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In the last months of 2021, the leadership of ALADS and PPOA discussed many times the upcoming Sheriff election and its impacts on our membership. Through these discussions, both organizations decided to work collaboratively to explore the endorsement of a candidate for Los Angeles County Sheriff.

During the last week of December 2021, PPOA and ALADS decided to pursue a Candidates Forum, with the venue and date identified as the Pacific Palms Resort on January 26, 2022. As a part of this process, PPOA created a Sheriff Election Committee made up of PPOA Board members representing bargaining units 612, 614 and 621 employed by the Sheriff’s Department. Each of these Board members was asked to choose another committee member from the current list of PPOA delegates.

The committee’s work will have many facets — first and foremost, to solicit information from the candidates as to their platform, positions, experience and viability of success. This process included PPOA’s participation in the Sheriff Candidates Forum on January 26, as well as recorded interviews of each candidate, all of which is available on the PPOA website.

With objectivity in mind, members will benefit from this process with the opportunity to educate themselves on all the candidates. Members will have the ability to see and listen to the candidates and review key information and recordings of the candidates on the PPOA website, all prior to responding in the upcoming membership survey.

The Sheriff Candidates Forum provided members and the community with their first glimpse of the seven candidates interested in being Sheriff of Los Angeles County and requesting the endorsement of ALADS and PPOA (in alphabetical order):

- Retired Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna
- Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo
- Retired LASD Captain Matthew Rodriguez
- LASD Captain Britta Steinbrenner
- LASD Lieutenant Eric Strong
- LASD Commander Eli Vera
- Incumbent Sheriff of Los Angeles County Alex Villanueva

Though it was difficult with seven individuals participating, the forum was structured to provide a level playing field for all candidates to present their positions and platforms in a short-response format. While some may have anticipated a more confrontational event, the format was designed to inform rather than polarize. Candidates were provided with opportunities to educate the audience, as well as establishing their positions on key concerns of the unions. This event is available for viewing on the PPOA website.

The next step, which took place on February 4 and 7, was the candidate interviews. The Sheriff Election Committee utilized these dates to have a more detailed conversation with the candidates and follow up on responses provided at the forum and on endorsement questionnaires, as well as addressing PPOA-specific concerns. These recorded interviews will also be available for viewing on the PPOA website.

Additionally, the Sheriff Election Committee will review countywide polling information, consult with our political subject-matter experts and, of course, consider the results from the survey of the active LASD members. As the endorsement process continues, the Sheriff Election Committee will meet many times to review and discuss all these aspects, determining first whether an endorsement should be given before the primary. If an endorsement is believed to be relevant, the Committee will then analyze all the data, eventually submitting its recommendation to the PPOA Board of Directors.

The final decision regarding any endorsement of a candidate by PPOA lies in the hands of the Board of Directors. These elected representatives will weigh any recommendation by the Sheriff Election Committee with more than 300 years of collective public safety experience to chart the future of the organization.

PPOA thanks all the candidates and their supporters for their desire to lead and their passion for the noble profession of law enforcement, as well as their personal sacrifices to campaign for the office of Sheriff. No matter your personal opinions, these individuals deserve a round of applause for their tireless efforts.

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It certainly cannot be understated that the three-plus years of Sheriff Alex Villanueva’s first term as the 33rd Sheriff of Los Angeles County have truly, to most, passed at a dizzying pace. It seems like yesterday when history was made in the November 2018 general election as then-retired LASD Lieutenant Villanueva defied all the political odds by becoming the first candidate to defeat an incumbent L.A. County Sheriff in over 100 years. But ready or not, the November 2022 general election is less than nine months away.

To date, there are six declared candidates who are challenging the incumbent Sheriff and seeking to convince registered voters of Los Angeles County to cast their votes for them in the primary election, which will occur on Tuesday, June 7. If one candidate cannot secure at least 50% of the vote plus one, there will be a runoff in the general election, which will occur on November 8 between the two candidates who have the highest number of votes.

