

# SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP

## Lawyers



### William F. Kroener III

Senior Counsel

#### Los Angeles

+1-310-712-6600

+1-310-712-8800

#### Washington, D.C.

+1-202-956-7095

+1-202-293-6330

kroenerw@sullcrom.com

#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

Bank Regulatory

Financial Services

Corporate Governance

#### EDUCATION

1971, Stanford Law School, J.D.

1971, Stanford University,  
M.B.A.

1967, Yale University, B.A.

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington D.C.

New York

California

Bill Kroener is Senior Counsel to the Firm and based in the Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles offices. His practice focuses on the supervision and regulation of banks and other regulated financial institutions and their advisers, and encompasses domestic and international activities, acquisitions, financings and other transactions.

Mr. Kroener served as General Counsel of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) from 1995 to early 2006. He also served on and chaired the Legal Advisory Committee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC).

Mr. Kroener is widely recognized as a leading practitioner in financial services law. He has been listed as a leading lawyer in Banking Law in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White), *Chambers USA*, *The International Who's Who of Banking Lawyers* (in which he was named one of 10 "Most Highly Regarded Individuals" in 2011) and is listed as a Washington, D.C. "Super Lawyer" and "Best Lawyer," and among Southern California's "Top Rated Lawyers."

Mr. Kroener has served on the banking law committees of the American Bar Association, the New York City Bar Association, and other bar associations, served as Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Presidential Task Force on Financial Markets Regulatory Reform (2008-12) and as Chair of the Banking Law

Committee of the ABA Business Law Section (2012-14), and currently serves on the Council of the ABA Business Law Section, on the Financial Institutions Committee of the California State Bar, and as a part of the Resolutions Project Group at the Hoover Institution.

Mr. Kroener speaks and writes regularly on financial regulatory topics, has taught as an adjunct professor at Stanford, George Washington and American University Law Schools and serves on the editorial board of *The Business Lawyer*. His most recent publication is "Revised Chapter 14 2.0 and Living Will Requirements Under the Dodd-Frank Act" in the book *Making Failure Feasible: How Bankruptcy Reform Can End "Too Big to Fail"* (K. Scott, T. Jackson and J. Taylor, eds.; Hoover Institution Press, Stanford University, 2015).

Mr. Kroener has served on the Stanford Law School's Board of Visitors and as National Chair of the Stanford Law Fund. He also has served on the Governing Board of St. Albans School in Washington, D.C. and on the Finance Committee of the Washington National Cathedral.

# Grandson of Nixon doctor makes pitch to save house

- [Travel](#)
- [Obituaries](#)
  - [Obituaries](#)
  - [Place an Obituary](#)
- [Opinion](#)
  - [Columns](#)
  - [Editorials](#)
  - [Letters](#)
  - [Editorial Board](#)
  - [Endorsements](#)
- [The Cannifornian](#)
- [Marketplace](#)
  - [Special Sections](#)
  - [Readers Choice](#)
  - [Auto Preview](#)
  - [Classified](#)
  - [Directory](#)
  - [Jobs](#)
  - [Local Ads](#)
  - [Place An Ad](#)
  - [Real Estate](#)
  - [Top Workplaces](#)
  - [Weekly Ads](#)
- [Services](#)
  - [Subscriber Services](#)
  - [Subscribe](#)
  - [e-Edition](#)
  - [Contact us](#)
  - [Share Your News](#)
  - [Work for Us](#)
  - [Mobile Apps](#)
  - [Email Newsletter Sign up](#)
  - [Submit Ad](#)
- [Home](#) â†’
- [News](#)

- <#>
- [Twitter](#)
- [Reddit](#)
- [Pinterest](#)
- [0 Comments](#)
- [Email](#)
- [Print](#)
- [Tumblr](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [StumbleUpon](#)

## Grandson of Nixon doctor makes pitch to save house



William Kroener III on the Whittier College campus standing by his grandfather and father's home, Wednesday August 13, 2008. His father and grandfather were both were prominent doctors in the Whittier area. The college wants to demolish it. Kroener will fight for it to be a historical site. (Mike Mullen/Correspondent)

By Mike Sprague, Staff Writer

Posted: 08/14/08, 12:01 AM PDT |

[0 Comments](#)

WHITTIER - The grandson of Richard Nixon's family doctor asked the Historic Resources Commission to save the house in which his father and grandfather - both prominent doctors in town - resided.

