

## Supervisors Fill Ramos's Third District Slot With Iraq War Widow Rowe

By Mark Gutglueck

After a series of missteps and two of its four members having balked earlier that day at doing so, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday replaced their recently departed colleague James Ramos with former Yucca Valley Town Councilwoman Dawn Rowe.



Dawn Rowe

ments the Republican vice-lock on county

government, as Rowe, a registered Republican, moves into the void that was created when Ramos, a Democrat, departed the board on December 3, simultaneous with his taking the oath of office as Assemblyman on December 3. Ramos was originally elected as Third District supervisor, representing Barstow, Big Bear,

Twenty-nine Palms, Yucca Valley, Yucaipa, Redlands, Highland, Loma Linda, Grand Terrace, the eastern portion of the City of San Bernardino, a sliver of Colton and 24 disparate unincorporated county areas, in 2012 and reelected in 2016. Last month, in the general election held in conjunction with California's gubernatorial race,

Ramos outdistanced his Republican rival, San Bernardino City Councilman Henry Nickel, for the 40th District Assembly position. Rowe was chosen to fill out the two years remaining on the supervisor's term to which he was reelected two years ago.

Prior to his departure to Sacramento, Ramos made clear that See P 2

## In New Board President Role, O'Brien Stands Up For FUSD



Jason O'Brien

Jason O'Brien has been elevated to the position of president of the Fontana School Board, two years after he was elected to the panel overseeing the 37,000-student Fontana Unified School District and its 29 elementary schools, seven middle schools, seven high schools and an adult school as part of a reformist wave two years ago.

"I am honored to have been elected as the new Fontana Unified School Board president for 2018-2019," O'Brien said. "As the very first African-American elected to serve in this role, I am indebted to the spirit of the 'American Dream,' which I believe is important to the motivation and perseverance of all children."

O'Brien's assumption of the board president duties follows by a little less than two months another school board election that saw the district shed incumbent Matt Slowik, while hanging on to Mary Sandoval, Mars Serna and Adam Perez.

O'Brien now heads the district's trustees, who include Peter Garcia, also elected in 2016.

Having run on a platform of enhancing campus security, eliminating bullying and intimidation among students and emphasizing the district's math and See P 3

## Judge Tentatively Rules County Can Impose Service Assessments Without A Vote

The hopes of hundreds of San Antonio Heights residents that the court system, to which they had turned as a final refuge, would undo their consignment last year into a fire service taxing arrangement they were not permitted to vote upon were dashed this week. On Tuesday, Superior Court Judge David Cohn offered his tentative ruling that the City of Upland, the County of San Bernardino and the county agency that hashes out jurisdictional disputes followed the proper internal governmental procedures in shutting down Upland's municipal fire department last year and brokering a shotgun marriage by which all of Upland and the neighboring com-

munity of San Antonio Heights were wedded to a fire protection zone formed more than a decade previously by the desert communities of Helendale and Silverlakes.

San Antonio Heights is some 47 miles distant as the crow flies or at least 64 miles away in terms of driving distance from Helendale

and Silverlakes and separated from those communities lying between Victorville and Barstow by both the San Gabriel Mountain Range and a considerable expanse of desert.

The placement of all of the landowners in San Antonio Heights into that fire protection zone entailed the rerouting of the property tax already

being paid by that community's residents and property owners which covered the cost of the fire protection service they were previously receiving to other governmental uses and imposed on them a \$153-per year per parcel assessment by which the county fire department's operations are now being defrayed.

In Upland, See P 7

## 23 Years Of Tranquility On Montclair Council Evaporates With Impasse Over Replacement

After more than two decades of little in the way of controversy or dissension in Montclair governance and politics, a snag has developed as the city council has been unable to come to a consensus on how it will fill the gap within its ranks following the elevation of John Dutrey from the office of councilman to mayor in the aftermath of last month's election.

The situation was precipitated in July, when

Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton was obliged by failing health to resign. Eaton had been mayor for 23 years running, having been appointed mayor in 1995 in the aftermath of a slight misadventure involving the previous mayor, Larry Rhinehart, and a misunderstanding of sorts between him, the Ontario Police Department and some decoys on Holt Boulevard east of the Montclair City Limits. During Eaton's

tenure he was elected mayor and reelected four times, as governance in the 5.52-square mile city of 39,000 on the east side of San Bernardino County's border with Los Angeles County ran smoothly. The city council during that period was among the most politically stable of all 24 of San Bernardino County's municipalities, with only limited turnover on its city council. The city was steadily See P 5

## New SB Council Coalition Fails In Effort To Axe City Manager



Andrea Travis-Miller

In what came as a jolt to much of the San Bernardino community, the newly composed city council on the night of

its installation this week spared no time in making a move toward relieving the 215,000-population municipality of its city manager. Ultimately, that action was not effectuated. Nevertheless, the rapidity with which the ruling body, headed by a new mayor and comprised of two new council members, sought to leverage its authority signaled that the dynamics of governance in the county See P 3

## Councilman Miffed At Assistant City Manager Not Taking Interim Assignment

A minor contretemps broke out at the Monday December 17 Barstow City Council meeting, when Councilman Rich Harpole took issue with Assistant City Manager Cindy Prothro's reluctance to serve as interim city manager following the departure of City Manager Curt Mitchell at the end of this month and the anticipated hiring of a new city manager

er in April, following a roughly four-month-long recruitment effort.

The council was discussing an item calling for Mitchell to serve in the interim capacity after he officially retires on December 29. Harpole wanted to know why Prothro could not take on the assignment.

After reading the assistant city manager's job description, which

includes the language "serves as acting city manager in his or her absence," Harpole asked Prothro, "Do you believe yourself capable of doing your duties as described in your job description?" Prothro responded, "Yes."

Are you capable of serving as the acting city manager?" Harpole asked.

"Yes, sir," said Pro-

thro.

"That is an essential part of your job description," said Harpole. "We pay you for that now?"

"Yes," said Prothro.

"Are you willing to perform your duty as outlined in your job description recognizing you are an at-will employee under contract to the city to perform these duties?" Harpole asked.

"I will perform my

job as directed by the council," said Prothro.

"The question is: Are you willing to do this?" Harpole pressed.

"I'm willing, but I prefer not to because I'm in the midst of negotiations and I'm also planning on retiring soon," said Prothro.

"So, if you are unwilling to perform your functions, why should we be willing See P 18

## Departure Of James Ramos To Assembly Necessitated Finding His Replacement As Third District Supervisor from front page

his choice to succeed him was Chris Carrillo, a fellow Democrat who had served as his deputy chief of staff from 2012 to 2014 and who returned to that position earlier this year as preparation for what both men hoped would be a final grooming for Carrillo before his move into the Third District post. And though county elected offices are by California law considered to be nonpartisan, in fact in San Bernardino County, party affiliation has been for decades a major deciding factor in who holds those positions. Beginning in the 1960s, San Bernardino County has been a Republican stronghold. From 1966 until 2009, Republicans held a plurality in terms of the numbers of registered voters in the county. In 2009, the number of registered Democrats eclipsed the number of registered Republicans throughout San Bernardino County. Nevertheless, Republicans continued to consistently

outperform Democrats at the polls in the county, with the GOP equaling or surpassing the Democrats in terms of the numbers of office holders in the state legislature and in Congress. This year, however, with Ramos's victory over Nickel, a Democrat displaced the Republican 40th District Assemblyman, Marc Steinorth, who left the Assembly after serving just two terms to make what turned out to be an unsuccessful run for Second District San Bernardino County Supervisor in June. Thus, of the nine Assembly members representing San Bernardino County at present, five are Republicans and four are Democrats, an uncomfortable margin for the GOP. Republicans yet hold four of the six California State Senate offices representing San Bernardino County. However, in the U.S. House of Representatives, four of the county's five Congressional representatives will be Democrats when the 116th Congress convenes on January 3, 2019. In California Congressional District 39, which includes northeastern Orange County, southeastern Los Angeles County and southwestern San Bernardino

County, Republican Ed Royce who had long been the U.S. Representative there, opted to retire. In an extremely close race to replace him, the Democratic standard bearer, Gil Cisneros, edged out the Republican candidate, Young Kim. Cisneros was a Republican until 2008, but left the party because he felt it had become "too ideological." His current standing as a Democrat leaves San Bernardino County with but a single Republican representative in Congress, Paul Cook.

Despite the lapsing of Republican control over federal offices in San Bernardino County, the Party of Lincoln yet remains in ascendancy in terms of local political offices. In seventeen of the county's 24 municipalities, Republicans outnumber Democrats on city and town councils. On the board of supervisors, prior to Ramos's departure, three of that panel's five members – First District Supervisor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Robert Lovingood, Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford and Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman – are Republicans. Like Ramos, Fifth District

Supervisor Josie Gonzales is a Democrat.

The county charter empowers the board of supervisors to make an appointment to fill any vacancy that comes about on the board of supervisors, requiring that the individual chosen be a resident of the district to be represented and that the appointment be made within 30 days of the vacancy. The county charter has no provision for the vacancy to be filled through a special election. If the appointment is not made within the 30-day deadline, the power of appointment rests with the governor. On December 3, James Ramos was sworn into office in Sacramento. By previous arrangement, his resignation as supervisor was to be effectuated simultaneous with his assumption of the assembly position. Thus, the board of supervisors had until January 2 to make an appointment or by default surrender the appointment to the discretion of outgoing California Governor Jerry Brown or incoming Governor Gavin Newsom, who is to be inaugurated on January 7. Both Brown and Newsom are Democrats.

Though the November 6 election was not certified by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters until early this month, by the time all of the precincts had reported early November 7 and the only outstanding votes to be counted were from late-arriving mail-in and provisional ballots, Ramos's lead over Nickel was substantial enough that there was no doubt as to the eventual outcome. Consequently, the members of the board began casting about to create a process by which to choose Ramos's successor. Almost immediately it became apparent to Ramos that his three Republican colleagues on the board were not likely to honor his preference to be succeeded by Carrillo, but were leaning heavily toward filling the post with a member of their own party. This led to something of a falling out between Ramos and

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Lovingood, the board chairman at that point. According to individuals in a position to know, harsh and loud words were exchanged between the two men on the fifth floor of the county's administrative building at 325 North Arrowhead Avenue in Downtown San Bernardino. Described as a brief shouting match, the contretemps was an awkward and unfortunate end to what had been for some six years a cordial and cooperative relationship that began when both were first elected to the board of supervisors in 2012.

