. ARROWHEART FOUNDATION



3. RIVERS EDGE SUMMER JUNIOR CAMP



2024 Junior Camp Highlights

As we wrap up the 2024 Junior Summer Camp next Wednesday (July 31st) we would like to thank all of the participants this year even throughout the extreme summer heat. We hope everyone learned a lot and had lots of fun all together. Looking forward to 2025!

Rivers Edge Staff







[Book a Tee Time](#)

Rivers Edge Golf Course
144 Marina Drive

(760) 326-3931 www.golfneedlesca.com



Photo Contest at The Edge



**EVERY PHOTO SENT IN COUNTS
as 1 entry to our raffle to win a free round
of golf including a sleeve of golf balls**



**EMAIL PHOTOS TO
JJDELEON@GOLFNEEDLESCA.COM**

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5. SBSD UPDATE ADVISORY

Thursday July 18, 2024, 7:33 AM



SBSD - Headquarters

Advisory: San Bernardino County Home to Three of the Top 10 Cities for Unserialized Firearms

Dear patrick martinez,

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
July 18, 2024

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF SHANNON DICUS ANNOUNCES SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MAKES UP THREE OF THE TOP 10 CITIES FOR UNSERIALIZED FIREARMS

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Shannon Dicus announced three cities in San Bernardino County have been identified as leading areas in California for the proliferation of unserialized or ghost guns. This alarming trend highlights the growing concern over untraceable firearms that are increasingly being used in criminal activities and used against law enforcement officers throughout the County.

Ghost guns, which are firearms assembled from kits or 3D-printed parts without serial numbers, have posed significant challenges for law enforcement agencies across the state. These weapons bypass traditional legal firearm measures, making them nearly impossible to track. The surge in ghost guns has correlated with an increase in violent crimes within our county – including attempted murder of law enforcement officers.

The removal of ghost guns from our neighborhoods is critical due to the serious threat they pose by enabling prohibited persons, such as those convicted of violent felonies like child or animal abuse, to obtain a firearm. Ghost guns, which lack serial numbers and are untraceable, provide a dangerous loophole for individuals who are legally barred from purchasing firearms. This accessibility increases the risk of these untraceable weapons being used in further criminal activities.

In the California Department of Justice's annual Crime Gun in California report, three cities within San Bernardino County made the top 10 list, including the City of San Bernardino, Victorville, and Fontana.

- Sacramento – 435
- Los Angeles – 389
- San Diego – 350
- San Bernardino – 319
- Bakersfield – 263
- San Francisco – 205
- Stockton – 177
- Victorville – 168
- Modesto – 136
- Fontana – 132

According to the DOJ, a crime gun is defined as a firearm recovered by a law enforcement agency after it was used in a crime, suspected to have been used in a crime, or illegally possessed.

Additionally, San Bernardino County had the second-highest number of crime ghost guns behind Los Angeles County:

- Los Angeles – 1,914
- San Bernardino – 1,561
- San Diego – 804
- Riverside – 770
- Sacramento – 648

“The rise of ghost guns is a significant threat to the safety and security of our communities,” said Sheriff Shannon Dicus. “These untraceable firearms make it increasingly difficult for law enforcement to do their jobs and protect the public. We are committed to aggressively combating this issue and holding those who use these illegal weapons accountable while protecting the rights of lawful firearm owners.”

San Bernardino Police Chief Darren Goodman added, “The increase in ghost guns directly correlates with the rise in violent crime we are witnessing. Our officers are on the front lines daily, facing these threats head-on. We must address this problem with the seriousness it deserves.”

“The proliferation of ghost guns is a clear and present danger to our community,” said Fontana Police Chief Michael Dorsey. “These firearms are

being used in crimes with alarming frequency, and we must take strong, decisive action to stem the tide of this growing menace.”

The proliferation of ghost guns and minimal penalties for felons caught with firearms are creating additional obstacles for law-abiding citizens attempting to obtain firearms through State and Federally-regulated dealers. Law-abiding citizens are increasingly subjected to stringent regulations and scrutiny, while those with criminal intent exploit these legal loopholes. This disparity not only undermines public safety but also places undue burdens on responsible firearm owners who follow the law.

Due to the surge in crime and community concerns, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department developed Operation Consequences. This operation focuses on conducting targeted crime suppression operations to curb violent crime, disrupt and dismantle targeted criminal street gangs, and locate and arrest those who are illegally possessing, manufacturing, and trafficking firearms. From October 2022 to June 2024, Operation Consequences yielded 1,312 felony arrests, 2,194 firearm seizures, 3,492 traffic citations, 214.3 lbs of fentanyl, and 3,051.41 lbs of methamphetamine.

In June of 2024, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors reauthorized an ongoing contribution of \$3 million annually for the County’s community concerns reserve, which funds specialized law enforcement services, including Operation Consequences, Operation Shelter Me, and Operation Smash and Grab.

To read the full California Department of Justice Crime Gun report, visit: <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/ab1191-crime-gun-report-2024.pdf>

The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department is the law enforcement agency for the largest geographical county in the nation. Sheriff Shannon Dicus currently serves as San Bernardino County’s 36th Sheriff-Coroner. The department serves over 2.1 million residents, with eight county and 14 contract patrol stations and over 4,200 employees to ensure the quality and safety of those we serve.

Contact: Public Affairs
PAffairs@sbcasd.org



For full details, [view this message on the web](#).

Wednesday July 24, 2024, 1:00 PM



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Advisory: In Light of Recent Report on Crime Guns in the County, Firearm Owners Encouraged to Keep Records on Their Guns

Dear patrick martinez,

DATE: July 24, 2024

Summary: With three cities in San Bernardino County leading the state in the recovery of unserialized guns, there is an increasing concern by law enforcement over the proliferation of untraceable firearms. Within the last year in the City of Needles, 74 firearms have been seized for various crimes. These include handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Most of the weapons have no registration record and at least one ghost gun was recovered.

As stated in the July 18, 2024, Sheriff's Department Press Release, "Ghost guns, which are firearms assembled from kits or 3D-printed parts without serial numbers, have posed significant challenges for law enforcement across the state. These weapons bypass traditional legal firearms measures, making them nearly impossible to track. The surge in ghost guns has correlated with an increase in violent crimes within our county – including attempted murder of law enforcement officers."

Firearm owners are encouraged to record the make, model, and serial number of all firearms so in the event of theft, weapons can be entered into the law enforcement stolen firearms computer system. Not all states have

gun registration requirements so, often when a firearm is recovered, unless the owner reporting it stolen has serial numbers, identifying the weapon as stolen and locating the rightful owner is problematic.

The Colorado River Station – Needles Police is dedicated to keeping the community safe through proactive law enforcement, community engagement, and community awareness of crime trends. More information on California gun laws may be found at www.oag.ca.gov/firearms.

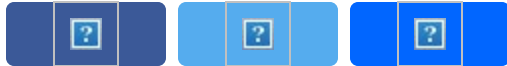
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Station: Colorado River Station

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SHANNON DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department



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