

POMONA

BULLETIN

Learn to
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AN ADU**

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

MEET CHARA
Why she is running for
Pomona City Council

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An ADU & Flip Investment Seminar

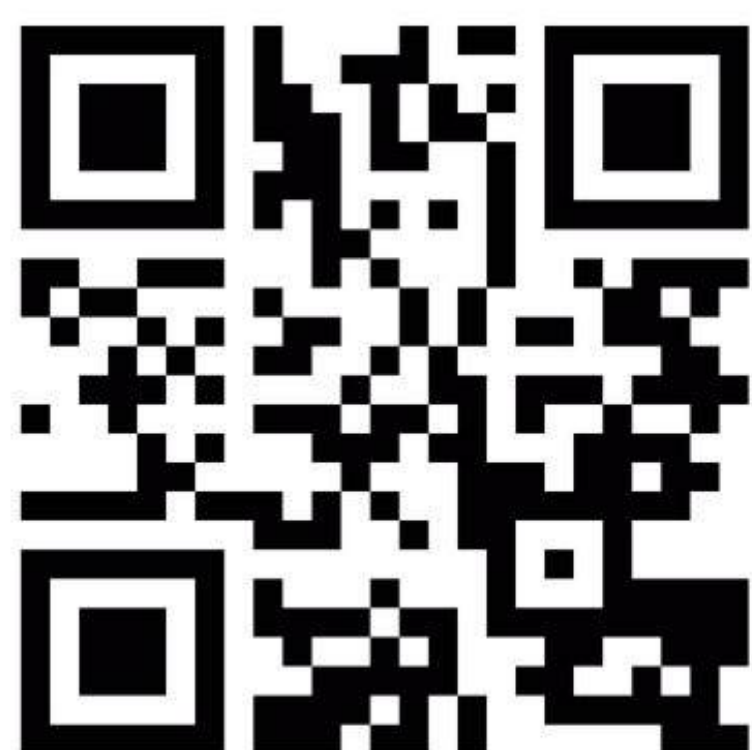
Date :

24 January 2024 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Venue :

242 E Alvarado St, Pomona, CA 91767

This event is a prime opportunity to gain expert insights from industry leaders and successful realtors, enhancing your understanding of the real estate market. It's also a perfect platform for networking with fellow investors and potential collaborators, broadening your professional network. Additionally, you'll receive personalized advice to tackle your specific real estate investment challenges. Join us to elevate your investment strategies from basic principles to advanced techniques, setting you on the path to success.



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MEET THE CANDIDATE

I AM CHARA SWODECK; A WIFE AND MOTHER, BUSINESS OWNER, COMMUNITY COLLABORATOR, PROBLEM SOLVER AND DREAMER; BRINGING IDEAS TO LIFE WITH GOALS, MILESTONES, AND CONDITIONS OF SATISFACTION.



I am honored to share my passion of effective collaboration within our beautiful city and community. I am grateful to call the City of Pomona my home. My husband and I moved to Pomona shortly after our first anniversary in 2003 and chose to invest our time, energy and talents in our neighborhood. We have two children in Pomona schools and remain actively involved in ensuring equity and opportunity for every family in Pomona. Connecting-the-dots, designing events, and creating impactful experiences has been part of 'who I am' since I was a child. I found a connection volunteering in our local school prioritizing equity in education and instilling a sense of pride and ownership within our students.

MY COMMUNITY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN FOCUSED TOWARDS FORWARD MOVEMENT, SAFETY, AND SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES, AND CULTURE; SOMETHING WE CREATE COLLECTIVELY, WORKING TOGETHER.

The phrase "Imagine the Possibilities" has been my mantra for many years, and has led me to imagine and manage community events like the Pomona Children's Festival, Kwanzaa Joy Celebration at the Farm at Fairplex, Pomona PTAs Summer Training, 500BlockPomona Art Walk, Shop Downtown Pomona, G.I.R.L. Takeover at LA County Fair (Girl Scouts), and support others' ideas like the Pomona Placemaking workshops, 2020 Juneteenth POWER Parade, Pomona 5K/10K , and serving as Volunteer Coordinator the last 11 Pomona Christmas Parades.

I currently serve as a board member for the Child Development Center at Fairplex, Service Unit Manager for Pomona Girl Scouts, and Historic Preservation Commissioner for the City of Pomona.



I was born and raised in Los Angeles, in the Crenshaw and Inglewood areas and spent my junior high and high school years in Pasadena, graduating from Blair High School - Health Careers Academy and awarded my Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Marketing from Azusa Pacific University in 2001. My husband and I were married in 2002 and moved to Pomona in 2003. We have two children (18 years & 9 years), both born and raised in Pomona and have attended Pomona schools.



Our family has been committed to not only give back, but also engage and fully immerse in advocating for equitable policy for our neighborhoods in art, business, education, housing, and public safety. This moment in history is bigger than any one of us individually. I would be honored to represent my community in this



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capacity. Together, we have the opportunity and responsibility to build an impartial and just future for our entire district. I believe in Pomona, the community I love and proudly call home.