The board invited District Three residents to apply for the post, resulting in 48 coming forward. Based upon the responses 43 of those made to a questionnaire accompanying the applications along with their curricula vitae and/or resumes, each of the board members voted behind closed doors by means of each casting votes to demark their ten top choices. Those candidates receiving two or more votes passed muster. In this way the field was reduced to 13: former San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dennis L. Hansberger, San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee Chairwoman Janice Leja, Loma Linda City Councilman Ronald Dailey, Former San Bernardino County Fifth District Chief of Staff and Inland Empire Taxpayers Association Founder Chris Mann, San Bernardino Mayor Carey Davis, for-

mer Twentynine Palms Mayor Jim Bagley, Loma Linda Mayor Rhodes Rigsby, two-time Congressional candidate Sean Flynn, Barstow Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre; current Big Bear Councilman/former Chino Councilman William Jahn; current field representative to Republican Congressman Paul Cook/former Yucca Valley Councilwoman Dawn Rowe, former San Bernardino City Councilman Tobin Brinker, former Republican Assemblyman/State Senator Bill Emmerson. Conspicuous by his absence from the list was Carrillo. An attorney, Ramos's former and then-current deputy chief of staff who was up-to-date with regard to the issues facing the Third District, a long-time field representative for Senator Dianne Feinstein and an elected official in his own right as a board member of the East Valley Water District, Carrillo was flawed by the consideration that he was a Democrat. The board's plan was to hold a public forum during which each of the candidates would be allowed to make a short presentation and field questions from the board. Having received only one vote, Carrillo was not provided with an opportunity to participate. Five of the 48 expressing interest in the position had failed to complete all aspects of the application and were therefore rejected outright; thus, a total of 30, including Carrillo,

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## District Making Steady Progress Forward, FUSD Board President Insists *from front page*

science curriculum with an eye toward training future engineers and physicians, O'Brien has passed his two-year milestone with some satisfaction at what has been achieved so far but looking to double down on that commitment.

"In this newly acquired leadership role, I intend to work hard on behalf of Fontana students by addressing pertinent issues that have been identified by parents and community stakeholders, which include more student intervention programs, continued access to local mentors and leaders, improved student achievement in the areas of math and science, and more financial scholarship opportunities," O'Brien said. "Our students need to be exposed early on to the possible career opportunities that await them in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Through partnerships with Inland Empire businesses and academic institutions, Fontana stu-

dents will have access to internships and summer programs that provide the foundation for learning and foster an interest in these areas."

Part of his role as board president, O'Brien said, will entail getting the word out so those who are not taking full advantage of what the district has to offer will avail themselves of the awaiting opportunities.

"Over the past couple of years, I think our board of education leaders have been effective in being visible and accessible to staff and district," he said. "I plan to continue this level of access as the new president, and to go a step further by publicizing the great achievements of our district to the community at large. A great deal of positive information about the academic achievement of our students goes unnoticed, and I want to work with our board and superintendent to increase the spotlight on these important accomplishments. Many working and commuting residents don't visit the district's social media platforms and websites, so we have to find more creative ways to get the word out."

O'Brien, who is em-

ployed as a detective with the Los Angeles Police Department and is married to a former school board member, said "For the most part, I believe the majority of Fontana residents understand how much has been accomplished under our current leadership. The election on November 6th resulted in the re-election of two out of three board of education incumbents. This is reassuring. As a board, we are very diverse in our professional experiences, backgrounds and education. This is something that benefits the community tremendously, and I consider it one of our greatest strengths. The various perspectives that we bring to the table help us empathize and understand the challenges faced by our students. This is something that evidently resonates with our community as well."

Under his watch, O'Brien said, the district's faculty and staff will not lose focus on the fundamental mission of Fontana's schools, which is to educate students so that as they mature they will be equipped to make their way in the world.

"One of the key areas that we continue working to improve are student test scores," O'Brien said. "We want the majority of our students to be proficient or advanced in the core subjects, and although we are not quite there, we are encouraged by the increase in test scores each year that we continue to see. For example, the percentage of Fontana Unified District students that met or exceeded proficiency in English language arts increased by five percent from 2017 to 2018, and in math we increased by nearly four percent."

In years past, Fontana's municipal political leadership had a firm grip on the district, and the mayor and city council dominated, for the most part, the school board. That is no longer the case and in recent weeks, Fontana's mayor, Acquanetta Warren, made statements somewhat critical of the state of education in the city,

which were widely interpreted as criticism of the school district and the school board. Warren said she was declaring a "state of emergency" with regard to education in the city and was ready to "go to war" to "fix" the problem.

O'Brien sought to avoid overreaction to what some considered a political provocation.

"I think that when any community leader or elected official perceives there to be a problem, then the response should be to promote collaboration and cooperation, as opposed to adopting an adversarial stance that projects a combative spirit. We must remain professional and level-headed because our community counts on us to do so. Using words like 'war' to describe anything affiliated with children, families and school district personnel is not something I would recommend. Everyone is entitled to his or her perception and opinion; however, it is important that we not politicize education and attempt to incite fear to manipulate voters."

O'Brien cited some district achievements to drive home his assertion that the situation is not as dire as the mayor was suggesting.

"In addition to improved test scores, we have also been recognized for other noteworthy recent achievements," O'Brien said. "Southridge Middle School is one of only 40 schools in the United States to be named a Microsoft Showcase School for transformational leadership and the improvement of student outcomes. Dorothy Grant and Chaparral Elementary are the first two schools in the Inland Empire to become "Code to the Future Schools" – the nation's leading immersive science curricula that engages students in technology-and-coding based lessons.

California Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez named school counselor Julie Bello '2018 Educator of the Year' for her success in using mini-

robots to teach students leadership skills and instill college and career readiness. The Fontana Unified School District and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools named Theresa Pearce 'Teacher of the Year' for her guidance that led students to win California State and local science competitions."

When the *Sentinel* suggested that O'Brien might use Mayor Warren's declaration as an opportunity to press her and other city officials to back up her characterization by earmarking a portion of the city's treasury to fund education programs to augment the district's function, he said, "I don't see this as a budget issue, as most of the district funding comes from the state. I interpret the recent public remarks that you mentioned to be an attempt at undermining confidence in the district's leadership. This is being done for political reasons, and not in the interest of children. There are important issues in our city to be addressed. Just the other day, my wife and I went for a walk on the Fontana Pacific Electric Trail, and sidestepped a number homeless residents lying on the ground. I would be very encouraged if the city's leadership openly declared war on poverty and homelessness, and began focusing its efforts in that direction."

O'Brien indicated he thought it best that both the city and the district devote themselves and the focus of their elected leaderships and staffs to their respective duties. Just as he did not believe the city or its mayor should be trying

to second guess the district or the school board when it comes to administering and managing Fontana's schools, he did not see it as his place to be critical of the city's accommodation of developmental interests. A primary consequence of the city's willingness to go along with intensive and aggressive land use is an expansion in residential development that has put Fontana, now at a population of 210,000, on the brink of eclipsing San Bernardino as the county's largest city. This has carried with it an enlarging student population which some believe is burdening the school district.

Asked if he thought Mayor Warren and her city council colleagues were in some measure responsible for the problems in the city's educational system about which she has been so vocal as of late because the city in the past failed to impose upon the developers profiting by the development that has occurred in Fontana sufficient requirements to offset the burdens on the district that development entails, O'Brien said, "The number of students in the district is not a problem for us. We are not experiencing overcrowding for the most part. More than 85 percent of our students are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and so there are many built-in challenges that accompany children living in poverty. This is why the city leadership should focus its attention addressing homeless, economic development, and attracting middle class jobs. Our students have less of a hill to climb when their basic needs are met."

-Mark Gutglueck

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### Travis-Miller's Head On The Chopping Block *from front page*

seat, which has undergone significant turmoil in the last decade, is yet in a state of flux.

This year, three of the city's four council positions and the may-

orality were contested in the June and November elections. 2018 marked the first time an election under the rules laid out in the city's redrafted municipal charter, which was approved by voters in 2016 to replace the old San Bernardino Charter that had been put into

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## **Board's Third District Supervisor Replacement Effort Triggered Brown Act Violation Accusation** *from page 2*

were counted out of consideration without an interview. Twelve of those were Democrats. Of the thirteen who made it to the second round of the selection process, just one, Daily, was a Democrat. Ten were currently registered Republicans. Brinker and Emmerson were unaffiliated with any political party. In the case of Emmerson, who had been a Republican for nearly the entirety of adult life and a Republican during his terms in office as an assemblyman and state senator, he reregistered with no party preference because since leaving the legislature five years ago he had reinvented himself as a lobbyist and in dealing with legislators who are predominantly Democrats had found it to be in his professional interest to have severed his Republican ties.

The thirteen semi-finalists were invited to a forum before the board of supervisors in a specially-called session on Tuesday December 11. In the public comment session before the supervisors had their interaction with the candidates, Ruth Musser-Lopez, a member of the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee and an unsuccessful candidate for State Senate in the 16th District in November asserted that

there were flaws in the way in which the selection process was being conducted. Most pointedly, she charged that in reducing the field of 48 to 13 the board had polled themselves and voted in secret, which she alleged was a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act, which prohibits elected officials from discussing or voting upon official public matters in anything other than a public forum unless the issues dealt with are expressly related to public employee hiring, discipline or termination; pending or ongoing litigation; or negotiations for real estate transactions or employee contract negotiations. The board initially disregarded Musser-Lopez, carrying out over a nearly five hour session that morning and into the afternoon interviews and exchanges with the 13 candidates, thereafter eliminating seven of the candidates and conducting public polling amongst themselves in which Lovingood endorsed Sean Flynn, William Jahn, Janice Leja, Rhodes Rigsby and Dawn Rowe; Rutherford voted for William Emmerson, Flynn, Jahn, Rigsby, and Rowe; Haggman selected Emmerson, Flynn, Chris Mann, Rigsby and Rowe; and Gonzales favored Jim Bagley, Ron Daily, Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, William Jahn and Rowe. With the threshold being that to advance a candidate needed to log two votes, Emmerson, Flynn, Jahn, Rigsby and Rowe qualified as finalists with

Rowe scoring four votes; Rigsby, Flynn and Jahn bagging three votes and Emmerson claiming two in the District Three Supervisor sweepstakes. The board then scheduled another specially-called meeting for December 13, at which it was intimated one of the five would be selected to serve the next two years as Ramos's replacement. The evening of December 11, however, Musser-Lopez, reiterated her objections in writing, labeling it a "complaint." In the letter, sent to the supervisors and the office of county counsel through the clerk of the board, she asserted, "On December 10-11, 2018, you the members of the county board of supervisors in concert and individually violated the Ralph M. Brown Act specifically CA Gov. Code, § 54953.5 when you did cast preliminary votes secretly, without a process agreed upon by the public and without publicly disclosing the votes of the individual supervisors to the public." She said that "the public was left out of the selection process, some applicants were not invited to address the board and were not allowed equal time, and due to the illegal polling, board members knew which applicants were 'winning' prior to their vote." Musser-Lopez said this led to the board members "knowing in advance which applicants were preferred by the other members" and "wrongfully influencing their vote without public knowledge or intervention," such that

"a majority of the board" had been able to illegally "develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken" and had furthermore engaged in private communications with one another through the use of secret ballots that were tantamount to a "serial meeting," which is also outlawed by the Brown Act.