Whittier College is seeking to demolish the home at 13501 Earllham Drive to provide more parking. Last month the commission gave Whittier Conservancy members more time for research to see if the home is historically significant.

Through research at the Whittier Public Library, they found William F. Kroener III, an attorney who grew up in the home and now lives in Washington, D.C.

While the commission isn't scheduled to take up the matter until Sept. 10, Kroener spoke during oral communications at the Wednesday meeting.

"I always knew this was my father's home," Kroener said. "I'm really astonished that none of this information was discovered."

The home originally was at the northwest corner of Bailey Avenue and Bright Street, Kroener said.

Kroener told the commission that his grandfather, William F. Kroener Sr., and his brother-in-law, Raymond Thompson, established the first medical practice in Whittier shortly after the end of World War I.

While there had been doctors in Whittier, they mostly practiced out of their homes, said former Councilwoman Helen Rahder, a conservancy member.

In a written statement to the commission, Kroener said that Nixon had told him his grandfather was his family doctor. In fact, Kroener Sr. delivered Tricia Nixon Cox, he added.

Kroener Sr. lived in the home from the mid-1920s until 1938 when he donated it to Whittier College.

Kroener's father, William F. Kroener Jr., also lived in the home for a while and was a doctor, serving as chief of staff at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital during the late 1960s, Kroener said. His father also was a member of the Whittier City Council from 1962-64.

Don Dooley, the city's planning services manager, said the information provided by Kroener and the conservancy would be forwarded to the city's consultant.

"We'll have to sort through this," Dooley said. "I haven't had a chance to see it."

Jan Legosa, Whittier College vice president of finance and administration, said she had no reaction to the report because she still needed to read it.

The Kroeners weren't the only historically significant persons to live at the house, Rahder said.

Theopolis Woodward, a successful citrus grower who also helped write the original charter of the city of Whittier, lived in the home from 1907-27, she said.

She said that the information provided shows the home is historically significant.

"It's not the window and doors, it's the people who went through the doors that make the building so important," Rahder said.

She said the home meets the city's criteria for historical significance in two ways - it is connected to "renowned, important and local personalities" and to key events.

An earlier investigation of the home had found no historical significance.

[mike.sprague@sgvn.com](mailto:mike.sprague@sgvn.com)

(562) 698-0955, Ext. 3022

Next Trigger

Event: 1/1/17

Obama May Have Handed  
Trump a Ticking Time Bomb.  
Details Here.

rickards-strategic-intelligence...

