

ROCKING IN THE PARK



Music played by Start Me Up, the Rolling Stones tribute band performing a free concert at Eastgate Park in West Garden Grove on Thursday got these ladies tripping the light fantastic. The next and last concert in the series is set for Thursday, July 30 with Bee Gee Fever, a Bee Gees tribute band (Tribune photo).

OC issues \$4 million demand

A formal demand notice for over \$4 million has been issued to GKN Aerospace by the County of Orange for expenses incurred by the May 21 hazardous material leak in Garden Grove on May 21.

The leak precipitated the evacuation of over 50,000 residents not only in Garden Grove but also parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Stanton and Westminster.

The prospect of a dangerous leak or even an explo-

sion was suggested by fire responders.

Not included in this demand are the expenses by the Orange County Fire Authority, which are said to have totaled \$2.8 million.

Steve Hilton's uphill campaign

By Michael R. Blood
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Republican Steve Hilton launched his general election campaign for California governor last week with a gambit to win over left-leaning voters who dominate the state: Even

if they loathe President Donald Trump, he said, they should consider voting for him.

During an event in Los Angeles, against the backdrop of a stinking, scorched food warehouse he described as a symbol of the state's political incompetence, Hilton rolled

out a list of campaign promises clearly aimed at residents buckling under California's notoriously high cost of living. He vowed to bring the price of gasoline down to \$3 a gallon, about half the current cost, cut residents' utility bills in half, now

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Voters Will Decide on A Bed Tax Hike

Proposed is an increase from 8 to 12%

Westminster City Council

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

It was only a few minutes, but it seemed like hours on Wednesday night while Westminster Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen was considering his decision on whether to support a proposal to ask city voters to raise the "bed tax" charged to visitors to the city's motels and hotels.

After a long discussion and a presentation on a survey charting public opinion of various proposed increases from the current 8 percent all the way to 14 percent, a mo-

tion to put the hike on the Nov. 6 ballot got "yes" votes from two council members.

When it was the mayor's turn to vote, he was silent. He looked at some papers, wrote something and finally — apparently reluctantly — spoke up.

"For the sake of the city, I vote yes," he said. The final vote was 4-0 with Councilmember Amy Phan West (District 1) absent.

If approved by voters in the fall, the increase from 8 to 12 percent is estimated to bring the city about \$452,000 in additional revenue through what's officially termed

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the “transient occupancy tax.”

Westminster has long had among the lowest “TOT” rates in the area. Some neighboring Orange County cities are much higher; Anaheim is at 15 percent, Garden Grove at 14.5 percent and Laguna Beach at 14 percent.

The city has recently had financial problems because of several issues: historically low property tax rates, the decline of revenue from the now-defunct Westminster Mall, and a large “cash only” segment of retail trade. During Wednesday’s special meeting, councilmembers considered several options. An increase to 14 percent would draw in an additional \$678,000, but stood a smaller chance of approval, according to a survey commissioned by the city.

More popular were increases to 10 or 11 percent, but Councilmember Carlos Manzo (District 2) said “At 10 percent you might as well do nothing.”

The next regular meeting of the city council is set for Wednesday, Aug. 12.

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among the nation’s highest, and eliminate state income taxes on the first \$150,000 in earnings.

He blamed the state’s problems — from homelessness to low student test scores — squarely on Democrats, who hold every statewide office and supermajorities in the Legislature. He called Democrats a “rotten regime that has abandoned the working class.”

In his campaign remarks and ads he took out in leading newspapers throughout the state, Hilton addressed his relationship with Trump, who has endorsed him in the race.

“This is not about who you hate in Washington. It’s about what we love about California and what we can do to make California once again the best place anywhere in the country to start and raise a family, to start and run a business,” he said before a small group of supporters.

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News&Views

Unions against each other is not brotherly

If You Can't Beat 'Em Dept. You've seen them outside your supermarket or drug store. Folks with clipboards urging you to sign petitions regarding the proposed Nickelodeon-themed hotel approved by the Garden Grove City Council recently.