Musser-Lopez demanded that the board of supervisors cure the violation by voiding the December 11 vote and voiding "any other serial votes by members of the board of supervisors on December 10 and 11, 2018 and that to be voted on December 13, 2018 pertaining to the selection of a replacement supervisor for the 3rd District." She called upon the board of supervisors to "cure and correct" the prohibited acts by providing "an opportunity for all applicants to be invited to give a speech and allowed the same amount of time provided the unlawful slate of 13 candidates that were improperly selected by serial voting and secret ballots on December 10, 2018."

Somewhere within her three-page letter, Musser-Lopez hit a nerve. When the board convened the morning of December 13, the proceedings lasted a mere 58 seconds and were gavelled to a close by Board Chairman Lovingood, after County Counsel Michelle Blakemore, the county's top in-house attorney, referenced the Brown Act violation accusations and said, "Our recommendation is that

the board take absolutely no action today and that the meeting be adjourned and we will bring an item back on Tuesday for consideration."

Percolating over the weekend were the issues Musser-Lopez had raised as well as her further public utterances to the effect that the board was limiting its candidates to the white, affluent and Republican country club set, while excluding a large swath of the Third District's unrepresented masses. Simultaneously, the board majority had not abandoned its determination to ensure that the Republican establishment maintains its primacy within San Bernardino County's government structure. Chastened by the events of the preceding few days, they resolved to make certain that the selection process would meet all legal requirements and prevent any further challenges that would conceivably remove the Third District supervisor replacement process to the governor's office.

Further discussion and possible action on the appointment was scheduled as the final item on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting this week on Tuesday December 18. After moving through all of the previous items on the agenda, the board took up the reconsideration of the appointment.

In partial deference to Musser-Lopez's complaint and demands, the board rescinded the action it had taken on December 11, theoretically reopening the field of

candidates to include not just the five or 13, but potentially all 43 who returned fully completed applications, all 48 who had taken out applications or anyone of the age of majority living within the Third District who was registered to vote.

Before taking that action, Board Chairman Lovingood offered his version of what he and his colleagues had done and an explanation of what they were purposed to do.

"When the board of supervisors started this process, it took great lengths to ensure an open process by having ads placed in multiple newspapers soliciting to fill the vacancy," Lovin-good said. "We went far and wide to make sure this would be known. At the close of the application period, fifty-two had expressed interest in the position, of which 48 were actually qualified as electors. As a supplement, response to materials for response to questions garnered a reply by 43 of the original applicants. The supervisors chose to interview 13 and established a list of five finalists. Following written and email correspondence received on the 12th and the 13th challenging the process undertaken by the board it is recommended we establish the interview list of 13 and the final list of five be rescinded and the process amended for the selection of the Third District member of the board. The recommend-

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## At Long Last, Some Differences Among Montclair Solons Manifest from front page

minded by then-City Manager Lee McDougal during the first 15 years that Eaton was mayor and was thereafter guided by the equally unflappable Ed Starr in the eight years following McDougal's 2010 retirement. The most significant threats to the city during Eaton's reign came with the 2007 economic downturn and the lingering recession thereafter and an insurrection involving a handful of employees led by the city's former assistant finance director who later ran unsuccessfully for city council.

Throughout that time, councilman John Dutrey and Carolyn Raft had gotten along famously, with nary a cross word between them and virtual consonance right down the line in their voting records.

When Eaton took his leave in July, the council moved at once to make a seamless transition to the future by unanimously supporting filling the mayoral slot with Eaton's wife, Virginia,

who goes by the name Ginger. Less than two week's later, Paul Eaton died.

Ginger Eaton, at that point, had no political aspirations beyond finishing out her husband's term, which was set to expire this year.

Raft at various points had been designated by her council colleagues as mayor pro tem, an honorarium that included the assignment of serving as mayor in the mayor's absence, including presiding over meetings or representing the city at ribbon cuttings and the like. Paul Eaton had intimated to Raft that he believed her calm demeanor and ability to maintain her equanimity in the sometimes contentious rough and tumble of debate over public issues equipped her to succeed him as mayor when he was ready to himself quit the political game.

Dutrey, who was elected to the city council in 1996, four years after Raft was originally elected to the city council, is a creature of local government who works professionally as a housing project manager with the City of Rialto. He has both professional and political ambition that made, for him, his elevation to mayor desirable.

Accordingly, both Raft and Dutrey cast their hats in the ring when the filing period for this year's election rolled around in July. Joining them in the race were Sousan Elias and Kelly Smith. Both Raft and Dutrey sought to retain a veneer of civility during the race, though both were making energetic efforts at winning.

The competition between them in a race where only one could win was in stark contrast to the 2012 election for city council when the two seats they both held were up for grabs and they ran as a team of sorts against two upstarts, Montclair's former assistant finance manager, Richard Beltran, and his ally, Sean Brunske, who were pointedly seeking, ultimately unsuccessfully, to dislodge them.

This year, Raft campaigned hard and energetically door-to-door. Dutrey conducted a heavy signage campaign, with his people posting signs at spots where they had permission to do so and monitoring places where the Raft campaign was posting her signs and then placing Dutrey signs at those spots, often without permission. Eventually Raft chafed at this. At one point, Dutrey went over the line in another respect. When two city employees made social media postings in support of Raft, Dutrey responded in a way that was interpreted as a threat to have them fired when he stated that they should not be getting involved in city politics. Ultimately, he apologized. The damage had been done, however. The collegial attitude that had long existed on the council was broken.

Meanwhile, Ginger Eaton was serving as mayor, but was uninterested in extending her time in office. She had not declared her candidacy for mayor and she did not vie for the two positions on the city council that were up for election this year, either. The council's two incumbents, Bill Ruh and Tricia Martinez, did seek reelection, however.

Vying against them were Omar Zamarripa, Benjamin Lopez, Remoushell Henry and Juliet Orozco.

The results of the November 6 election were a disappointment to Raft, who polled 2,623 votes, or 35.59 percent. Dutrey captured 3,681 or 49.85 percent, making him Montclair's next mayor. Elias and Smith claimed the remaining 14.66 percent of the vote.

In the city council race, Tricia Martinez and Bill Ruh were reelected, with 3,709 or 33.21 percent of the vote and 2,571 votes or 23.02 percent, respectively. Running in third was Benjamin Lopez, with 2,205 votes or 19.74 percent.

As in the case of Raft and Dutrey, in which there does not appear to be a dime's worth of difference in their voting records and to all appearances they seem to be on good terms, the once cordial relationship between Martinez and Ruh has soured, exacerbated perhaps because of the recently concluded election. With the election over, the council as it was previously composed – with Ginger Eaton serving in the capacity of mayor – on December 3 met to conduct business on action items for the last time. At that point, Eaton, Raft and Martinez voted to make an at-large appointment to replace Dutrey in the

council seat that was soon to become vacant with his move into the mayor's post, committing the city to using the appointment process as opposed to conducting an election to fill the vacancy. Dutrey and Ruh voted in opposition to that action.

At a special meeting of the city council held on December 10, 2018, Dutrey was sworn in as mayor. Thereafter, turning to action items, Raft nominated Ginger Eaton as the designee to fill the empty slot on the city council. When the vote was taken, the council deadlocked 2-to-2, with Raft and Martinez favoring Eaton's appointment and Dutrey and Ruh opposed.

There is some irony to the impasse. Martinez believes that having Eaton on the council will preserve stability and amity on the council. The resultant disagreement with Dutrey and Ruh is prolonging the impasse and intensifying the recently-manifested confrontation. In this way, Montclair is now experiencing the first substantial clash of wills among its elected leadership in over two decades.

California law requires a city council, within 60 days of a vacancy in any of its city's elective offices, to fill that vacancy by appointment or call a special

election to fill the vacancy. Thus, because Dutrey and Ruh are in favor of holding an election, circumstance favors them as they need only hold their current position and refuse to ratify an appointment to have the end they are advocating – holding an election – imposed on the city by default.

One available compromise to the council would involve introducing a proposal for an appointment that would find favor with all of the council's members, such that Dutrey and Ruh would drop their insistence on holding an election.

Whether a personage who is mutually acceptable to all four council members exists is an open question. One obvious compromise candidate would be the third place finisher in the just-concluded council election, Benjamin Lopez. At press time, information as to whether Lopez, or any other alternative candidate, would past muster with all four, or even three, of the council members was unavailable to the *Sentinel*.

The council has until February 8 to use its authority to make the appointment, after which point the automatic election reflex will be triggered.

-Mark Gutglueck

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place in 1905. This year also marked the first time that the city held its normally-scheduled municipal elections in an even-numbered year.

The incumbent councilwoman in the city's First Ward, Virginia Marquez, did not seek reelection this year. In the city's Second Ward, Councilman Benito Barrios was shut out from any hope of remaining on the council when he finished third in the polling in the June primary election, which set up a

run-off between Cecilia Miranda-Dolan and Sandra Ibarra. Ibarra, a community activist and energetic volunteer with regard to neighborhood and citywide programs, prevailed in November. In the Second District, Gil Botello and Theodore Sanchez finished first and second, respectively, in June and then faced off in November. Sanchez, whose cousin was Third District Councilman John Valdivia, beat Botello in that contest, which followed a controversial campaign featuring Botello's complaints that it was tainted by multiple slanderous and libelous misrepresentations about himself propounded by the Sanchez camp. In the

Fourth Ward, incumbent Fred Shorett very nearly captured reelection outright in the June primary when he collected 49.73 percent of the vote, far outdistancing both of his opponents, Alexandra Beltran and Jesus Medina. Had Shorett received 13 more votes than the 2,035 that he did in that race, he would have won at that time and there would have been no run-off in November. In the November 6 contest, Shorett appeared to be safely ahead of Beltran after the ballots of all 38 of Ward Four's precincts and the early mail-in ballots were counted on the morning of November 7. As the late arriving mail-

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## Board Majority Bypassed Applicants With Democratic Party Registration

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ed actions will cure and correct any alleged procedural errors and afford the board an opportunity at this meeting to move forward in the discussion process.”

Among those who spoke during public comments was one of the applicants, Treasure Ortiz.

“I’m extremely disappointed in how this was conducted,” said Ortiz. “I super agree with you.