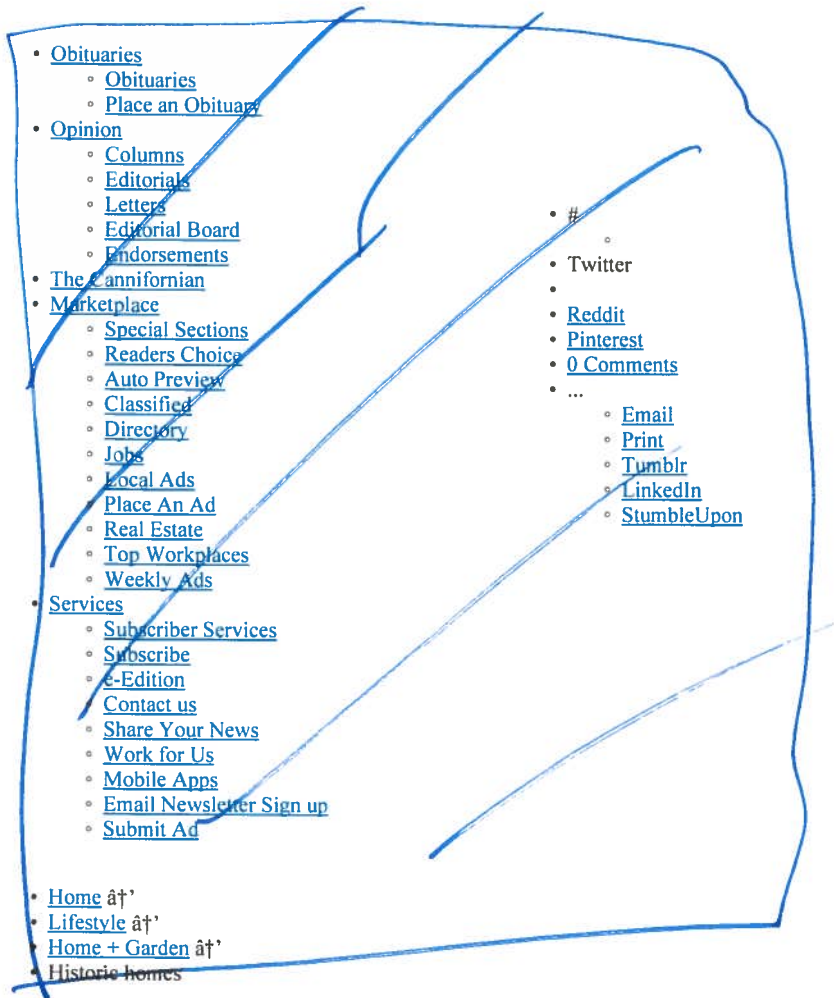


Advertisement

[Click here to subscribe to Digital & Home Delivery - 50% off](#)  
**FROM AROUND THE WEB**

selected for you by a sponsor

- Twitter
- Reddit
- Pinterest
- 0 Comments
- Print
- Tumblr
- LinkedIn
- StumbleUpon



## Historic Guilford Hall moved at night to new Whittier location



By [Mike Sprague](#), Whittier Daily News

Posted: 03/05/16, 1:47 PM PST | Updated: on 03/05/2016

[0 Comments](#)



Spectators watch as Heritage Housing Partners with Brandt Housing Movers transports Guilford Hall from Whittier College to Penn and Comstock in Whittier Friday. The move began at 8 p.m. Friday night to after 2 a.m. on Saturday. Keith Durlinger/Staff Photographer

WHITTIER >> In a move that recalled the 2000 relocation of the historic Whittier depot, a 123-year-old, 2 1/2-story Queen Anne house — known as Guilford Hall — was moved 3,000 feet late Friday night.

The house traveled from its former location on the Whittier College to its new home as part of an affordable housing complex.

The move of the [56-foot by 42-foot home that is 40-foot-tall and weighs 50 tons](#) was made possibly only by trimming some trees and the temporary removal of some utility lines at an alley intersecting Penn Street and Washington Avenue,

In 2000, the historic 126-year old Whittier Train Depot was moved from its temporary location on Philadelphia Street to Greenleaf Avenue, across from the Whittier Hilton Hotel.

Guilford Hall originally was built in 1893 at the corner of Bailey Street and Bright Avenue and moved years later. It was owned successively by three pioneer Whittier families.

It sat behind the Carnegie Library when Dr. William Kroener bought it, lived there and practiced medicine from the house from 1927-1939.

Kroener had the first obstetrics office/practice in Whittier and his son, William F. Kroener II, developed the tubal ligation procedure still in use today. He also delivered one of the Nixon girls, said Helen Rahder, executive director for the Whittier Conservancy in an email.

After the building was purchased by Whittier College and moved there, it served as the office for the college's Music Department from 1939-1961.

It was associated with Ruth Haroldson, professor of music for 40 years at the college, who started in 1932 the Whittier College Community Orchestra, which later turned into the Rio Hondo College Symphony.

The house was the source of controversy during the 2000s when Whittier College sought to demolish it. College officials later backed off, but they still wanted it moved to make way for a parking lot.

[Click here to subscribe to Digital & Home Delivery - 50% off](#)

**FROM AROUND THE WEB**

selected for you by a sponsor



New Evidence In 11-Year-Old Missing Girl Case Leaves Cops Stunned  
*LifeDaily*



North Carolina Teen Vanishes Without A Trace, But 15 Years Later...  
*LifeDaily*



The Best Changes Happening in the Oil and Gas Industry  
*Washington Post*

# St. James congregation begins search for new home



The Rev. Richard Crocker conducts a service at St. James church in 2013. (FILE PHOTO)

By **Hannah Fry**

MAY 27, 2015, 8:51 PM

**W**hen Bill Kroener relocated with his wife from the East Coast to Newport Beach in 2006 he had no desire to join the Anglican parish housed in a church named St. James.

