

Jackie Helm joins Walden Family Services board

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Walden Family Services recently welcomed Jackie Helm to its board of directors. Helm joins three other new board members — Breanna Gooch, Amber Lopez Gamble and Janine Taylor — who will serve a three-year term alongside a cross section of Southern California community leaders who oversee and support Walden’s operations, strategy and vision.

“These new members will truly help Walden in its mission to further the interests of children and youth in foster care and to expand our capacity to deliver nationally-accredited programs and services to these kids and their families,” said Walden CEO Teresa Stivers. “They’ve already hit the ground running and we’re thrilled to be working with them.”

Helm is a graduate of UC San Diego and has been a real estate professional for more than 30 years, presently with Gallery Properties in San Diego. In addition to a wealth of professional experience, Helm has a background in philanthropy, nonprofit governance and fundraising. In recent years she’s served as Chair of the Las Patronas Jewel Ball; on the board of National Charity League and the National Cheers Foundation; on the Concours D’Elegance; and as president of the Foundation of La Jolla High School.

Helm is also the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of a child in foster care through San Diego-based Voices for Children, so she has firsthand experience with the foster care system. She considers herself lucky to be part of her CASA-kid’s journey toward finding a permanent placement. “Being a CASA was one of the most profoundly moving experiences I’ve ever had,” said Helm. “It was



Jackie Helm COURTESY

simultaneously hugely joyous and tremendously heartbreaking. My little one showed me the power of love and strength beyond her years.”

“Jackie’s experience as a CASA is a great resource for us,” continued Stivers. “Having worked one-on-one with a child in foster care gives her a singular viewpoint into how important our work is, and how our services and advocacy can affect these children’s lives. We’re looking forward to the great work we’ll do together.” — waldenfamily.org

Aveline Townhomes in La Jolla reach LEED Gold

EHOFF La Jolla, LLC, Managing Partners William Berwin and Michael Pierson recently announced that Aveline Townhomes in La Jolla achieved the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Gold Certification Status.

Aveline is a residential project of 18 luxury townhomes in the Village of La Jolla. Supported by the LEED for Homes Provider, Energy Inspectors, this project achieved LEED Gold for its comprehensive environmental design, which addresses various sustainability issues like energy, water and resource conservation.

Strategically located in a dense urban area, Aveline places its residents in a vibrant community unmatched by most other neighborhoods in San Diego. It is within walking distance from many restaurants and other community resources that allow residents to become less reliant on cars for their everyday needs, and in the process reduces local traffic. There is also the beach and many nearby parks that are accessible for recreation and exercise, contributing to overall public health and wellbeing.

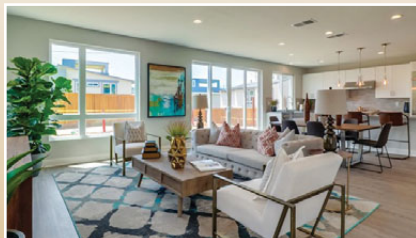
In addition to having a prime

location, Aveline was developed with an innovative site design that is not only aesthetically appealing, but also incredibly water-conscious. All plants species are non-invasive and drought-tolerant, served with drip irrigation and bubblers for minimal water use. In place of conventional turf, the site uses xeriscaping techniques to present a modern Southern California look. To increase rainwater infiltration and reduce runoff from the site, permeable pavers are used extensively, and a professionally-designed stormwater system diverts all rain water to a vegetated swale on the north end of the development.

Aveline was also developed with a heavy focus on energy conservation. All 18 townhomes were designed to be well above the Title-24 code minimums for energy efficiency and each unit has been fitted with individual solar system arrays. On top of that, residents will enjoy additional energy savings as all in-unit lighting is 100 percent LED and ENERGY STAR appliances have been installed.

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Friday: Vikings take on UC High for Homecoming

The La Jolla High School Vikings look to keep their 2-0 home record going at the Homecoming football game, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 at 750 Nautilus St., when they take on the University City High School Centurions.

During half time, a parade around the field will celebrate future Vikings.

La Jolla Elementary School principal Donna Tripi and Muirlands Middle School principal Geof Martin will serve as grand marshals, and little ones who will attend La Jolla High one day will march in the parade, along with floats from current school clubs and organizations.

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