You guys outreached to the community for the applicants to apply. But in that, you decided not to put forth a process that was completely transparent, and you knew it.

You continued with it. Counsel told you not to set criteria, but you did it anyways. You didn’t tell us what it was. You just called the clerk of the board and told her who you wanted. You ought to rectify it, but you’re breaking, in the midst of breaking the law. You are bound by an act. So to say, ‘Mea culpa. We’re sorry. Now we’re going to wipe this clean’ - You need to go above and beyond that.

You have a responsibility to the 400,000 people in this district who voted for James Ramos, who voted for an agenda and now want to see that is adhered to. Everybody who applied needs to be publicly shown to the voters. It affects your district. It affects our district. To do anything less is disrespectful. It’s wrong. We come here today to do our civic duty, to be a part of the process, and to be denied that, myself or anybody... We have large shoes to fill. We have to make sure that we stand by what people are asking of us, without a vote. This is the worst case of taking away democracy from people and then shoving it in their face and saying ‘We’re going to make jokes. Give me resumes and I’ll vet through.’ Well that’s exactly what you did. After it hadn’t been asked specifically, ‘How do

we fill this vacancy if Ramos were to vacate?’ nobody wanted to talk about that but then days later you appoint a field rep to be a point of contact without any public discussion. We submitted, letters, resumes and answers to questions that you guys asked for but never made available to the public. This is supposed to be open. I ask that you today interview everybody. This should be a long and arduous task. This should take days because this is a big, big decision on behalf of people you don’t represent.”

Several speakers said they were in favor of Carrillo.

Supervisor Curt Hagman said, “I understand we’re pretty much starting over. I’d like to put two or three names in a hat right now, each from the total list and then if you want follow up questions we can. If we don’t, we can make a motion, whatever the case may be.”

Supervisor Janice Rutherford endorsed Hagman’s suggest. “We’ve all done a thorough review of all 43 applications, including people that we’ve interviewed, all of the reading we’ve done and the background work that each of us and our staffs did individually. I would be prepared to offer a handful of names also. Then we could decide to further question if we have questions or move on today.”

Supervisor Gonzales said, “I realize this is the final opportunity to ask some tough questions. If there were an election, candidates would be asked questions about their positions on various issues. They would be asked questions about their voting record. Residents would have time to learn about each candidate’s background and their political affiliations, priorities, goals and all those kinds of things. There would be time for all of that. In the absence of a campaign, I believe I owe it to the residents to ask difficult questions and I would like that opportunity and I have stated this to my colleagues already, so

there may be an opportunity for the residents to hear honest answers and have those answers be on the record before we make a selection.”

Gonzales indicated she “wanted to go in a different direction” from what had occurred, that is, having interviews with a subset of the candidates who applied. She would have preferred, she said, “to have interviews with each and every candidate, as you all know. I want you to know I love our government structure and that when the majority of my colleagues voted against me, I honor that. We all have to honor that. I think it’s important. There’s value to adhering to a process. I want to be able today to look at all of the applicants and be able to say ‘This is an open process. I am considering each and every one.’”

Gonzales said she recognized the others were intent on moving forward with the nominations of just two or three names each and had resigned herself to that.

Asserting “moving forward today is our responsibility” and that he had like the other members of the board thoroughly considered the merits of the candidates based on their submissions while resisting being lobbied, Lovingood said, “At this time, unless there is some other preference, I am prepared to make a motion.” Pausing briefly, he said, “I make a motion to nominate Dawn Rowe as the replacement for the Third District.”

Rutherford seconded the motion. Without a voice vote being audible, Lovingood indicated that the support for Rowe was 2-to-2, which was insufficient to approve Rowe’s appointment.

Lovingood then sought to proceed with Hagman’s call for each of the board members to nominate three candidates each. Gonzales asked that before any vote was taken on those to be nominated that a round of questioning of those nominated take place. The board members at Lovingood’s motion and Hagman’s second then

submitted three names each. Lovingood nominated Bill Jahn, Dawn Rowe and Rhodes Rigsby; Supervisor Rutherford nominated Dawn Rowe, Sean Flynn and Bill Emmerson; Supervisor Hagman nominated Bill Jahn, Dawn Rowe and Sean Flynn; and Supervisor Gonzales nominated Bill Jahn, Dawn Rowe and Chris Carrillo. All of those nominated were invited forward to respond to questions. Because Carrillo had not been interviewed last week, he was permitted to introduce himself and give an overview of his experience. For the most part, the questioning of Carrillo, Jahn, Rigsby, and Flynn was polite and extended to the issues of their experience and expertise, covering the same issues they had spoken to in their interview on December 11.

Emmerson, a dentist by profession, and Rigsby, a physician, were asked about a recent court ruling that called into question whether the Affordable Care Act will remain in place. Gonzales asked Emmerson a pointed question about his decision in 2013 to resign from the California State Senate and a statement he made to the effect that he had lost his passion for his work and his interest in politics had waned. “What would you say to the constituents of the Third District today, some of which are in your former senate district, to convince them that you have found your passion once again for public service?” Gonzales probed.

“The temperament and the temperature of Sacramento is incredibly partisan,” Emmerson said. “It became very difficult to work in that system, and I lost my passion because of that. This is a different situation that we can all work together in a collaborative manner.”

Gonzales was similarly aggressive in her exchange with Rowe.

“You currently work for Congressman Paul Cook,” Gonzales began. “Congressman Cook is and has been a long time friend of mine and

San Bernardino County. He has carried bills for us both at the state level and at the federal level in Congress. Many of the issues we face here at the county have to do with politics imposed on us by state and in this case federal government. There are many congressmen we don’t always see eye-to-eye with and I dare say we don’t always see eye-to-eye with Congressman Cook. If appointed to the Third District supervisorial seat, how would you demonstrate that you will act independent of Congressman Cook? How would you assure the residents of the Third District that you would fight for what’s in their best interest even if it might be contrary to what the federal government has as policy or Congressman Cook’s position? Will there be, in other words, strings attached?”

Rowe said, “No, bluntly. If you know Congressman Cook – I’ve worked for him for ten years – You have to have a backbone to be in the job we have, and I have no problem clearly stating my opinion and thoughts to anyone, to include Congressman Cook.” She cited the example of her differences with Cook, who is a retired Marine lieutenant colonel, with regard to the clash between the Marine Corps and off-road enthusiasts over restrictions on the use of the desert expanse stretching into Johnson Valley, which the Marine Corps uses for training purposes. As an off-road enthusiast herself, Rowe said she stood her ground with Cook in reminding him that as a congressman he is a representative of the people of the 8th Congressional District and not the Marine Corps and that he needed to be sensitive to his constituents’ needs. She said a compromise was worked out with regard to recreational access in a major swath of Johnson Valley as a result.

She further asserted that her conservative Republican leanings would not interfere with her service to her constituents.

“I have a party registra-

tion but on this non-partisan seat I bring with me certain ideologies but more of an open mind,” she said. “My party and my affiliations are insignificant when it comes to fighting for what is right for this county.”

Rowe told the board that if she were chosen as Ramos’s replacement, “I would be accessible. I think it is important to have accessibility to our constituents, to you as a board, to the staff members, to the county employees and various departments within the county.” She said she would “put my brainpower to the different challenges we face in the county” and that she would use “creativity perseverance and tenacity” to benefit the Third District along with the “ability to communicate effectively with an open mind.”

She said she is able to sugarcoat the bitter pill of government.

“One of the things I have learned in my time in working with the public is to have empathy for them,” she said. “It is very difficult sometimes to tell a person, ‘No.’ But if you can communicate it effectively and with empathy it’s better received and people understand it.”

Rowe made a favorable impression with Gonzales, who told her “You’ve done an extraordinary job of coming out of the woodwork. You were one of the surprises I was looking for. And I think it commends the years of dedication that you’ve invested.”

Rowe was the last of the six candidates interviewed on Tuesday. Immediately after her exchange with the board, without entering into any discussion with regard to the relative merits of the applicants, Lovingood made a motion to appoint her to the Third District supervisors post. Again, Rutherford seconded the motion. When Hagman immediately voted in favor of the motion, the outcome was obvious and Gonzales voted to make Rowe’s appointment unanimous.

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## Judge Disinclined To Overturn No-Vote Fire Service Zone Annexation

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the municipal fire department, which had existed from shortly after the city's 1906 incorporation, was shuttered and the county's fire division took possession of the city's fire equipment and vehicles, as well as its facilities, which included four fire stations within its 15.66 square miles. In San Antonio Heights, an unincorporated county area which had previously received its fire service from the county fire division, little appreciable difference in how the county operated its fire division within its 2.619 square mile confines occurred, although some of the equipment, vehicles and personnel which had been previously staged at the San Antonio Heights Fire Station and devoted for what were more or less exclusive operations in that community are now also used to cover the northeastern quadrant of Upland, where one of the city's former fire stations has been closed. San Antonio Heights residents contend that change has made their community less safe than it had been before it was forced into the takeover arrangement with the Helendale/Silverlakes fire protection service zone, known by the county's nomenclature as Fire Protection Zone Five or FP-5, for short.

Neither Upland's residents nor those living in San Antonio Heights

were given the opportunity to approve the arrangement. Rather, at the behest of the Upland City Council and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, which serves as the county's fire board, that matter was entrusted to the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission, the department of county government which oversees jurisdictional issues, agency formations, boundary disputes and annexations. The Local Agency Formation Commission, referred to by its acronym LAFCO, conducted a so-called protest procedure to ratify the imposition of the service zone and accompanying assessments.

This protest procedure consisted of the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission's inviting property owners and voters within each of the jurisdictions – Upland and San Antonio Heights – to lodge letters of protest against the annexation. Each protest letter received was to be counted as a single vote against the annexation. Any resident or voter not lodging a letter of protest was presumed to have voted to accept the annexation. Under the protest procedure rules, if 25 to 50 percent of the voters or land owners within the combined jurisdictions protested the annexation, a traditional vote using ballots by which those supporting the annexation would vote yes and those opposing it would vote no would be staged. If more than 50 percent had reg-

istered protests, then the annexation would have failed outright. If fewer than 25 percent lodged protests, the annexation was deemed valid. While more than 25 percent of the residents/landowners in San Antonio Heights registered objections to the annexation, no opposition approaching that number manifested in 76,000 population Upland. LAFCO refused to allow the protest tally to be bifurcated between San Antonio Heights and Upland, and with the total protest letters for the combined communities falling below the 25 percent threshold, the annexation was declared to have been ratified, such that the inclusion of the two communities into Zone FP-5 and its accompanying assessment district was allowed to proceed.