THE CITY WILL HAVE PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN MARCH OF 2024, AND DUE TO NEW CHARTER AMENDMENTS, A GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF 2024 IF NECESSARY. IN THE 2020 ELECTION, WE WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE 43.51% OF THE VOTE. WHILE I DID NOT GET THE SEAT, I'VE RELENTLESSLY CONTINUED TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN MY WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY.

Since the last election, I became Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission and have worked to ensure clearer design guidelines were created for the community, as well as fought to be more inclusive in the history we protect and share.



I continue to work with the Mayor and other community leaders to continue the COVID Action Committee's vision and mission, stay on track and continue to support our many needs within the community. I am currently the Chair of the Vision & Planning subcommittee.



I worked with the City to build Pomona Connect as a way to ensure even our "hard to reach" residents and businesses had access to resources and support, especially during the pandemic. We helped connect residents to food relief, mental health, and housing relief (over \$2M in funding to help tenants pay rent, helping both tenants and property owners)



I continue working with Anti Human Trafficking organizations and Pomona Police at Montvue and engaging with residents along Indian Hill to find real solutions to this challenging issue. Most meetings include time to walk and talk with neighbors to listen and find solutions.



After collaborating with the Mayor and about 20 local black community leaders, the need for a space to build community came up. This led to a small group of us starting the African American Advisory Alliance ([Pomona4As](#)) and opened the Alliance Cultural Community Center in Downtown Pomona to provide a space for programs and collaborations from the Black community for the entire community.



I have worked on numerous projects since 2020, helping connect-the-dots, and have built solid relationships with Mayor Tim Sandoval, Councilmembers John Nolte, Victor Preciado, Nora Garcia, Steve Lustro, Sen. Susan Rubio, as well as many City and County staff members. I have also served in numerous other capacities over the past 20 years.

DISCOVER THE EXCITEMENT

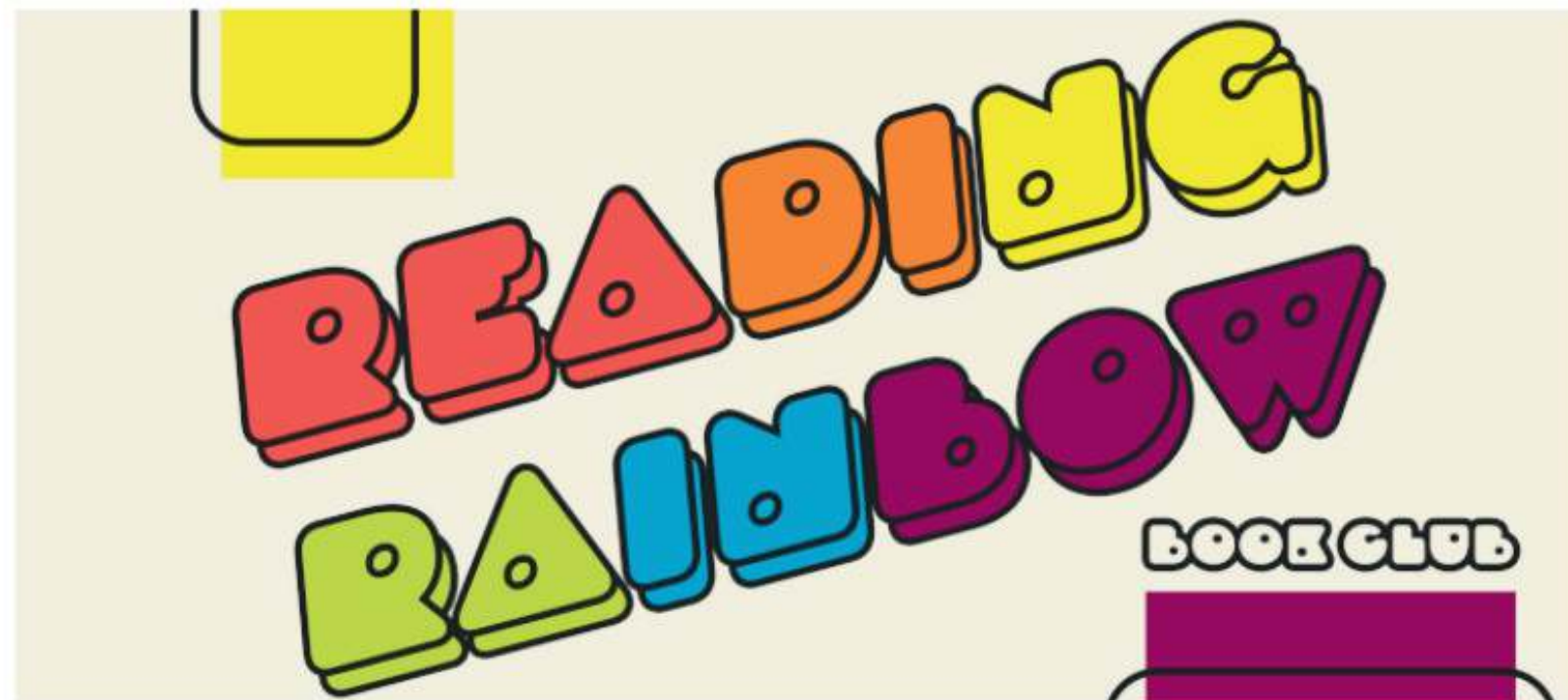
POMONA'S MUST-ATTEND EVENTS, JAN-JUN 2024! EXPERIENCE A VIBRANT ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS IN POMONA FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2024. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BE A PART OF THE JOY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT MAKES POMONA A UNIQUE DESTINATION. DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE EXCLUSIVE EVENTS - JOIN THE FUN AND CREATE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!"