As an Episcopalian, he wasn't particularly interested in the Anglican denomination, he said. However, when the church transitioned back to its Episcopal roots in 2014, he and his wife, along with their children and grandchildren, were inspired to attend services at the house of worship on Via Lido.

"It's become a very important part of our lives," he said.

Now, after spending a year at St. James the Great Episcopal Church, Kroener, along with three other parishioners, have been tasked with finding a new location for their congregation to worship.

Bishop J. Jon Bruno, of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, announced during a service earlier this month that the church is being sold to a developer. The church, at 3209 Via Lido, is in escrow to be sold to Legacy Partners for about \$15 million — double the assessed value of the site, the diocese confirmed.

"It is clear that everyone was surprised and saddened by the executive decision to sell the church," Kroener said. "It was not a decision made by the congregation."

The church is in an aging area of Newport Beach that is home to large development projects including the Lido Marina Village revitalization, a proposed boutique hotel on the former City Hall site at 3300 Newport Blvd. and the Lido Villas townhomes under construction at 3303 Via Lido, which will replace an office building and a church.

It had become financially unsustainable for the diocese to support the church any longer, Bruno wrote in a May 17 letter to the congregation.

Bruno wrote that the church property is out of compliance with city code because it lacks 40 parking spaces to serve the property. To meet city standards, the church would have to purchase additional land "that is unavailable in blocks where a multi-million-dollar boutique hotel is under construction, and where neighboring townhomes are selling for as much as \$2.5 million each," he wrote.

"Meanwhile, operating expenses of \$25,000 monthly, in addition to hundreds of thousands of dollars already spend to restart the congregation, are not sustainable given present congregational income..." he wrote.

Legacy Partners, based in Northern California, has residential and commercial properties throughout the United States, including Los Angeles and Orange counties. The development firm has built Azulon at Mesa Verde, a senior apartment community that opened last year in Costa Mesa, The Carlyle at Colton Plaza in Irvine and other apartment complexes in Santa Ana and Anaheim.

It is unclear how Legacy Partners plans to redevelop the church property.

News of the impending sale is another twist in the turbulent story of St. James, which opened in Newport Beach in the 1940s.

St. James members split from the Episcopal Church in 2004 after disagreements about ordaining a gay bishop and other issues that led the congregation to affiliate with the Anglican Church.



The move launched a court battle over the Newport Beach property that raged on for nine years between the Anglican parish and the diocese of Los Angeles.

The church was an Anglican parish from 2004 to 2013, when an Orange County Superior Court judge granted property ownership rights to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

Instead of realigning with the Episcopal Church, the Anglican parish of St. James began practicing elsewhere.

Now, the Episcopal congregation is in a similar situation.

While there are other Episcopal churches in Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach the congregation could attend, the members of St. James want to remain together with the Rev. Cindy Voorhees. The group is currently researching where best to host services in the future, Kroener said.

Bob Halford, of Newport Beach, who has attended St. James with his wife since its transition back to an Episcopal church, said the announcement shocked and devastated him.

"The church just started back a year and a half ago," he said. "We were starting from scratch and now we have five weeks."

Copyright © 2016, Los Angeles Times

**This article is related to:** [Commercial Real Estate](#)

Subscribe Today (/sections/subscribe) | Customer Service (/help/) | eRegister (http://ocregister.ca.newsmemory.com/) | Today's Paper (/sections/headlines/) | Knowledge Cafe (http://www.ocregister.com/sections/knowledge-cafe/) | Magazines (http://www.ocregister.com/go/magazines) | Unidos (http://www.unidoscc.com) | Weather (http://weather.ocregister.com/)

News (/sections/news/) | Sports (/sections/sports/) | Business (/sections/business/) | Entertainment (/sections/entertainment/) | Life (/sections/life/) | Opinion (/sections/opinion/) | Obits (http://obits.ocregister.com/obituaries/orangecounty/)

Register Rewards (http://rewards.ocregister.com/)

(/)