A critical mass of San Antonio Heights 3,370 residents, resentful of what was being foisted upon them after they had rallied what they had been led to believe was a sufficient expression of protest among their numbers to force government officials to provide them with the opportunity to have a straightforward up and down vote on whether they were to be annexed into FP-5, under the auspices of the San Antonio Heights Homeowners Association involving over 400 San Antonio Heights residents, retained Upland-based attorney Cory Briggs. Briggs filed suit on the association's behalf in an effort to prevent the annexation from proceeding.

Purposefully, the

lawsuit was filed prior to the completion of the processing of the annexation application and LAFCO's ratification of it to foreclose any argument that the effort to prevent the service responsibility transition had come about too late and would impose an unacceptable hardship on either or both the city and the county to undo the closure of the Upland Fire Department and the transition of that entity's fire protection service to the county fire division. The plaintiffs therefore asked that the court enjoin the city and county from actuating the shutdown of the city department and the takeover by the county. In response, the three separate legal teams representing the county, city and the Local Agency Formation Commission asked the judge hearing the case, San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge David Cohn, to allow the annexation to proceed, expressing doubt that the plaintiffs would prevail but offering assurances that if the plaintiffs successfully contested the takeover, that refunds of the collected assessments could be made at that time, the City of Upland could simply resume operation of its fire department and the county would return to its previous arrangement of offering service to the San Antonio Heights community outside of the rubric of the fire service zone associated with Helendale and Silverlakes. Judge Cohn acceded to the position of the county, city and LAFCO, and did not block the closure of the Upland Department or the annexation.

Briggs proceeded with the suit, asserting that the annexation of both the city and San Antonio Heights into FS-5 was an illegal ploy intended to allow the city and county to impose what was tantamount to a new tax on their residents without having to meet the requirement of allowing those upon whom the tax was to be imposed an opportunity approve the assessment, as is

normally required under California law and the California Constitution. The "protest vote" is not an actual vote, according to Briggs. "The special tax is invalid because it is not first being voted on by the city's and San Antonio Heights registered voters," the Writ of Mandate filed by Briggs on behalf of the homeowners association stated. "The county is authorizing the levy of the special tax without first submitting the tax for a vote by the general electorate. To the extent the county is requiring the property owners to lodge a formal protest before exercising its right to the franchise, such requirement unlawfully abridges the electorate's right to vote on the special tax."

The Local Agency Formation Commission disregarded the legal action and imposed the FP-5 zone on Upland and San Antonio Heights, interpreting the percentage of dissenters in San Antonio Heights and Upland to be insufficient to prevent the annexation from occurring.

In response to the suit, the city, represented by attorneys James Markman and Ginetta L. Giovinco, the county, represented by Laura L. Crane, and the Local Agency Formation Commission, represented by Jeffrey Dunn, staked their assertion of the legality and enforceability of the assessment district on the precedent-setting case of Sunset Beach v. Orange County LAFCO. In the Sunset Beach case, an appellate court ruled against a small population of residents living in Sunset Beach, an unincorporated county area in Orange County adjoining and partially surrounded by the City of Huntington Beach. Those citizens objected to being annexed to the city with the requirement that they also pay preexisting Huntington Beach special assessment district taxes. Those Sunset Beach residents maintained they had not voted on the assessments and therefore should not be forced to pay them. After the trial

court agreed with the plaintiffs on the grounds that Proposition 218 protected them against taxes that they had not voted on, the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission appealed to an appellate court, which ruled that the Sunset Beach residents had to accept the assessments once they were a part of the city.

In the Sunset Beach case, the property was annexed into a nearby and adjacent jurisdiction and the appellate court held that Proposition 218's protection does not apply to improvement assessments already in place. Briggs sought to make an issue of the consideration that Upland and San Antonio Heights were not immediately adjacent to either Silverlakes and Helendale, a distinguishing characteristic from the Sunset Beach case. Furthermore, Briggs maintains, the FP-5 assessments are not being levied to create improvements but rather to fund the operation of the fire department.

Judge Cohn last year ruled that the proximity of the original district to the area annexed was not a decisive factor in determining the legitimacy of the annexation and Briggs was unable convince the Fourth District Court of Appeal to reverse Cohn with regard to that issue.

There were yet, however, principles in the legal action larger than those pertaining strictly to San Antonio Heights,

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of DOMENIC PERRONE and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition has been filed by ADALGISA MARY SABALA in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that ADALGISA MARY SABALA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Jeffrey Metzger  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/19/2018

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, Deputy  
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

VINEYARD INSURANCE SERVICES  
13528 NOMWAKET RD STE C-D APPLE VALLEY, CA 92308  
Mailing Address: PO BOX 3157 APPLE VALLEY, CA 92307

GOLDEN STATE INSURANCE SERVICES INC 13528 NOMWAKET RD STE C-D APPLE VALLEY, CA 92308

Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION

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s/Amber Schwing  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/12/2018

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Began Transacting Business: 12/4/2004

County Clerk, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20180014139

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: True King Pest Control, 2402 S Sandpiper Pl, Ontario, CA 91761, Vincent P Guerrero, 2402 S Sandpiper Pl, Ontario, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Vincent P Guerrero  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/13/2018

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Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/JV  
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Events By Maggie, 13989 Millbrook Dr, Victorville, CA 92395, Margaret J Alenbaugh, 13989 Millbrook Dr, Victorville, CA 92395

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Margaret J Alenbaugh  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/27/2018

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Began Transacting Business: 8/29/2018

County Clerk, s/CA  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20180014319

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MC Longevin, 13538 Applegate Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, MC Longevin LLC, 13538 Applegate Court, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

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s/Christine Longevin  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/19/2018

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Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/GM  
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ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Your registered FBN No. is 20180014207 and was filed in San Bernardino County on 12/17/2018. Your related FBN No. is 20140007192 and was filed in San Bernardino County on 06/26/2014.

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the business name(s) of: F&J Steam Auto Detail, 1855 E Riverside Dr., SPC#8, Ontario, CA 91761, Arlene Felix, 1855 E Riverside Dr., SPC#8, Ontario, CA 91761, Winston U Jacobo, 1855 E Riverside Dr., SPC#8, Ontario, CA 91761 BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE

THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information of this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code 6250-6277).

s/Winston U. Jacobo This business was conducted by: A General Partnership

Began transacting business on: Not Applicable  
County Clerk/s: RS  
Published: 12/21/18, 12/28/18, 01/4/19, 01/11/19

FBN20180012891

The following person is doing business as: EXPRESS CLEANING SERVICES 9209 RAMONA AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763; MARIO A CASTILLO 9209 RAMONA AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/15/2006

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ MARIO A CASTILLO, OWNER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/13/2018

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FBN 20180013343

The following person is doing business as: MARY'S CREATIVE Y'ALL EVENTS 390 N. PALM AVE #D RIALTO, CA 92376; MAILING ADDRESS 309 N LILAC RIALTO, CA 92376; MARIA HERRERA 309 N LILAC AVE RIALTO, CA 92376; SAMUEL O QUITO 309 N LILAC RIALTO, CA 92376

This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/28/2018

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s/MARIA HERRERA  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/28/2018

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FBN 20180013448

The following person is doing business as: ALL SERVICES HANDYMAN BROTHERS 215 E. 18TH ST. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404, ROBERT E ROBERSON JR 215 E. 18TH ST. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ ANGEL GALGANI, VICE PRESIDENT  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/26/2018

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s/ ROBERT E. ROBERSON JR, OWNER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/28/2018

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FBN 20180013455

The following person is doing business as: FRESHEST CUTS AROUND 25899 E BASELINE ST SUITE D HIGHLAND, CA 92346; EMANUEL GARCIA 25899 E BASELINE ST SUITE D HIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ EMANUEL GARCIA, OWNER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/28/2018

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FBN 20180013376

The following person is doing business as: CHINA-EXPRESS 1325 E 4TH ST ONTARIO, CA 91764; XIN-MING CORP. 1325 E 4TH ST ONTARIO, CA 91764

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ XIN BIN HUANG, PRESIDENT  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/27/2018

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FBN 20180013408

The following person is doing business as: JD RODRIGUEZ GARDENING 14728 UPLAND AVE FONTANA, CA 92335; JUAN D RODRIGUEZ 14728 UPLAND AVE FONTANA, CA 92335

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ SURYA P. BISTA, CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/27/2018

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s/ JUAN D RODRIGUEZ  
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The following person is doing business as: MOON PHASES WITH CYNTHIA 23 SOUTH ASH STREET REDLANDS, CA 92373; CYNTHIA J HIEBERT 23 SOUTH ASH STREET REDLANDS, CA 92373

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ CYNTHIA J. HIEBERT, OWNER

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The following person is doing business as: DETAIL GARAGE COLTON 1230 E. WASHINGTON ST STE P12 COLTON, CA 92324-6450; PALADIN TRAINING SOLUTIONS INC 28364 ASHFORD CT HIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ JACOB WIEGEL, CEO  
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The following person is doing business as: NATURE LITTLE STONE 16762 SPY GLASS CT FONTANA, CA 92336; KAIHUA WEN 16762 SPY GLASS CT. FONTANA, CA 92336

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/23/2014

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s/ KAIHUA WEN  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/17/2018

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FBN 20180014225

The following person is doing business as: CLARITY POLYGRAPH SERVICES 4983 BROOKSIDE AVE FONTANA, CA 92336; JESSE J HENRY 4983 BROOKSIDE AVE FONTANA, CA 92336

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ JESSE J HENRY  
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The following person is doing business as: TOUCH OF CLASS PROPERTY INSPECTIONS 1150 N. WILLOW AVE #5Q RIALTO, CA 92376; KASHAN GRIFFIN 1150 N. WILLOW AVE #5Q RIALTO, CA 92376

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ KASHAN GRIFFIN, OWNER  
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The following person is doing business as: REVIVED INVESTMENT 31974 AVE D YUCAIPA, CA 92399; BRANDI M MARQUEZ 31974 AVE D YUCAIPA, CA 92399

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/03/2016

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ BRANDI M MARQUEZ, OWNER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on:

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12/17/2018  
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FBN 20180014238  
The following person is doing business as: QWORKS LLC 28277 FISHER CT HIGHLAND, CA 92346; QWORKS LLC 28277 FISHER CT GIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by: A

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 2/09/1999

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ DAVID CREW, MANAGING MEMBER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/17/2018

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The following person is doing business as: STATE FARM AGENT PETE PETERSON 8020 PALM AVENUE STE C HIGHLAND, CA 92346-4227; FLOYD D PETERSON 20634 GELMAN DR RIVERSIDE, CA 92508-2902

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on:

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FBN 20180014242

The following person is doing business as: STATE FARM AGENT PETE PETERSON 8020 PALM AVENUE STE C HIGHLAND, CA 92346-4227; FLOYD D PETERSON 20634 GELMAN DR RIVERSIDE, CA 92508-2902

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ FLOYD PETERSON  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/17/2018

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## New SB Council Members Back Mayor In Effort To Send City Manager Packing from page 5

in ballots and provisional votes were totaled over the remainder of November and into December, however, Beltran steadily gained ground. On the day prior to the finalization of the counting and the certification of the election countywide, Beltran had closed the gap to a seven vote difference. When the election was certified, Shorett had hung on to his council post, but barely, claiming a 50.05 percent endorsement of his constituents with 3,709 votes to Beltran's 3,701, a margin of eight.