However, because the Sheriff election is nonpartisan (no political affiliation is shown on the ballot), one of the seven candidates could win outright on June 7, which would eliminate the need for a Sheriff vote in the general election. Some pundits believe that with seven candidates, the possibility of one candidate carrying a majority of the vote will be difficult, while others believe that voter turnout could be the difference in choosing an outright winner in the June 2022 primary.

On January 26, PPOA and ALADS proudly co-hosted a Sheriff Candidates Forum at the Pacific Palms Resort. If there was one downside to this exceptional event, it was that, due to COVID-19 issues, there was extremely limited seating at the resort and many of our PPOA members were wait-listed as our allotted seats were quickly reserved.

Except for one candidate, Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna, the other six candidates were either retired or present members of the Sheriff’s Department (alphabetically): Retired LASD Assistant Sheriff and present LAX Police Chief Cecil Rhambo, Retired LASD Captain Matt Rodriguez, Captain Britta Steinbrenner, Lieutenant Eric Strong, Chief Eli Vera and Sheriff Alex Villanueva.

All seven candidates had previously advised PPOA and ALADS that they sought each organization’s political endorsement. Additionally, all seven candidates submitted their responses to questionnaires submitted by PPOA and submitted by ALADS. The forum began promptly at 6 p.m. and was livestreamed. For our PPOA members who could not view the forum in person or livestreamed, I encourage you to please watch the video, which is available at PPOA.com.

PPOA President Tab Rhodes and ALADS President Jim Wheeler welcomed the forum guests and livestream viewers. Tab also thanked the staff of both associations for the enormous amount of work they did to present the Candidates Forum. PPOA Second Vice President Tony Coleman was the PPOA Endorsement Committee chair, and Aily Baldwin was the ALADS Political Endorsement chair. Aily explained the forum’s agenda and format, followed by Tony introducing the seven candidates to the stage. The moderator of the forum was KNX News Radio reporter Pete Demetriou. He is a longtime supporter of the men and women who wear the badge and has credibility in law enforcement circles as being fair in his reporting. Pete was masterful at keeping each of the seven candidates on the necessary timelines that were previously established.

I will refrain from getting into all the juicy details of the forum (there were a few), hoping it will motivate you to watch the video. I believe that all PPOA members should hear directly from the seven candidates who want to be your Sheriff, including our PPOA members who work at the District Attorney’s Office and the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner and have a professional interest in who will lead the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department.

The PPOA Sheriff Election Committee, which is composed of PPOA Board members who are active LASD employees and their selected delegates, continues to meet and thoroughly evaluate the 2022 Sheriff election. Please monitor your PPOA app and personal (non-County) email for additional election information. The June 2022 primary election is less than four months away.
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We hoped 2022 would be a time when we could possibly exhale from the suffocating and exhausting challenges suffered in the previous two years. But the challenges from the state, the County and the workplace continue to suck the air out of the building.

The political cloud continues to hover over our Department. And in a year when elections will play a role in how our communities are ultimately shaped, actions and decisions are being monitored and magnified as local leadership could be redefined in the coming months.

In the immediate term, we will continue to navigate the roads of an ill-conceived County mandate, utilizing our legal resources to protect and defend our members from any potential discipline behind it. We have previously advised the Department and our membership of our intention to do so, and we reiterate that fact here.

Another item of great interest to C/As is pending contract negotiations. As most of you know, our previously extended contract will expire on March 31. Over the past year, I have had discussions with several of you about what you feel is important to the classification. Some of those discussions were framed by where individuals are in their careers. Nevertheless, the content of those conversations has been noted and will be expressed when formal contracts talks begin, likely in mid- to late February.

I also continue to have our monthly Labor Management Committee (LMC) meetings. The increasing number of C/A vacancies was discussed, as well as the impact on previous talks about filling jailer positions and increasing station jailer staffing. I have also inquired about the process by which a station applies for additional jailer items, whom it’s directed to and what role the city contracting those services can play in this issue. Jailer safety has not been lost in the tidal wave of COVID, mandates and the shuffling of executive personnel.