What strikes me about the petition drive to put the issue on the ballot is what the petition folks don't tell you, which is that this drive pits one union against another.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

On the one hand, you have the construction trade unions who would be employed building a huge hotel complex that – incidentally – would provide good-paying jobs to workers and millions of dollars in tax revenue to the city.

On the other hand, you have the hotel and restaurant workers union who are engaged in an ongoing battle with the hotel operators in Anaheim.

They are opposed to the new hotel in Garden Grove on the grounds that the land should be used for “affordable housing,” whatever that means in Orange County. How blocking the new hotel would accomplish that remains a mystery.

What may happen is that this situation has the potential for a lose-lose game. If the new hotel is blocked, that eliminates hundreds of union jobs and potentially creates a threat to more hospitality development in Garden Grove's hotel district.

Why would one union want to prevent a development which would employ many members of another “brother” union?

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A Leader from 'The Ranch'

Rancho Alamitos senior to speak for students

By Amberly Nguyen
Orange County Tribune

Ricardo De Rosas, a student at Rancho Alamitos High School, was chosen as the student representative at the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

An incoming senior at Rancho Alamitos, De Rosas aspires to study chemistry at UCLA and pursue a career in medicine. De Rosas described his goals for the upcoming term as straightforward: building a more engaging campus community across the district's schools. To add on, he intends to demonstrate his own dedication by actively collaborating with campus leadership and giving his full effort for students the best he can.

“One of my goals is to get stu-



RICARDO DE ROSAS with Stephanie Heflin, assistant superintendent of secondary education in the Garden Grove Unified School District (Tribune photo).

dents more engaged,” De Rosas said. “I think that's something that I've kind of encountered my whole life: giving rather than taking. So anytime that I can give my time, any time that I can

give help, anything.”

De Rosas' motivation for stepping into public service came from a passion and helping others. He expresses that it is a part

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Manslaughter charge in 'car-surfing' death

A 21-year-old Huntington Beach man has been charged with vehicular manslaughter by the Orange County District Attorney's office in the fatal towing of a friend on his e-bike at speeds of over 50 miles an hour on Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach.

Brandon Scott Soleau faces one charge of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence in the August 2025 death of Kolby Kekoa Aipa, 20. If convicted, Soleau faces a maximum sentence of six years in state prison. Soleau is accused of picking up eight passengers in his Toyota

Tacoma after a movie premiere in Huntington Beach on Aug. 2 at about 10:15 p.m.

Aipa allegedly was riding his e-bike alongside the Toyota and asked if he could grab on and “car surf.” Soleau allegedly agreed. Near Seapoint Street,

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History Minute

When FDR came to Orange Co.

While we have debunked the legend that Teddy Roosevelt visited Huntington Beach, There's pretty good evidence that Franklin D. Roosevelt did, or at least rode through. In July 1935, FDR took a trip

down the California coast to visit Newport Bay, a reclamation project of the federal Works Projects Administration.

While he didn't actually spend much time in HB, he almost certainly rode through on his way to Newport/Corona del Mar.

The visit paid off, because in the 1936 presidential election, Orange County voted Democratic. It wouldn't happen again



FDR with son James

until 2016 when it supported Hillary Clinton.

NewsUpdate

Farewell, LeBron; He's Off to Philly

James seeking a new home for his final seasons

LeBron James, the basketball great with NBA titles with three different teams, has found his fourth and probable final landing spot: Philadelphia.

According to the Associated Press, James – the league's oldest player at 41 – announced on Friday that he had signed a contract with the Philadelphia 76ers.

"I believe I can help make the Philadelphia 76ers a championship team and I am so excited to energize a new fan base and start this incredible journey one last time," James said.

James was first drafted by the



LE BRON JAMES leaving Lakers for 76ers (AP photo).

"I believe I can help make the Philadelphia 76ers a championship team and I am excited to energize a new fan base."

Cleveland Cavaliers, where he led them to a NBA title.

From there he went to the Miami Heat and a pair of championships and later to Los Angeles where the Lakers won it all in 2020.

His resume includes being a 22-time All-Star, 21-time all-NBA selection, a four-time league MVP and a member of the league's 75th anniversary team.

Threat lead to a swap of the Air Force One jet aircraft

The reason that President Donald Trump changed planes from Turkey was a threat from Iranian "proxy" forces seeking to kill the president.