In the mayor's race, the one-term incumbent, Carey Davis, was challenged by six hopefuls in June, including

John Valdivia, the incumbent Third Ward councilman. Valdivia ran a strong first in that race, with Davis a strong second, leading to a November final. After the polls closed on November 6 and the registrar of voters began tallying the results, Davis led early in the evening as the initial returns from the first-arriving precincts and early mail-in votes came in. But as more and more of the city's 178 precincts were heard from, Valdivia pulled ahead and never lost the lead over the next month as straggling mail-in and provisional ballots were counted. The final official count had Valdivia up 19,155 votes or 52.51 percent to Davis's 17,327 or 47.49 percent.

Valdivia came into office in a slightly different capacity than had Davis, whose term was extended nearly a year because of the changes

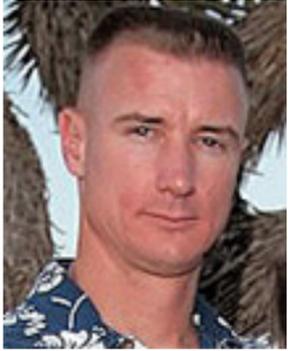
to the charter, some five years ago. The 1905 charter provided the mayor with fair-to-middling political authority, as the mayor did not normally have a vote among the council, being empowered to cast a vote only in the case of a tie. The mayor possessed veto power on votes of 4-to-3. The mayor also wielded the council gavel and presided over the council meetings, setting the tenor of and controlling the ebb-and-flow of debate. The mayor had authority to place action and discussion items on the council agenda at will. The 1905 charter also provided the mayor with substantial administrative and ministerial power, with the authority to both hire and fire city employees, as well as make decisions and give orders with regard to the operation and management of the city. In

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## New Third District Supervisor Is A Creature Of Yucca Valley Culture

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A Southern California native, Rowe was married to a Marine captain, Alan Rowe, with whom she had a son and a daughter. They had lived at various Marine and



**Captain Alan Rowe**

Naval installations and established a residence in Yucca Valley when her husband had been stationed at the Twentynine Palms Marine Base. On September 3, 2004, her husband was on his second deployment back to Iraq when he was killed in action while securing a bridge in Anbar province. She decided to remain in Yucca Valley and raise her children there. It was in seeking to make a way for herself and her children, she said, that she ventured into politics.

"I got involved in subdividing property and became frustrated with the process," she said. "I went to who was then my mayor, Chad Mayes, and didn't know anything about politics or anything else and he appointed me to the planning commission and said, 'If you want to make a difference, this is how you do it.' And then I was defeated with some of my projects at the council level and decided if I wanted to really make a difference I needed to run to implement those changes, specifically in land use. Then, at some point along the way I met Paul Cook and went to work for him as a field rep."

Rowe is a creature of what many refer to as the "Yucca Valley Theocracy." The two most influential political entities in the Town of Yucca Valley are the

3,500-member Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel with its senior pastor, Jarel Hagerman, and the smaller Grace Community Church with its pastor, Roger Mayes. Both Hagerman and Mayes have tremendous influence over their respective congregations, at the very least swaying elections if not outright controlling the political tempo of the town. Jarel Hagerman's son, Isaac, was elected to the town council, rising to the position of mayor pro tem, serving along with Rowe and Chad Mayes. Roger Mayes is Chad Mayes' father. Roger Mayes is himself an elected official, serving on the Hi Desert Water District. Together Jarel Hagerman and Roger Mayes, who share similar conservative Republican political ideologies, are credited with being able to dependably deliver upwards of 2,500 votes to the candidates they endorse in the town's municipal elections. Yucca Valley has roughly 11,400 registered voters. Typically, 5,500 to 6,000 voters turn out to vote in November elections held in presidential election years in Yucca Valley and 3,800 to 4,200 in gubernatorial election years. Dawn Rowe is a Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel congregant and was supported by both Hagerman and Mayes in her election to the town council.

The Yucca Valley Theocracy has supported Paul Cook, who is neither a parishoner of Joshua Springs Chapel nor Grace Community Church but rather a Catholic who attends Mass, when he is in Yucca Valley, at St. Mary of the Valley. Cook's political philosophy over the years aligned itself in most particulars with that espoused by Hagerman and Mayes.

That political philosophy has had practical consequences for Yucca Valley.

The town is one of two of San Bernardino County's municipalities without a sewer system, relying entirely upon septic systems. In 2001,

Yucca Valley town officials were notified by the state's Regional Water Quality Control Board that the lack of a sewage treatment system in the town had resulted in nitrates accumulating in the water table underlying Yucca Valley. Simultaneously, the Hi-Desert Water District, which serves the Yucca Valley community, experienced nitrate traces in district wells. Because of the expense of constructing such a system, local officialdom did not respond with alacrity to the warning. State officials grew increasingly more and more firm in suggesting and then telling Yucca Valley town and Hi-Desert Water District officials that the water contamination issue needed to be addressed, at last issuing a compliance order that the town begin construction on a sewer system such that the first phase of a three-phase wastewater system was to be completed or significantly on its way to completion by May 19, 2016 or enforcement action would be initiated. This was met by a community-wide outcry against "unfunded mandates" being imposed by liberal bureaucrats in Democratic-dominated Sacramento. The Yucca Valley Theocracy and Cook, while he was yet in the Assembly and later in Congress, were major purveyors of rhet-

oric being consumed at the local level in Yucca Valley suggesting that the state was engaged in impermissible government overreach and that the water contamination abatement orders were unlawful and unconstitutional meddling by outsiders that would not be enforceable.

In 2012, Yucca Valley voters, yet under the sway of Mayes and Hagerman's vision of their town as a bastion of right-thinking fundamentalist Christian conservatives holding the line against the encroachment of secular liberalism, rejected Measure U, which if passed would have imposed a one-cent sales tax within Yucca Valley, the lion's share of the proceeds from which would have, town officials said, gone toward building the sewer system.

It was only when it became clear that the state was determined to use draconian measures to obtain compliance, by either methodically moving to seal off every septic system in use within Yucca Valley, essentially rendering the affected homes inhabitable, or to otherwise utilize an enforcement action done in a lottery fashion in which random property owners who did not discontinue the discharge from their septic systems and seal them off would be selected to

receive cease and desist orders with the potential of daily fines of up to \$5,000 per day for non-compliance, that local officials got off top dead center and provisions were made to bring the town into accord with state standards.

In 2014, Chad Mayes, Roger Mayes' son, vied successfully for 42nd District Assemblyman. In Sacramento, young Mayes was given a strong dose of political and practical reality. While the exact nature of his private conversations with his father are unknown, on his trips back to his district from the state capital he was apparently able to convince the Reverend Mayes, a board member with the Hi-Desert Water District, that people in Yucca Valley cannot continue to micturate and defecate in their drinking water supply, that continuing to insist they can do just that is a threat to not only the community's health but its reputation statewide and that the rural standards of public hygiene that were applied in a remote desert location in the middle of the Twentieth Century will not suffice as that community urbanizes in the Twenty-First Century.

In 2015, Roger Mayes did not oppose an effort to form an assessment district to build the town's sewer system. By a sig-

nificant margin, Yucca Valley voters passed the measure, which was conducted by mail ballot voting.

On the May 13, 2015 deadline for the return of the ballots, 5,488 of the 10,326 ballots mailed out had been returned. Of those 5,488 ballots received, 4,942 were deemed valid, with 546 being rejected because the ballots were improperly filled out.

The tallying of the ballots was not based upon the simple number of votes for or against approving the sewer system assessments. Rather, each of the ballots was accorded weight based on the proposed assessment value of the property owned by the voter. Under this measure, 72 percent of those responding, representing \$49.1 million in estimated property value, favored the levying of the assessments, while 28 percent, speaking for \$18.9 million in property value, voted against the formation of the district. The community's relatively late resolve to fund the sewer system project left it somewhat behind the eight ball in terms of whether it would be able to meet the first May 2016 deadline.

The State Water Resources Control Board, examining the reality of the situation, concluded that the Hi-Desert Water District would not be

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**Supervisors Josie Gonzales, Robert Lovingood, Curt Hagman and Janice Rutherford look on as Clerk of the Board Laura Welch, lower left, issues the oath of office to Dawn Rowe.**

## Judge Says 'No Taxation Without Representation' Principle Is Trumped By Procedural Considerations *from page 7*

Upland, the county fire department, LAFCO and the county at play in the suit, in particular, whether the governing body of a separate entity, such as in this case the Upland City Council, could initiate an annexation process that had a direct impact on an entity over which it otherwise had no authority, as in this case San Antonio Heights, and could imposed on that entity an outcome inimical to the wishes of the vast majority of those who make up the second entity, as in this case the residents of San Antonio Heights. Moreover, there were technical issues with regard to the way in which the city, the county and the Local Agency Formation Commission had undertaken the annexation, such as utilizing governmental authority normally reserved for creating or expanding an assessment district to undertake improvements such as the construction of capital projects to instead pay for the provision of services which are normally defrayed through the operating budget of the governmental authority of that particular jurisdiction.

Relatively early on the San Antonio Heights Association suit survived three attempts by the county, the city and LAFCO to have it dismissed. A significant cross section of San Antonio Heights residents along with many Upland residents, many of whom were equally resentful of the manner in which the assessment had been imposed upon each of them without an actual vote, looked forward to the case going to trial. That trial has been delayed by legal sparring with regard to a number of the issues raised by the case, including an appeal to the appellate court.

In the meantime, on another level, the political one, events played out. Three of the four members of the Upland City Council who voted to proceed with the application to close the fire department and initiate the annexation of the city into Fire Protection Zone Five are no longer on the city council, two having been voted out of office by Upland's voters last month and the third having opted out of running.

This week, on Tuesday morning, a merits hearing was held in which Judge Cohn was essentially being called upon to determine whether the matter will go to trial. Cohn's courtroom on the eighth floor of the 11-story San Bernardino Justice Center in downtown San Bernardino was filled to capacity, primarily with San Antonio Heights

residents and a handful of Uplanders.