CARS  
(/GO/CARS)  
(HTTP://WWW.OCCJOBFINDER.CO  
(/GO/OCWORKSPLACE/  
CLASSIFIEDS  
(/GO/CLASSIFIEDS/  
(http://www

Cities (/articles/community-218948-find-news.html) | Crime (/sections/news/crime/) | Traffic (/sections/news/traffic/)

Lawsuit seeks to overturn Laguna Beach's ban on short-term rentals | Holiday shopping: How buying from small businesses helps more than one merchant | OCTA approves Express bus fare increase (/articles/fare-736795- | KFI and Chef Bruno hosting annual PastaThon on Thursday (/articles/pasta-736877-

TOP NEWS

NEWS (/COMMON/ARCHIVES/?CATID=18856)

# They were kicked out of their church, but the exiled Episcopalians keep faith

May 21, 2016 | Updated May 23, 2016 6:39 a.m.



Bishop J. Jon Bruno announced to congregants at St. James the Great Episcopal Church in June that the property in Newport Beach would be sold to real estate developers.

JEFF ANTENORE, FILE PHOTO

By DEEPA BHARATH (/reporter-profile/deepa-2197-bharath) / STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT BEACH – It's been nearly a year since 200 men, women and children were kicked out of their church, St. James the Great Episcopal in Newport Beach.

At first, some members of the 71-year-old congregation reluctantly accepted the decision – even if they didn't like it.

The 40,000-square-foot building and surrounding property on Via Lido are valuable, situated on a slice of desirable Balboa Peninsula. A developer wanted to put 22 expensive townhomes on it. And in July, about a month after the congregation was booted, the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles issued a letter that said the decision to evict the

FACEBOOK TWITTER

 EMAIL  
 (mailto:7  
 subject=OCREGISTER%  
 20They%  
 20were%  
 20kicked%  
 20out%  
 20of%  
 20their%  
 20church%  
 2C%20but%  
 20the%  
 20exiled%  
 20Episcopalians%  
 20keep%  
 20faith&body=http%  
 3A%2F%  
 2Fwww.ocreger.com%  
 2Farticles%  
 2Fchurch-  
 716782-  
 diocese-  
 congregation.html)  
 COMMENTS  
 PRINT  
 (/common/printerview.php?db=ocreger&id=716782)  
 SEND PDF  
 (/templates/savepdf.php?id=716782&headline=They%  
 20were%  
 20kicked%  
 20out%  
 20of%  
 20their%  
 20church%  
 2C%20but%  
 20the%  
 20exiled%  
 20Episcopalians%  
 20keep%  
 20faith)  
 congregation and sell a structure church members had raised \$6 million to build was based on the diocese's need to balance "pastoral care with responsible fiduciary decisions."  
 But the saga recently has taken a turn that, for parishioners, is no longer close to understandable.  
 The development deal they thought was in the works fell apart in July after the developer lost a key investor. The property is mired in a web of lawsuits.  
 The congregation's year in the spiritual wilderness – including being exiled from the St. James rose garden where the ashes of 12 former parishioners are buried – wasn't, in their view, necessary.  
 "We lost our spiritual home for nothing," said Rev. Cindy Voorhees, the pastor of St. James.  
 A year later, that building, which our congregants paid for, is still empty. And we're still locked out."  
 Robert Williams, a diocese spokesman, declined to comment, citing ongoing litigation.  
 But Voorhees said her congregation will remain incomplete without a physical building because their sacramental needs are not being met.  
 "There are three babies that haven't been baptized yet," she said. "We're worried about conducting confirmations, weddings and funerals."  
 Voorhees said she's been told a church is about people, not a building. While she doesn't disagree, she also suggests a building still is important.  
 "We do need a central location to gather, worship and have our sacred space," she said.  
 There also are questions about the cremated remains buried in the rose garden.  
 Last year, diocese spokesman Williams said the plan is to dig up the rose garden and transport the ashes of the deceased to locations chosen by the families at no cost. Williams said at the time that the diocese wants to be sure that the ashes are transferred "reverently" under the supervision of a priest or deacon.  
 So far, that hasn't happened.  
 Trish Norman, whose family has been a member of the Newport Beach church more than 60 years, said she's heard nothing from the diocese about where, or when, her mother's ashes will be taken. Since June, when the congregation left St. James, Norman hasn't been able to go to the property to pay respects to her mother.  
 "I'd just like to take her ashes from there and give her a burial at sea," she said, "so I never have to go through this again."  
 It's unclear when that might happen. The diocese and various groups interested in the property are embroiled in a tangle of lawsuits.  
 The congregation sued the diocese, saying the church had no right to lock them out. The court ruled April 20 in the diocese's favor, and the congregation is appealing the ruling.  
 In another lawsuit, filed last year, the group that gave the Via Lido land to St. James in 1945, Griffith Co., is objecting to the diocese's plan to sell the property for development. Griffith says the property's deed includes a clause that requires the land to remain exclusively as a church.  
 Bishop J. Jon Bruno countered with a legal complaint against Griffith Co., arguing that the restriction was lifted about 30 years ago. Last week, the court ruled in favor of the bishop and the diocese.  
 Also, on June 20, a panel representing the national Episcopal church will hear a complaint filed by the St. James the Great congregation asking to block the sale of the Via Lido property.  
 Walter Stahr, a member of the now-homeless St. James congregation, wants to know why the bishop locked them out, even after the sale to the developer fell through.