The New York Times is reporting that the Secret Service urged the change because the "old" Air Force One had more advanced defensive capabilities than the newer jet donated by the Arabian nation of Qatari.

U.S. government officials told The Times that the threat was not focused on the newer aircraft, but on any plane bearing the president. There was no official comment from the White House.

The Times earlier this month reported on concerns about the "new" jet to defend itself, which itself lead to a grand jury investigation into who leaked such information to the newspaper.

Great Thoughts

"The sun has a way of making people feel good."
– Maya Angelou

"A hot summer sun is all but a brief awakening of the senses."
– Robert Louis Stevenson

"Summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy."
– Regina Brett

Weather: Heat advisory for the West OC through weekend, etc.

A heat advisory is in effect for most of the week in Orange County. The forecast for our West OC cities on Saturday is for a high of 87 with an overnight low of 68 under mostly sunny skies. Sunday will be the same at 87 (69) and mostly sunny. A very slight cooling trend is seen for Monday at 86 (68) and partly cloudy and 86 (68) on Tuesday and mostly sunny.

Record highs reported by the CDC of measles cases; disease had been 'eliminated'

Measles, once a common childhood disease, was declared "eliminated" in 2020. But it's made a major comeback. According to United Press International, the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention is reporting 2,318 confirmed cases so far in 2026.

That tops the record-breaking year of 2025, with 2,289.

More measles cases have been reported in those two years than in the period from 2000 to 2024 combined.

The numbers come in the wake of the "anti-vaccine" policies of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who has expressed doubt about the safety and usefulness of inoculation against disease.

Arts&Living

Ancient Epic Reborn in 'Odyssey'

Nolan's version of Homer's epic is remarkable

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

Getting home, and turning back the clock, has long been at the root of Christopher Nolan's films. The astronauts of "Interstellar" painstakingly lose 23 years in space travel, almost the same length of time Odysseus is away from home in "The Odyssey": a decade fighting the Trojan War, a decade trying to return to Ithaca.

So, to a remarkable degree, Nolan's "The Odyssey" — faithful as it is to Homer's epic poem — feels, down to its nonlinear DNA, like a Nolan movie. The authorship of the epic poem, dated to the 7th or 8th century BC, is complex. But no one could question the maker of this "Odyssey," an earthy, existential epic that ravishingly melds the storytelling of antiquity with contemporary IMAX-sized bravado.

As a story about a man whose cunning offends the gods, "The Odyssey" feels very much like a companion piece, if not a down-right sequel, to "Oppenheimer." Odysseus (Matt Damon, in the role of his life) is increasingly racked with guilt for the violence and death he's wrought after his ingenuity led to the sacking of Troy.

The arrival of any new Nolan spectacle inevitably leads to its own kind of assault, and avalanches of "masterpiece" proclamations. (I'm not innocent.) But while "The Odyssey," Nolan's first film shot entirely with IMAX cameras, doesn't skimp on grandiosity, it works surprisingly well as a simpler, human-sized tale.

The journey — you may have heard, it's about the journey — is sometimes a little clunky, and the sheer Nolan-ness of the



MATT DAMON stars in Christopher Nolan's "The Odyssey" (Universal Pictures).

Movie Review

production, not to mention the historic nature of the tale, inevitably saps it of some freshness. You could make a credible case that Nolan has already made a movie about a guy trying to reach his family through strata of mind-warping illusion, and it's called "Inception." Such is the trouble with urtexts.

But "The Odyssey" is rarely not transfixing, and it's a ripping adventure story, besides. At the least, it's the definitive big-screen adaptation of one of literature's oldest tales — a not-too-shabby accomplishment for a filmmaker of restless ambition.

It's not until Book 5 that Odysseus enters Homer's poem, and Nolan, who also wrote the screenplay, likewise begins in Ithaca. There, Odysseus' home is overrun by feasting suitors in pursuit of his wife, Penelope (Anne Hathaway). Foremost among them is Antinous, who's played with sleazy perfection by

Robert Pattinson. For an actor often (pleasingly) at odds with the movies around him, Pattinson has never slid more seamlessly into a part.