As I write this, we’re in the midst of a COVID spike, not just in society but in our work environment. Several facilities have seen an uptick in cases affecting their staffing and overtime. COVID time ended back in September, and recently Governor Newsom was looking to have the time reinstated.

Those who have contracted or been exposed to COVID have been using their time, or filing workers’ compensation cases to have that time reinstated. PPOA, along with its legal counsel and labor representatives, continues to meet weekly with the Department on COVID-related matters and will make the membership aware of any changes that will directly impact their time, working conditions, exposure and PPE, as well as the unit’s responsibility to its employees.

Your questions are always appreciated. It helps to circulate up-to-date information and provide feedback that can be addressed on your behalf, along with dispelling any rumors or misinformation.

Continue to be professional and good to each other. Thank you and stay safe.

— Rosario “Tony” Coleman
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Message From the Board

Training Is Paramount for Sheriff’s Security Personnel

I hope everybody is doing well as we roll into February. As some of you know, the articles are written well in advance of when you receive the magazine in your mailbox. Please know that you can also find each issue online at PPOA.com, usually a week earlier than the hard copy is available.

As I write this article, we (meaning PPOA and I) have been approached by County Services Bureau regarding the Job Fair, which was postponed back in November. Our job at PPOA is to always look out for our members and make sure that they are listened to and everything is transparent. However, we also know that the top priority for Sheriff’s Security Officers (SSOs) and Sheriff’s Security Assistants (SSAs) is to provide public safety.

If you read my previous article, I hope you’ve started to search for your training records and your POST identification number. We are making sure all members are on the same page. I am also working on getting SSOs/SSAs more training, as we all have perishable skills that have not been used since the first few months after finishing the Academy. Along the lines of training, I do have to commend each one of you on your “verbal judo” skills. I see the way patrons and sometimes even staff talk to you and how you all keep your composure. Thank you.

I hope by the time you read this article, the Uniform Survey with the correct Department colors has been sent out and you have had a chance to vote and make your comments as well.

I would like to invite members of PPOA to attend one of our delegates meetings. If you have never attended a meeting, you would be a guest for the first time. I would hope that after your first delegates meeting, you would want to become a delegate so you can find out more about the history of PPOA and the unions and why they are so important. But if you don’t find it beneficial, that’s OK. All I ask is that you reach out to delegates and find out what’s happening. Just like anywhere else, at times there are too many rumors and not enough people to share the exact facts and truth.

I have not forgotten why you elected me, and I will look into the 4850 (labor code) time. We are hoping that with the assistance of the PPOA attorneys, we can identify what our options are and the best path to resolve the issue at hand.

As a friendly reminder, if you are injured in a use of force, please make sure to notify PPOA and let us know, just in case it has to go to a long-term injury. I want to make sure all members are protected.

Lastly, I can’t stress enough to continually brush up on your Department-trained skills and practice them! You can’t predict the day when something will occur while you’re working at your current assignment, from a natural disaster to a threat of an active shooter. You are first responders, never forget that. Sometimes you’re not thanked enough for the job you do and sometimes you are even looked down upon. Please remember that most people feel safer at your assignment when they see you there.

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The monthly PPOA Board of Directors meeting took place via videoconference on January 12. During the meeting, LADA Bureau of Investigation Sergeant/PPOA Delegate Jay Chapman was sworn in to fill the remainder of the term vacated by the resignation of Lieutenant Robert Maus. Sergeant Chapman has 19 years of dedicated law enforcement experience, and PPOA members in the DA’s Office will no doubt benefit from his representation on the Board and the Unit 612 contract negotiations team.

The PPOA Board is extremely grateful to Lieutenant Maus for his commitment and professionalism while serving as the Board treasurer for the last two years. We wish him well as he transitions toward a well-deserved retirement.

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Intentional Killings of Law Enforcement Officers Highest Since 9/11 Terror Attacks

Intentional killings of police officers in 2021 reached a 20-year high — the most since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

According to FBI data shared with CNN, 73 officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty last year. Excluding the deaths that resulted from 9/11, that’s the highest number since 1995. The FBI classifies “felonious killings” as when an officer is “fatally injured as a direct result of a willful and intentional act by an offender.”