Representing the San Antonio Heights Homeowners Association at the hearing were Briggs and his law partner, Anthony Kim. Representing the Local Agency Formation Commission were Jeffrey Dunn and Daniel Lee Richards. Representing San Bernardino County and its fire division was Laura Crane. Representing Upland was Ginetta Gionvinco.

Shortly after the hearing began, Judge Cohn gave indication that his tentative decision weighed fully against the homeowners association, such that the annexation of the city and San Antonio Heights into Fire Protection Zone Five will be allowed to stand along with the wholesale dissolution of the Upland Fire Department.

Under the California Government Code,

Cohn said, LAFCO has "broad discretion" in determining the validity of assessment zones. "The plaintiff has failed to demonstrate this was an invalid statutory scheme," Judge Cohn said.

Cohn opined that the levying of a "relatively small" assessment had led to "the rallying cry of 'No Taxation Without Representation' by the people of San Antonio Heights, who didn't get an opportunity to vote on this tax."

Though Cohn said such a sentiment is a legitimate one with an obvious historical and Constitutional import, those considerations are trumped by the consideration that the county, the city and the Local Agency Formation Commission abode by all of the proper procedural protocols. "The Sunset Beach case is the guid-

ing law here," said Judge Cohn. "It provides that when this annexation occurred a tax that was already imposed on a geographically larger area [into which the land in question was absorbed] it became valid."

Briggs, however, asserted that "Under Health and Safety Code Section 13952, LAFCO has no authority to approve a proposal to create a service zone or change boundaries or dissolve a zone."

In San Antonio Heights, Briggs said, there were a sufficient number of residents protesting the annexation to either prevent the annexation from taking place or to force a vote where the annexation would have been voted down. By combining San Antonio Heights into the FP-5 zone with Upland simultaneously and requiring that the suffi-

cient number of protest votes emanating in San Antonio Heights be tallied into the mix with the insufficient number of protest votes originating out of Upland, Briggs said, the defendants had cheated the residents of San Antonio Heights out of a fair and democratic process. "That is putting your finger on the scale," he said. "That's not good government. That's engaging in a dilution of the vote. That is in a sense gerrymandering." LAFCO, the county and the City had thus loaded the dice to ensure that the protest effort in San Antonio Heights did not succeed, he said.

Briggs told Judge Cohn that his analysis blurred the distinction between improvement districts and service zones and that assessments of the sort approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission using the procedure last year was intended for paying for tangible items such as capital improvements, structures or infrastructure. The proceeds from such assessments could not be used to pay for services, Briggs said.

"Even if the annexation into the district is proper, LAFCO has no authority to do an annexation into a zone. A zone is excluded from the definition of a district," Briggs said. He then read the applicable definitions of the terms.

"The court could rule that annexation [of San Antonio Heights] into the district is not illegal but the court cannot on the a plain reading [of the applicable case law] think that LAFCO had the authority to apply a tax that was levied in some other zone," Briggs said. "LAFCO does not have that authority on the basis of Cortese-Knox."

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 is the section of the State Government Code (Government Code §§ 56000 et sequitur) that provides a Local Agency Formation Commission with its authority, proce-

## An Unnecessary Death?

On December 18 Judge David Cohn conducted a hearing in the matter of the San Antonio Heights Homeowners Association's vs. the City of Upland, the County of San Bernardino and its various agencies. In that suit, San Antonio Heights residents and landowners are contesting being forced along with Upland's residents into a county fire service zone originally formed for the 47-miles distant community of Helendale. In the oral presentation of his findings, Judge David Cohn suggested the plaintiffs were simply stingy penny-pinchers who didn't want to pay the \$156 per year assessment that was being imposed on them to defray the cost of fire protection the county was providing them. For many if not all of those residents, Judge Cohn was missing the point. The issue for them is not one of dollars and cents but rather of life and death, of public safety.

Previously, San Antonio Heights had its own fire station located at the entrance to that community at the top of Euclid Avenue, from which firefighters and paramedics were dispatched not exclusively but in the main to incidents in that foothill community. Personnel there were very familiar with the lay of the land in San Antonio Heights, which features a series of intricately winding roads and streets, as well as ten either full, half or three quarter arcing thoroughfares with overlapping and therefore confusing names that defy easy navigation for the uninitiated and can leave the traveler disoriented. These include North Mountain Avenue/Mesa Terrace; Euclid Avenue/San Antonio Crescent; San Antonio Crescent/Bellview Road/Vista Drive; Euclid Crescent East/Prospect Drive; Euclid Crescent East/Cliff Road/Prospect Road/Highland Road; Highland Road/Prospect Drive/Bellview Road; Bellview Road/Euclid Crescent East; Euclid Avenue/Vista Drive; Vista Drive/Sierra Drive/Sierra Crescent East; and Park Boulevard.

After the merger involving the San Antonio Heights Fire station, the now-defunct Upland Fire Department and the county fire division from the Mojave Desert last year, there were reassignments of fire crews that brought firefighting personnel unfa-

miliar with San Antonio Heights to the San Antonio Heights Fire Station while sending those firefighters who had long worked at the San Antonio Heights station elsewhere. In addition, the fire crew at the San Antonio Heights Fire Station was thereafter routinely dispatched to emergencies elsewhere in Upland. On such occasions, with the San Antonio Heights-based crew engaged many miles below, if an emergency arose in San Antonio Heights, a crew from another county fire station would be dispatched, entailing extra traveling time and requiring that these responders find their way to a destination in a labyrinthine territory with which they were unfamiliar.

Just such a series of unfortunate factors converged last September 8 when a family member found an 89-year-old woman in extreme distress in the small cottage she lived in on the grounds of a larger residential property in the 2300 block of Park Boulevard in San Antonio Heights. That family member retrieved a second family member, a medical professional residing on the immediately adjacent property. The second family member sought to administer to the woman and gave instructions for a 911 call to be made, which went out at 1:05 p.m., giving the dispatch center the precise address. Within five minutes, the first family member went out to Park Boulevard to wait for the arrival of the emergency personnel. After several minutes, when no sirens or horns signaling the approach of an ambulance or firetruck were heard, the first family member again called 911. A third 911 call was made at 1:20 p.m. At one point shortly thereafter, sirens accompanied by horn bellows could be heard but then ceased. After further delay, the sirens and horn were heard once again and a fire truck, accompanied by an ambulance, arrived at 1:35 p.m. Two ambulance attendants rolled a gurney back to the cottage. As the 89-year-old woman was being helped into the gurney, she went unconscious. She was loaded into the ambulance and taken to San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland. She was pronounced dead there at 2:01 p.m.

-Mark Gutglueck

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## Feeling Their Oats, Newly Installed SB Council Troika Make A Run At Removing City Manager *from page 14*

this way, under the previous charter, the mayor and city manager were essentially co-regents at City Hall.

The new charter leaves the mayor's political assignment intact and virtually unchanged, with no power to vote except in rare circumstances such as the hiring of senior city staff and in the event of a tie. It leaves the position with veto power on 4-to-3 votes as well as control over meetings and placement of items onto the council agenda for action and discussion. The new charter, nonetheless, strips the mayor of the administrative and managerial authority formerly infused in the position.

Valdivia's ascension to mayor also comes during a somewhat less feverish circumstance for the city and City Hall than was faced by Davis upon his assumption of

office. Beginning before the economic downturn of 2007, the city was already beset with economic challenges that were manifesting during the tenure of then-City Manager Fred Wilson and it was yet reeling from the cascading financial impact from the closure of Norton Air Force Base in 1994. The lingering recession precipitated a full blown financial crisis in San Bernardino that led to the city filing for Chapter 9 Bankruptcy protection in 2012. In unrelated developments, three of its city officials, Councilman Jason Desjardins, Councilman Chas Kelley and Councilman Robert Jenkins were criminally charged and ultimately convicted. Desjardins and Kelley resigned and Jenkins was voted out of office. Once a full service city, the city shuttered its 136-year old fire department in 2015 and annexed the entirety of the city limits into a county fire service zone. The following year it dissolved its sanitation department and franchised out trash service to a trash hauler, Burrtec Industries.

The city's current city manager, Andrea Travis-Miller, was serving with the city in the capacity of assistant city manager in the time prior to the bankruptcy filing. She was heavily involved in the city's preparation of that filing, and was tapped to serve in the capacity of acting city manager when the city's financial implosion resulted in the city's then-city manager, Charles McNeeley, resigning. Travis-Miller gamely remained in place as the city initiated its efforts to develop a plan to structure its way out of bankruptcy. For a time, Travis-Miller soldiered on as acting city manager, but in 2013 left to become the executive director of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. In March 2015, she accepted the position of city manager in Covina.

After she resigned as Covina city manager in May 2016, Travis-Miller made her way back to San Bernardino, where she was again installed as deputy city manager, working under then-city manager Allen Parker. She was in place when

the city made its exit, after five years, from bankruptcy.

In early 2017, she was very nearly elevated to the city manager's position when City Manager Mark Scott interviewed for the position of city manager in Reno, Nevada. Reno did not hire Scott, however, and Scott remained with San Bernardino until July 2017. Shortly thereafter, in August 2017, all seven members of the council, including Valdivia, and Mayor Davis, voted to hire Travis-Miller as city manager, providing her with a five-year contract.

This week, on Wednesday, Valdivia was sworn in as mayor and Sanchez and Ibarra took their council oaths as well. In her first major act as a councilwoman, Ibarra called for subjecting Travis-Miller to a performance review. The council complied and a rare Friday session of the council to do so was scheduled for this morning. Ibarra, who endorsed Valdivia in this year's race, was herself endorsed in her race by Valdivia. At this early date, she is considered to be part of the coalition

Valdivia is seeking to assemble that he hopes will provide him with control of the council. It is presumed that Sanchez is a member of that coalition. During the last year-and-a-half to two years of Davis's tenure as mayor, Sixth Ward Councilwoman Bessine Richard had sided consistently with Valdivia as the differences between Valdivia and Davis became more and more pronounced. Going back to 2014, there has been an alliance between Valdivia and Fifth Ward Councilman Henry Nickel. Aligned with Davis had been Fourth Ward Councilman Fred Shorett and Seventh Ward Councilman Jim Mulvihill and the now-departed Councilwoman Virginia Marquez. With Valdivia's elevation to the mayor's position, the Third Ward council post is at present vacant. Valdivia is now militating to promote Juan Figueroa to replace him as the Third Ward councilman. If Figueroa indeed succeeds Valdivia and the mayor manages to shepherd him, Nickel, Richard, Sanchez and Ibarra in accordance with the direction

he wants to take the city, Travis-Miller may not be long for San Bernardino.