**MOST POPULAR**

**Albertsons getting rid of most self-checkout lanes at Southern California stores**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/self-736860-service-checkout.html)

**What are these weird Jelly-like creatures on the beach?**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/beach-736854-huntington-creatures.html)

**Man suspected of shooting at officers in Santa Ana pleads guilty**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/torres-736931-police-fire.html)

**12 years and 117 court appearances after his arrest, John Laurence Whitaker could soon fa**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/whitaker-736878-court-case.html)

**1 of 2 inmates who escaped from California jail recaptured**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/chavez-736937-county-clara.html)

**RELATED LINKS**

**Church panel won't dismiss charges against bishop who tried to sell Newport Beach chapel**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/congregation-736894-church-bishop.html)

**If St. James church is sold, the remains of 12 buried will be dug up and moved by the Episcopal Diocese**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/church-673130-remains-garden.html)

**Newport Beach Episcopal church to be sold**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/church-662194-episcopal-diocese.html)

**As sale looms, St. James the Great congregants find themselves locked out in Newport Beach**  
 (http://www.ocreger.com/articles/church-670011-james-great.html)



"Why spend all this money on legal fees when we could've spent that money to improve the church and feed the poor?" he said.

"We were never given that chance to be a church."

That said, the congregation remains strong. Voorhees said that as her church has led a nomadic existence – holding services in a park and in a leased space at the Gray Matter Museum on East 17th Street in Costa Mesa – more people have joined than have left.

"In spite of not having a church building, we've been growing," Voorhees said. "These people have found a church where their spiritual journey is taking place. ... They don't want to lose that."

They plan to hold services again today, at Newport Beach City Hall, Community Room A.

**Contact the writer:** 714-796-7909 or dbharath@ocregister.com (mailto:dbharath@ocregister.com)

**Related Links**

- Church panel won't dismiss charges against bishop who tried to sell Newport Beach chapel  
(<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/congregation-733694-church-bishop.html>)
- If St. James church is sold, the remains of 12 buried will be dug up and moved by the Episcopal Diocese  
(<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/church-673130-remains-garden.html>)
- Newport Beach Episcopal church to be sold  
(<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/church-662194-episcopal-diocese.html>)
- As sale looms, St. James the Great congregants find themselves locked out in Newport Beach  
(<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/church-670011-james-great.html>)

Get Orange County's top stories delivered free to your inbox every weekday.

[Sign up](#)

DIGITAL & DRIVEWAY DELIVERY - 50% OFF  
([HTTPS://OCRSUBSCRIBE.COM/SUBSCRIPTIONPANEL?PID=12](https://ocrsubscribe.com/subscriptionpanel?PID=12))

← Lawsuit seeks to overturn Laguna Beach's ban on short-term rentals  
(</articles/city-736881-laguna>)

Holiday shopping: How buying from small businesses helps more than one merchant

OCTA approves Express bus fare increase  
(</articles/fare-736795->)

KFI and Chef Bruno hosting annual PastaThon on Thursday  
(</articles/pasta-736877->)

TOP NEWS

**FROM AROUND THE WEB**  
selected for you by a sponsor