The numbers represent a 59% increase in felonious officer deaths from 2020, which saw 46 officer killings.

To explain the increase, officials point to the backdrop of increasing homicides and gun violence throughout the country. The FBI reported that the majority of felonious officer killings were due to gunfire, with 55 officers being fatally shot.

Total national homicide numbers sharply spiked in 2020 following the death of George Floyd and the start of the pandemic, and they continued to rise in 2021. In fact, 10 cities recorded historic all-time highs for homicide numbers last year, according to police department data.

Chuck Wexler, the executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), said that more officers have unfortunately been caught in the crossfire of the increasing homicides and shootings.

“When homicides go up, more shootings go up, and it contributes to an overall increase in violence and police officers find themselves in the middle of that environment,” Wexler said.

Maria Haberfeld, chair of the Department of Law, Police Sciences, and Criminal Justice Administration at John Jay College, analyzed the data on police officer killings and found that there was an association between police officer deaths and high-profile incidents of officer misconduct.

She said a case like the death of George Floyd, which involved a few individual officers, could “spill over to all the other police officers around the country.”

While the CNN article noted that most officer deaths last year were due to COVID-19, the rise in unprovoked attacks on police officers was troubling.

On December 30, police officers in Bradley, Illinois, were shot while responding to a call about dogs barking in a parking lot. Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic was killed and her partner, Officer Tyler Bailey, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Just two weeks earlier, Baltimore Officer Keona Holley was fatally shot while sitting in her patrol car. The Baltimore Police Commissioner said two suspects were arrested and charged with attempted murder after they confessed to the crime, but the motivations were not clear.

Cases like these represent “unprovoked attacks,” which are usually in the single digits each year, according to the FBI. In 2020, just two officers were killed in an unprovoked attack, while there were 25 unprovoked killings in 2021.

Unlike an ambush, which is a premeditated attack, the FBI describes unprovoked attacks as random and not related to any incident or prior contact.

Haberfeld pointed to a 2020 Gallup report that found record-low confidence in U.S. police and said the anti-police climate could be a contributing factor to the increase in violence.

“There is an overall climate now that is very anti-police, which adds a different angle to what used to happen periodically to police in the past years,” she said in an interview with CNN. “The anti-police climate would surge after a high-profile case, and usually after a month or so it would subside. But right now, we’re talking about over a year of high-profile, anti-police coverage.”

This article is reprinted from the American Police Beat website, apbweb.com.
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Message From the Board

PPOA Board members Tony Coleman, Tab Rhodes, Jim Blankenship, Nancy Escobedo, Jose Rios, Joel Barnett, Tony Romo and Gerry Garcia

The candidates: Retired Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna, L.A. Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo, LASD Captain Britta Steinbrenner, Retired LASD Captain Matthew Rodriguez, LASD Lieutenant Eric Strong, LASD Commander Eli Vera and incumbent Sheriff Alex Villanueva

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Officer Andre Maurice Moye, Jr.
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Sergeant Steven L. Licon
CHP – Riverside Area
EOW: April 6, 2019

Officer Jose Anzora
Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: March 3, 2021

Officer Valentin Martinez
Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: July 24, 2020

Officer Natalie Becky Corona
Davis Police Department
EOW: January 10, 2019

Officer Jose Thomas J. Albanese
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff’s Department
EOW: February 25, 2021

Sergeant Damon Christopher Gutzwiller
Santa Cruz Sheriff’s Office
EOW: June 6, 2020

Officer Toshio Hirai
Gardena Police Department
EOW: November 15, 2018

Sergeant Richard P. Brown
Fresno Police Department
EOW: February 17, 2021

Officer Daniel G. Walters
San Diego Police Department
EOW: April 23, 2020

Officer Armando Gallegos, Jr.
CA Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation
EOW: September 14, 2018

