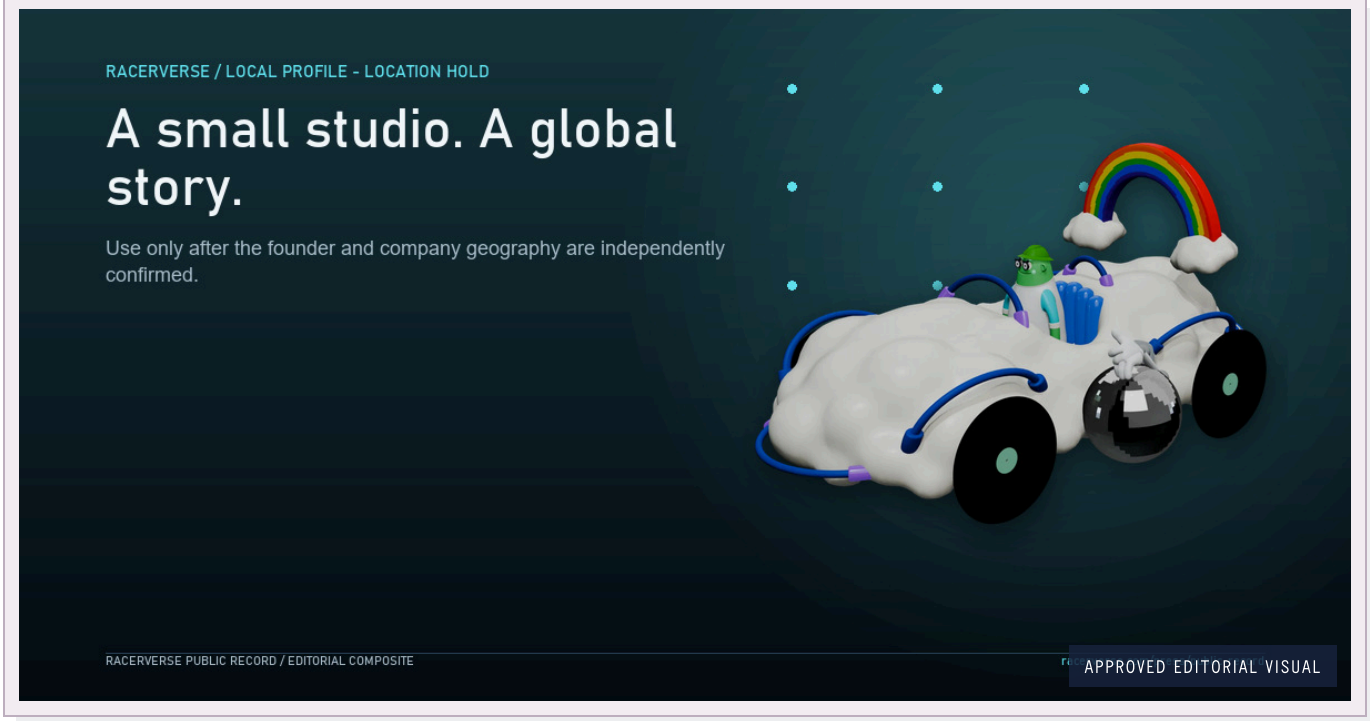
A CALIFORNIA BUSINESS STORY WITH NATIONAL REACH

A local source map centered on Mattel's El Segundo presence, an independent studio's account, and a federal trademark proceeding.



STORY ANGLE

MATTEL'S EL SEGUNDO PRESENCE PLACES PART OF THE RECORD IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S CREATIVE ECONOMY.

Mattel announced September 30 that Kreiz leaves October 2 and Lynch becomes CEO on or before November 2. Mattel's El Segundo presence supplies corporate context; a specific Lucky Machines local connection still requires independent verification.

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AUDIENCE	STATUS	RECORD THROUGH
Local Media editorial audience	Pending - TTAB 91290947	Docket Oct 22; news Sep 30, 2026

SOURCE-LINKED
Open the underlying record.

RECORD-BOUNDED
Dates and limits stay visible.

REPORTER-READY
Built for independent checks.

DATE	RECORD EVENT
January-February 2022	Lucky Machines publicly presents RACERVERSE; identified paid transactions begin February 16
December 8, 2022	Mattel files for HOT WHEELS RACERVERSE
September 17-October 20, 2026	TTAB entries 33-35 update the schedule and record Mattel's motion to amend and Lucky Machines' opposition; Mattel announces CEO succession

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WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

1. Mattel is publicly associated with El Segundo and the Hot Wheels business.
2. The dispute is documented in a federal TTAB docket and public company records.
3. Lucky Machines' precise current local connection must be confirmed with the founder before a local-news pitch becomes publication-ready.

REPORTER CHECKS

AVAILABLE VERIFICATION RECORDS

- Public records confirming Mattel's El Segundo presence.
- Direct sources for Lucky Machines' geography and local ties.
- Local business sources concerning the region's toy, design, licensing, and startup economy.

SOURCE DESK

PRIMARY SOURCES

SOURCE	WHAT IT SUPPORTS / IMPORTANT LIMIT
[S1] Mattel leadership announcement - September 30	Mattel-issued press release filed with the SEC. Leadership dates and company-wide strategy; it does not establish a connection to the dispute.
[S2] Mattel in its own words	Sourced Mattel statements about RacerVerse, direct design-process quotations, and the documented Superstar Speeders transition.
[S3] First-person impact account	Lucky Machines' account of operational impact, kept separate from independently established damages.
[S4] Official TTAB docket	The controlling source for live procedural status. Recheck it before publication.

PUBLICATION GUARDRAIL

EVIDENCE BOUNDARY

The TTAB matter is pending. No final merits decision has issued.

Public records establish chronology and publication, not access, copying, intent, actual confusion, causation, damages, private approval routing, licensor knowledge, or the Board's future ruling. Attribute Lucky Machines' positions and first-person accounts. Seek Mattel's response independently.

Recheck the official docket before publication