Telemachus (Tom Holland, also well-cast), the youthful son of Penelope and Odysseus, resolves to go in search of his father. Meanwhile, we catch up with Odysseus, weathered and white-bearded, following the fall of Troy. His forced conscription,

Good ★ ★ ★

by Agamemnon, is shown in flashbacks. Agamemnon is depicted with an imposing Darth Vader-like presence and played by Benny Safdie, but the real star is his hulking, mohawked helmet.

Such vivid details abound in Nolan's richly textured film.

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Last summer concert of 2026

The 2026 Free Summer Concert Series will conclude on Thursday, July 30 at the Eastgate Park at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Performing will be Bee Gees Fever (a Bee Gees tribute band).

The annual concert series is sponsored by the city and the Garden Grove Community Foundation.

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Angels aren't that far from being ... fourth

Ever since Billy Beane popularized what's come to be called "Moneyball," the close analysis of statistics has become the foremost aspect of baseball.

I was looking at some season-to-date stats of our own Los Angeles Angels and a few things stood out.

As I write this, the Halos are 41-62, good for fifth and last place in the American League West. But, typically, they don't get blown out, like a truly bad team might.

Overall, they have been outscored by 58 runs, a better stat than the fourth-place Athletics

who are 122 runs "underwater."

That works out to one run per loss.

In their last six games (not counting Friday's contest), the Angels have played four one-run con-



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tests (three losses and a win).

Based on that stat, the team would be expected to have 46 wins, which would elevate them into fourth.

Another stat is that against teams with a record of .500 or better, they're at 17-29. That means they perform better against the weaker teams. You would think that considering that they are in the AL West — arguably the worst division in MLB with four of five teams with losing records — the Angels would be able to rack up more W's.

The Angels last year were among the leaders in home runs and went nowhere. This year they're 21st and in roughly the same spot.

Home run hitters hit a lot of fly balls and strike out a lot, too. Billy was right. Get on base. That's where it all needs to start.



LOS ANGELES DODGERS pitcher Roki Sasaki delivers during the first inning of a baseball earlier this season. Blue Crew defeated the New York Mets on Friday night as Sasaki struck out nine batters in seven innings, yielding just three hits and one earned run in a 4-2 victory.

(AP Photo/Adam Hunger)

Roki Rocks the NY Mets

Dodgers rely on pitching for a 66th victory

By Pete Zarustica
Orange County Tribune

As National League batters are learning, Shohei Ohtani and Yoshi Yamamoto aren't the only Japanese imports of the Los Angeles Dodgers capable of making them look silly at the plate.

On Friday night in New York, Roki Sasaki pitched a gem for the visiting Dodgers, as they defeated the Mets by 4-2. Sasaki (4-5) worked seven innings, yielding just three hits and one earned run. More impressive than that, he struck out seven batters while yielding just three hits and one earned run.

With the victory, the Blue Crew is now 66-38 and leads the National League West by 11 games. It was the team's third

■ MLBbaseball

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Texas	52-51	.505	--	5-5
Seattle	51-53	.490	1.5	4-6
Houston	51-54	.486	2	5-5
Athletics	44-59	.427	8	3-7
ANGELS	41-63	.394	11.5	4-6

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	66-38	.635	--	5-5
Arizona	55-39	.529	11	8-2
San Diego	51-53	.490	15	5-5
San Fran.	43-60	.417	22.5	4-6
Colorado	42-63	.400	24.5	4-6

straight win.

The Dodgers broke up a 1-1 deadlock with one run in the top of the seventh and two more in the eighth. Kyle Tucker had a home run (his eighth of the season). Freddie Freeman was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and Ohtani was 2-for-4 with one run batted in.

Angels lose 7-6 to Giants in 10 innings in SF

Late rallies by the Los Angeles Angels sent their game Friday night against the Giants in San Francisco into extra innings, but the home team had the latest, and last word.

Rafael Devers' ground rule double drove in the deciding run in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Giants won a 7-6 victory over the visiting Halos.

Trailing 3-0 after four innings, the Angels caught up with three runs in the fourth, then scored two more in the eighth to knot the score at 6-all.