Deputy Terrell Don Young
Riverside Co. Sheriff’s Department
EOW: April 2, 2020

DISTANT PAST

Deputy William R. Johnson
Contra Costa Co. Sheriff’s Office
EOW: July 31, 1852

Marshal Rudolph Bohn
Anaheim Police Dept.
EOW: October 2, 1886

Deputy Daniel Todd
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff’s Dept.
EOW: February 22, 1910

Constable Warren B. Willard
Ventura Co. Sheriff’s Office
EOW: March 22, 1912

Deputy Guillermo Bouett
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff’s Dept.
EOW: February 18, 1913

Deputy Constable Leroy H. Tripp
Riverside Co. Sheriff’s Dept.
EOW: April 10, 1916

Marshal James West
Needles Police Dept.
EOW: July 6, 1925

Officer Harry Thompson
Needles Police Dept.
EOW: June 10, 1935

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The beautiful bronze and granite California Peace Officers’ Memorial located on State Capitol grounds in Sacramento contains the names of more than 1,600 courageous peace officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their fellow Californians. Tragically, every year more names are added to our hallowed monument.

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California law allows taxpayers to make voluntary tax-free contributions on their personal state income tax returns to the “California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation Fund”. Simply indicate the amount to be donated where instructed on the tax return form. Importantly, the law requires that all contributions be used to maintain the California Peace Officers’ Memorial and for activities in support of the surviving families of our brave men and women peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We urge the more than 100,000 peace officers serving California to help us take care of our own.

A Small Donation of $20 Makes a Difference

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We are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Law Enforcement Technician (LET) Lorraine Guajardo on January 21, 2022. LET Guajardo was first assigned to the Office of Public Safety from 2006 to 2010. After transferring to County Services Bureau, she became the desk expert and training officer for many LETs. The devoted mother of two children was described by her colleagues as having a “heart of gold.”

PPOA extends our heartfelt condolences to the Guajardo family and Lorraine’s many beloved LASD brothers and sisters.

IN MEMORIAM
End of Watch

Mourning the Loss of a Dedicated Law Enforcement Technician

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PPOA extends sincere condolences to the families of the following members who passed away in December 2021:

Retired Sergeant
**Warren Harding**
EOW: December 4, 2021
LASD retired 1997
U.S. Army veteran

Retired Sergeant
**William Violette**
EOW: December 7, 2021
LASD retired 1979
Academy Class #68
U.S. Marine Corps veteran

Retired Sergeant
**Edwin Buchanan**
EOW: December 15, 2021
LASD retired 1991
U.S. Navy veteran
Condolences may be emailed to his family: buckbuchanan04@gmail.com

Retired Sergeant
**George Jack**
EOW: December 17, 2021
LASD retired 1980
U.S. Navy veteran
Condolences may be emailed to his family: vrdonner@yahoo.com

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**Armen Mirakian**
EOW: December 23, 2021
LASD retired 1979
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Retired DA Assistant Chief
**David Walters**
EOW: December 25, 2021
LADA retired 1999
Condolences may be emailed to his family: mrlasd@aol.com

Retired Sergeant
**Timothy Richards**
EOW: December 27, 2021
LASD retired 1993
U.S. Navy veteran
Not all debt is necessarily bad, particularly when it can help you build wealth. It’s important to know the difference between good debt and bad debt and how to sort the good from the bad.

If you buy something that immediately goes down in value, that’s bad debt. Let’s say you buy disposable items or durable goods with a high-interest credit card, and you don’t pay the balance in full when the bill arrives. You’re being charged interest while that item continues to depreciate and lose value, so that’s bad debt. On the other hand, investment debts that create value — such as real estate loans, home mortgages, student loans and business loans — are examples of good debt.

What about taking on more debt to reduce current debt? A tax-deductible home equity loan at 6% is considered good debt if you can use it to pay off a credit card with an interest rate of, say, 17%. Of course, the key is not to run those debts back up. What about auto loans? You might think they’re always bad debt because most cars go down in value, but if you take out an auto loan for a car that gets better gas mileage than your old vehicle, you could be better off financially.

