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Greetings Neighbors,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a safe and happy holiday season. As mentioned last month, Fairplex CFO and VP of Finance Walter M. Marquez, Ed.D., has been named Interim CEO. Walter came to Fairplex in 2018 from Cal Poly Pomona, bringing with him nearly 20 years of experience in finance, land development, and higher education. He holds a bachelor's degree from Cal State San Bernardino, an MBA from Cal Poly Pomona and a doctorate from the University of La Verne. Walter will continue our work with neighbors and partners, along with City and County officials, to strengthen the community and showcase the best of Southern California at Fairplex.

As we begin a new year, we would like to highlight the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) program of The Learning Centers at Fairplex. As with many organizations, COVID-19 has forced us to reinvent CTEC programming, taking our typically hands-on classes to an online platform. Our instructors are innovative and resilient and have found new tools to ensure students continue to receive quality programming in addition to high school credit. CTEC resumed online classes on Jan. 11. The spring semester offers two pathways, automotive and welding. High school juniors and seniors interested in participating must apply no later than Jan. 25 at www.fairplex.com/ctec. All registration is now online. Please share this information with any high school students who may be interested.

The shift to virtual learning has created a new set of challenges and a strain on resources for The Learning Centers. Please consider donating to TLC to keep these classes available at no cost for the youth in our community. Donate at www.fairplex.com/tlcfairplex/tlc-donate.

Fairplex continues its work in supporting COVID-19 relief efforts through our partnership with LA County with the use of the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel to house medically quarantined individuals and by hosting COVID-19 testing conducted by the LA County Department of Health Services. For more information or if you would like schedule an appointment for COVID-19 testing, please call 2-1-1 to connect with the County Information line or visit covid19.lacounty.gov.

If you drive past the Finish Line or the hotel, you may notice banks of electric vehicle chargers. Fairplex has partnered with Southern California Edison and its Charge Ready program, which was launched as a pilot three years ago. It allows SCE to partner with businesses, local governments and other organizations to add more than 1,800 EV chargers at more than 100 sites. Fairplex is home to the largest site, with 200 EV chargers. As the pandemic lessens and the Fairplex campus opens up, the chargers will become available for use by the community and guests.

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As some of our neighbors may have noticed, there is activity going on at Gate 9, also known as the blue lot. We have contracted with a vehicle company to park cars in blue lot, as we have done in the past. If you have any questions, please contact our general information line at (909) 623-3111 or email info@fairplex.com.

Please visit <https://fairplex.com/events> for our full calendar of events and follow us on social media @Fairplex on all platforms, for the latest news and activities. If you would like to receive Fairplex highlights straight to your inbox, sign-up for the Fairplex newsletter at fairplex.com/fairplex-newsletter or the CEO newsletter at fairplex.com/ceo-newsletter.

As always, if you have any issues or immediate concerns during Fairplex events - noise, traffic, or other - please call, text, or email the Neighborhood Response Line (NRL) accessible 24/7 at (909) 263-3304 or neighborhood@fairplex.com. For general information call (909) 623-3111, or visit <https://fairplex.com>.

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