With the loss, the Angels are 41-63, still last in the AL West. The Giants are 43-50, good for fourth in the NL West.

They meet again Saturday with Ryan Johnson starting for LAA.

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

Westminster Lions will open against Lancers

As the Beatles once sang, "It won't be long." The Westminster High Lions football team will be opening its 2026 season in just a few weeks. The red-and-black will visit the Sunny Hills Lancers on Friday, Aug. 21.

WHS is coming off a 3-7 season overall in 2025, finishing with a 1-4 mark in the Kappa League. This season the Lions will be in the Lambda League, with Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana, Fountain Valley, Sonora, Valencia and Woodbridge.

Here's the season schedule for WHS as posted by maxpreps.com. Schedules are subject to change without notice. League games are marked by an asterisk.

- Friday, Aug. 21: at Sunny Hills, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 28: hosting Buena Park, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3: hosting Garden Grove, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 11: hosting Canyon Springs, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 18: at Saddleback, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 1: at Valencia, 7 p.m. *
- Friday, Oct. 9: hosting Sonora, 7 p.m. *
- Friday, Oct. 16: hosting Fountain Valley, 7 p.m. *
- Friday, Oct. 23: at Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana, 7 p.m. *
- Friday, Oct. 30: hosting Woodbridge, 7 p.m. *



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Epic legend of 'Odyssey'

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The simple rocking of Odysseus' longship, off the Mediterranean coast, is glorious. Some of Nolan's and cinematographer Hoyte van Hoytema's most impressive work has come when they're faced with the elements (as in "Dunkirk"). And "The Odyssey" is flooded with stormy seas and enchanted isles. If anything, the movie could have gone further; I was promised rosy-fingered dawns.

The first line of Homer's poem, as translated by Emily Wilson (the version Nolan leaned on), refers to Odysseus as "a complicated man." James Joyce, whose "Ulysses" was based on "The Odyssey," once noted that while Hamlet is merely a son, Ulysses, or Odysseus, is a father, a husband, a lover and a warrior. In short, he's an Everyman, albeit an especially smart one. And Damon, the most amiable of Everymen, proves especially attuned to the multifaceted nature of the archetypal hero.

We meet him first as a soldier, leading a small group of ships away from Agamemnon's fleet, setting a southerly course with his second-in-command Eurylochus (an excellent Himesh Patel). Their route takes them on a series of episodic quests: a cave encounter with Polyphemus, the Cyclops; a pine forest attack by the man-eating giants, the Laestrygonians; a meal with the witch Circe (Samantha Morton); and Odysseus' seven-year interlude with the sea nymph Calypso (a beguilingly sincere Charlize Theron).

You could argue that the movie can feel like a series of sketched-together set pieces, but what set pieces! That includes the tale of the Trojan horse, a fleeting mention in the poem but here a centerpiece. You can tell that Nolan, who nearly made "Troy" more than two decades ago, has had the sequence — beginning with the Trojan horse sunk in the sand and leading to the burning of Troy — on his mind for years. Each stop on Odysseus' journey gives Nolan a mythic playground to explore imagery that verges on the stuff of horror.

I was most intoxicated by "The Odyssey" in its most surreal moments: the sight of a giant hand

emerging out of the shadows, the meeting with the "shades" of Odysseus' dead army, risen from the black soil of Hades.

"A time of apparent magic" is how the movie is introduced. Nolan has wisely opted to keep the gods sidelined. Their powers are real, but with the exception of Zenda's Athena, who appears like a confidant to Odysseus, the gods, themselves, remain off-screen.

That choice draws Nolan's "Odyssey," and its themes of sacrifice, fidelity and honor, closer to reality. And it makes Nolan's decision to cast his film widely all the more essential. This is a story, passed down for centuries by singers and storytellers, that belongs to all of humankind.

Casting the movie with a wide spectrum of actors, including Lupita Nyong'o as Helen of Troy, is not only fair game for a purely mythic tale but it gives the movie a present-day vitality. Seeing actors like Elliot Page (indelible as a fallen soldier), John Leguizamo (as the loyal servant Eumaeus) and Damon in this ancient context is a very big reason to see "The Odyssey," and why Homer's told and retold tale is worth revisiting, at all. If today has no role, what's the point? They didn't have cameras in 700 B.C., either.