What’s the best type of debt? The No. 1 example of good debt is mortgage debt, because home values generally increase. They plummeted during the Great Recession (2008–2009), but have increased nearly 49% since 2010. The current national average appreciation rate is 14.5% per year. Home ownership is one of the best ways to build wealth over time.

Other strategies for building wealth include:
- Set “SMART” goals (specific, measurable, adjustable, realistic and time-oriented).
- Pay yourself first and automate your savings using payroll deductions.
- Establish an emergency fund and take advantage of credit union savings vehicles, like savings accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit, and youth savings, college fund and holiday club accounts.
- Understand basic investing principles, such as compound interest, risk, diversification, dollar-cost averaging and asset allocation.
- Reduce your debt. Start by paying off high-interest credit card debt and avoid late fees. Paying your bills on time makes up about 35% of your credit score.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

These events and more can be found on PPOA’s online calendar at [PPOA.com](https://www.ppoa.com). Do you know of a Department-related event we can help promote? Email details to [g Torres@ppoa.com](mailto:gotorres@ppoa.com).

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14TH ANNUAL PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 6, 2022

Braemar Country Club, Tarzana

Details TBA
WANTED: CLASS C MOTORHOME
LASD retiree seeks Class C Motorhome with pop out. 2016 or newer. Low mileage and in good condition. Call Sally: (562) 947-4840.

SEEKING AR-15 FOR SALE
Looking to buy an AR-15. If you have one you want to sell, please email me with price and pictures: amorgaemail@yahoo.com.

2007 BOUNDER RV FOR SALE
Cat diesel engine, electric steps, 3 side outs, sat. dish, auto leveling, power awnings, queen bed, fridge. $51,000 OBO. Contact Ken: (909) 873-5343.

NEW TREADMILL FOR SALE
Brand-new, heavy-duty treadmill for sale. If interested in purchasing, please contact Oscar at (323) 326-8441.

COMPANION MAUSOLEUM CRYPT FOR SALE
Located at San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery. Companion crypt holds 2 caskets or 2 urns. Includes 1 crypt plate, 1 insert & 1 vase. Prime location height. Approximately 5 ft. high. Asking market price $20,000. Call Laura: (626) 222-3040.

LAKE HAVASU VACATION RENTAL
2BR/2BA. Pull-out Queen in Family room. Lake view from front porch and viewing deck. 64’ covered Boat Storage. 1/4 mi. from Windsor Launch Ramp. $300 nightly. Call Karen: (805) 630-0663.

2007 CADILLAC DTS FOR SALE
Iridescent pearl, very low miles (62,000), in excellent condition. Everything works. 4-door, 2 owners, grey leather interior, excellent radio/speakers, kept in covered parking. Drives like a dream, must sell, I have too many cars. $12,000. Contact Ofelia: (323) 331-6563.

MATCHED SET OF LASD COLT 45s
Matched set of two (sequential serial numbers) LASD Commemorative circa 1976 Model 1911 Colt 45s. Never fired, oak presentation cases. $5,200. Email Steve at rbpdca@cox.net.

OAK CORNER DESK SECTIONS
Offering two oak corner desk sections with cabinets for $330. Must sell as a pair. Perfect for office, family room or bedroom. Contact Elvia at (909) 947-4578.

SHOW CARS FOR SALE
’55 Chevy 210, V8 stick, $29K; ’56 Chevy Corvette, V8, $70K. All beautiful cars. Call Bill: (909) 594-9805.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, VACATION RENTAL

WOODWORKER’S LIBRARY

2002 HARLEY-DAVIDSON DYNA LOW RIDER
$9,150. Purple tank, HD hard-sided saddlebags, 19K miles, windshield, Corbin seat, backrest. Excellent garaged condition. Contact Max: (818) 399-1535.

2022 TOYOTA COROLLA HYBRID
“Ruby Flare” - $29k, like new with 3,500 miles. Contact Sammy: (909) 437-7737.

ROSEMead HOUSE FOR LEASE
Newly remodeled, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, bonus office, large laundry room. Between 10 and 60 freeways. Call or text: (626) 280-7766.

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