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Free Family Friendly Programs

January 17 | Hot Cocoa and Paint
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Reading Rainbow Book Club

Join us as we read Novels, Essays, Articles, Graphic Novels, and/or Comics written by and for the LGBTQIA+ Community.

Every 1st & 3rd Monday, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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Pomona Host Lions Club



When: Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: First Christian Church Pomona
1751 N. Park Ave., Pomona

Cost: \$35.00
Includes admission, lunch, dessert,
bingo cards, cash bingo prizes

ACTIVITIES: •Bingo •Raffle Prizes •Silent Auction •50-50 Drawing

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YOUTH POETRY WORKSHOP

AT THE
POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Youth Poetry Workshop at the Pomona Public Library

With **Matt Sedillo** (Literacy Director of the Mexican Cultural Institute of Los Angeles) & **Caesar K. Avelar** (Pomona Poet Laureate)

January-February
Every 2nd Monday of the Month
5:30 PM-6:30PM

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Teen Video Game Club

Join us for gaming on Nintendo Switch, PS5, Xbox series X, and more!

1st Tuesday of every month
4:00 PM - 5:00PM

Pomona Public Library



Storytime at the Pomona Public Library with Ms. Crystal

Enjoy books, music and dancing! Storytime is a great way to build early literacy, social skills and creativity.

Wednesdays at 3:00PM



Heart Heroes by Pomona Wellness Community
FREE! Hands-Only CPR Training

Hands-Only CPR is a life-saving skill that increases the survival rate of a person in a cardiac arrest emergency. Attend a free, 10 minute training and be the difference for someone!

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

How to Join: No need to register, just walk in!
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HEAR WHAT YOUR
NEIGHBORS HAVE
TO SAY!

Mitch is a pleasure to work with. **His quick responses and ability to connect with clients are commendable. His vast experience is evident.** Choose Mitch for your real estate needs.

- Amanda M.

Stein Team's dedication to their clients is remarkable. **They're approachable, reliable, and always ready to help. Their expertise made our experience positive.** I highly recommend them.

- John D.

In a challenging situation, Mitchell ensured a quick and fair sale of the property. **His efforts surpassed my past experiences with other realtors.** I wholeheartedly endorse him.

- Roberto M.

The Stein Team exceeded expectations in selling our San Dimas home. **Their proactive approach, even in our absence, ensured we received our asking price.** Stein Team Realty is exceptional!

- Shelly O.

Working with the Stein Team was a pleasure. **They're honest, knowledgeable, and calm, making the process less stressful.** I'd recommend them without hesitation.

- Zuser

Mitch is one of the best realtors I've encountered—sweet, honest, and professional. **You won't be disappointed.** Thanks, Mitch!

- Kimberly D.

A fantastic company! **They simplified a complex process, enabling me to make an informed decision.** I look forward to working with them again.

- C.R

Mitchell adeptly managed the sale of a condo in poor condition. **Despite unexpected challenges, he ensured a successful sale.** His guidance was invaluable.

- Steve M.

The Stein Team provided excellent guidance in selling my house. **Their expertise and professionalism ensured a smooth and rewarding experience.** I highly recommend them.

- Victoria L.

My experience with the Stein Team was positive. **They were transparent, responsive, and knowledgeable.** I'd recommend them to anyone seeking real estate agents.

- Ryan S.

The Stein Team is proficient and supportive throughout the process. **Their timely updates and guidance made our experience smooth.** Highly recommended.

- Titon

The Stein Team made our process seamless. **Their dedication and expertise are commendable.** We're grateful for their guidance.

- Lienda N.

The Stein Team is responsive, patient, and knowledgeable. **They provided invaluable insights and stood by us despite challenges.** Highly recommended.

- John R.

Mitch was attentive and accommodating. **He was always available for queries.** Highly recommended.

- Felipe J.

The entire process was transparent. **We always knew the next steps.** Mitch and his team were outstanding!

- Kris M.

They're knowledgeable and always available to address concerns. I'd highly recommend the Stein Team.

- Jones R.

Mitch was always supportive and willing to go the extra mile. We're grateful for his assistance.

- Leffav



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