Nolan's "Odyssey" is nearly three hours long but never slow going. And it's the friction between past and present that propels the movie as much as Odysseus' wayward path. Gender roles are examined even while traditional masculinity is upheld.

The ending of the poem, a tricky thing since it features mass murder, is given a more palatable action-movie melee. But the essence of "The Odyssey" is here, and Odysseus' quest to live down his mistakes and uphold his convictions feels vibrant again. Nolan, you might say, is at home.

"The Odyssey," a Universal Pictures release in theaters Thursday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for violence and some language. Running time: 172 minutes.

Hilton's long-shot bid for governor

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"That's what this election is about."

Hilton's maneuver is meant to create a sliver of distance from Trump without breaking from him. It's a tacit nod to the political math in California, one of the nation's most solidly Democratic states. Registered Republicans are outnumbered nearly 2-to-1 by Democratic voters, and a GOP candidate hasn't won a statewide election since 2006. Trump is widely unpopular in California outside his loyal conservative base. In 2016, Trump lost to Democrat Hillary Clinton by 30 points; in 2020, he lost to Joe Biden by 29 points; and in

2024, he lost to Kamala Harris by 20 points.

California is regarded as the home of the so-called Trump resistance, where Democrats have effectively used Trump as a foil in campaigns to motivate voters. Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom essentially nationalized the state's fight over Proposition 50, which recast U.S. House districts to favor Democrats, by framing it as a confronta-



STEVE HILTON
GOP candidate for governor

tion with Trump. The measure notched a 29-point win. The campaign of Hilton's Democratic opponent, former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, scoffed at the notion of Hilton being a change agent. "Californians already know who Steve Hilton is: Trump's puppet in California. His campaign is a promise to run our

state the way Trump runs the country and we're not buying it," campaign spokesman Jonathan Underland said in a statement.

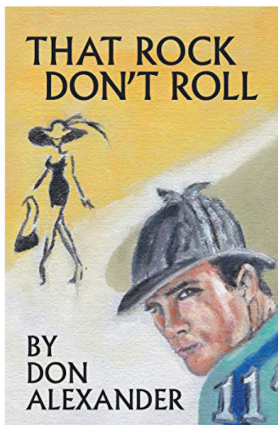
As for Hilton's pitch that voters who dislike Trump should feel free to consider him in November, Underland said, "Steve Hilton cheers on a president whose illegal war has sent gas prices soaring and illegal tariffs have cost California families more than \$2,500 this year alone. You can't fix the affordability crisis while carrying water for the man causing it."

In a heavily Democratic state, Hilton's campaign is hoping his appeal to Democrats and independents will "give voters a permission slip" to look past the letter next to a candidate's name, even in a nation deeply divided by partisanship.

"You do have a choice if you think that this state is going in the wrong direction," he told supporters at a kickoff event in Boyle Heights.

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of his personality.

"Something that motivated me to pursue this role was definitely my passion," De Rosas said. "I think that it's just something that I would honestly do even if I'm not receiving anything back."

De Rosas helps others without expecting a reward and has motivated his involvement throughout his high school career.

He explained that his fulfillment in lifting up his peers became a characteristic of his approach to the leadership position.

"I think it's something that I just always — I always have a big smile helping others," De Rosas said. "I think that's just a part of me that I've grown."

Following his introduction Tuesday night, the school board members officially welcomed De Rosas as the student representative for GGUSD students. He says he will spend the upcoming school year attending meetings and collaborating with board members to elevate student voices across the district.

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And what advantage would be gained if they did, other than flexing their bargaining muscles in Anaheim?

I come from a union family and have been a union guy most of my working life. Hotel/restaurant workers, then The Newspaper Guild, followed by National Education Association

and American Federation of Teachers.

Generally speaking, I believe that the labor union movement (with a few scandalous exceptions) has been a force for good.

But when one union decides that the job market is a zero-sum world in which your success is somehow my problem, that's not good.

Not good for the unions and not good for the public.