The sentiment of Valdivia, Ibarra and Sanchez against Travis-Miller is clear. "We were voted in to make a change," said Sanchez.

Nevertheless, the move to oust Travis-Miller manifesting this early was baffling to some, since her contract and the city charter prohibits the city manager's removal either 60 days prior to or 60 days after a city council election unless there is a unanimous vote of the mayor and city council to do so. It is certain that at present neither Shorett nor Mulvihill will support her removal and question exists as to whether Nickel and Richard would sign on to her termination as well.

After the council convened this morning at 10 a.m., several members of the public weighed in on the issue.

One of those was Johanna Davis, who questioned the wisdom of seeking the city manager's removal at this point. She said that by his ac-

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## Setting Aside Hesitation, Rowe Says She Will Seek Election As Third District Supervisor In 2020 *from page 15*

able to complete enough of the project to allow any part of the community to stop septic discharge within the previously imposed time deadline. Recognizing, however, that the Yucca Valley community, by means of the May 2015 vote, had begun the process of designing and building the system, the State Water Resources Control Board dispensed with the May 2016 deadline and extended the deadline for the first phase's completion until June 30, 2021.

The Yucca Valley sewer system is now moving toward completion. One aspect of the Third

District supervisor selection process demonstrated the degree to which Dawn Rowe was willing to alter her personal guideposts to match the expectations of those who are now her board colleagues.

On December 11, 2018 Lovingood asked her, "If you receive the appointment, would it be your intent to run again or is that something to be decided midstream? Where are you on that thought?" Rowe responded, "So, when my husband died I stopped planning. I had a great plan that extended out into my retirement years and long term planning for me [now] is about six months. So, right or wrong, it is where God has taken me in my life, and I have no plans necessarily to seek election. But then to be honest with you, I wasn't seeking election to the town council when I moved to Yucca Valley, either. So, in all fairness,

no, it is not part of my long term plan. Could it be possible if the citizens maybe advocate for that if I was doing an effective job as the appointed supervisor? Possibly, but it's not necessarily a part of my plan."

A week later, Tuesday December 18, Supervisor Gonzales said, "It came to my attention whether it was gossip, or innuendo or scuttlebutt, that somehow you were being prompted or promoted to submit your application because it was Congressman Cook's intent to run for Third District supervisor in 2020 and that you would be used as a placeholder. I called Congressman Cook and I spoke to him. I spoke to him very directly about my concern. He assured me that he did not have any intent to throw his hat in the ring for Third District supervisor in the year 2020. I'm saying this for the record. And I told him that

although I am termed out in 2020 and if God gives me life and anything happens to the contrary I will come back and call him out."

To that, Rowe said, "I was asked if I would run again outside this board. In going forward I was asked the same question here, 'Would I seek election to this seat in 2020?' My answer, truly from the heart is, 'I really don't like to plan long term because it is painful when it doesn't happen. However, I said, in all candor, and I used Chad Mayes and Paul Cook, I said I would like to run for the seat, but you never know what happens in politics. Who is to say, that for example - and this was a private conversation that was apparently repeated or through gossip or however it came to your knowledge or was repeated differently - but what happens when someone like Congressman Cook or Assem-

blyman Mayes change course in their careers and they decide they should seek that seat, I would absolutely defer to their experience and what they would bring to the table and I would not run again, in that example. That was an answer I gave to a colleague of mine. I was being truthful at that time. I would not run against them for this position, when we were talking. I felt I was being deferential to their experience coming back to the county level. And that was it. So, Congressman Cook intends to run for Congress again. He is actively pursuing that. There is no deviation in that course, internally, externally or otherwise. That is his intent, and he and I have not had a conversation, nor has anyone on our staff to the contrary. So, I just want to assuage that concern." Gonzales sought clarification, asking Rowe, "So, for the record, you

are saying you would not run against Congressman Cook or Assembly Member Chad Mayes?" Rowe sought to deflect the question, saying "Wouldn't that be spicy? I'm not saying that for the record. I was asked that last week."

Gonzales pressed her, saying, "I'm asking you that now."

"I would certainly run against either of them," Rowe said.

After she was selected by the board, Rowe further reflected her readiness to live up to her new colleagues' expectations, saying, "I'd just like to thank everyone present, the citizens. I look forward to representing all of you with an open mind and with all of the energy that I have to do an effective job for the Third District. I'd like to thank the chairman and the board for the opportunity to continue this term and I look forward to running in 2020."

## San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

**Coroner's Report #701808392** On Friday, 12/07/2018, a 911 call was received at 12:21 PM reporting a single vehicle accident on Interstate 15 north of Mountain Pass. Emergency crews responded to find the driver of a 2007 Toyota trapped inside the vehicle. He was removed and treated for his injuries but did not survive. The passenger of the vehicle was taken to a Las Vegas area hospital. The Barstow office of the California Highway Patrol is investigating the collision. [12082018 0520 SC]

**Coroner's Report #701808377** At 8:11 PM on Thursday, 12/06/2018, a 911 call was received reporting a multi vehicle accident in the northbound lanes of Interstate 15 near the Nipton Road offramp. A semi-tractor parked on the side of the road was struck by a passing Mercury van which then struck a passing U-Haul truck. The driver of the Mercury was pronounced dead at the scene. All other parties were treated and released at the scene. The name of the decedent is being withheld pending notification of his next of kin. [12072018 0515 SC]

**Coroner's Report #701808360** On 12/06/18, at 12:54 am, officers with the Rialto Police Department responded to a single vehicle collision near the intersection of Alder Avenue and Casmalia Street in Rialto. The driver, 31-year-old Antonio De Jesus Garcia Ramirez of Bloomington, was pronounced deceased at the scene at 1:06 am. The Rialto Police Department is investigating the collision. [120618 0800 TC]

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### Assistant City Manager's Indolence Rubs Councilman The Wrong Way from front page

to continue you in this position?" Harpole asked.

"I did not say I was unwilling," Prothro said. Harpole then said that

the council's willingness to bypass Prothro for the interim position was an indication that they consider "Cindy is incompetent, incapable of performing her duties as outlined in her job description."

"I don't think I would put it that way," said Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre.

"I don't think you could take it any other

way," retorted Harpole. "This is her job. This is specifically listed in her job description. It is her responsibility. We are paying her today to fulfill these responsibilities and by voting to say we are not going to have her, we're going to spend another \$107 an hour for work we are already paying her to do. I can't see that as anything other than a vote of no confi-

dence in Assistant City Manager Prothro's ability to do her job."

"Okay," said Hackbarth-McIntyre. "That's your opinion."

"Are you willing to do the job?" Harpole asked Prothro.

"Yes, sir," she responded.

"Can you give me one good reason why we should spend more money to get service we're

paying you to do right now?" Harpole said.

At that point, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Summers intervened. "That question is better directed at the council," Summers said.

Ultimately, the council voted 3-1, with Hackbarth-McIntyre, councilwoman Carmen Hernandez and Councilman Tim Silva prevailing and Harpole dis-

senting to contract with Mitchell strictly as an hourly employee with no benefits and no accrual of vacation or leave time to serve with the title of interim city manager in the city's top administrative post until the city hires his official replacement, which is anticipated to occur in April.

*-Mark Gutglueck*

### Judge Unsympathetic To San Antonio Heights' Objection To Zone Imposition from page 16

dures and functions.

The county, city and LAFCO had assembled a "Frankenstein" of inconsistent entities and governmental functions – zones, districts and assessments – "to accomplish a zone that does not have taxing authority," Briggs said.

When Judge Cohn suggested that the residents of San Antonio Heights were merely seeking to get out from underneath the financial burden of having to pay a paltry \$150 per year for fire protection, Briggs objected to that characterization. He then endeavored to remind the judge that the residents of San Antonio Heights had already been paying for fire service through property taxes they paid annually. In actuality, Briggs suggested, the county was now charg-

ing them double for the fire service they had been receiving, but had not improved it, and in fact lessened it. The substance of this claim consisted of the consideration that the county fire station that had previously been in operation at the top of Euclid Avenue near 25th Street at the southern entrance into San Antonio Heights had operations previously devoted in their entirety to serving San Antonio Heights. Now, that station is used to provide service to the northwest quadrant of Upland, effectively reducing the level of coverage the county was previously providing to San Antonio Heights. This was unfair, Briggs said, in that the residents of San Antonio Heights are not only paying twice for the same thing, they are actually paying more for less service. They weren't objecting to paying the assessment as much as they were objecting to being fleeced while seeing their service level diminished, he said. "It isn't fair to

say these are a bunch of people too cheap to pay 150 bucks," Briggs said, adding that they are now going along with paying the assessments on their property tax bills. "But that doesn't mean you should get dinged twice to get less," he said.

Cohn asked Briggs what would occur if he granted the San Antonio Heights Association's request and that night a fire occurred in San Antonio Heights, implying by his question that the community would be left without firefighting protection.

Briggs asserted that a declaration that the assessment district was without validity would not result in the county withdrawing its service but merely direct that an orderly return to the earlier established arrangement take place.

Cohn said the city had moved toward the option of shuttering the fire department and being annexed into the fire service zone because it did not have the financial means to maintain its fire department otherwise.

Dunn, representing the Local Agency Formation Commission, said that Cohn had correctly analyzed the circumstance in his intended statement of decision and that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, in its capacity as the county fire board, had the authority to organize the provision of fire service within the county. "The law gives the board the authority to effectuate services," Dunn said.

Dunn also asserted that the assessments were being utilized for improvements, and he referenced the San Antonio Heights Fire Station in this context. This brought a sharp retort from Briggs, who noted the fire station has been in existence for 37 years.

Ginetta Gionvinco, representing Upland, said that at this point the city could not reestablish its fire department, as all of its assets and manpower are no longer in the possession of the city.

"The city does not have a way to go back,"

she said. "It is not as simple as the city taking over the service. It has previously transferred the land, the vehicles, the equipment and everything else. The city was not able to continue to provide those services. To think the city is in a position to re-up and start anew is not realistic. To unwind this is not realistic. There is no going back on that."

Taking the statements of all parties under submission, Judge Cohn in-

dicated he would deliver his finalized decision in early January, the totality of his statements leaving the impression that San Antonio Heights will remain in the Fire Service Zone 5.

After the hearing, as the attendees, among them several leading lights of the San Antonio Heights community, filed into the hallway outside of Judge Cohn's courtroom, several expressed dismay at the

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## Right Out Of The Starting Gate, New Council Looking To Jettison City Manager from page 17

tion so far, Valdivia's "leadership is putting the city's \$39 million in reserve funds in jeopardy. What is the true motive to remove the city manager? Please reconsider the termination of the city manager and save our city from considerable damage."

Denny Shorett, Councilman Fred Shorett's brother, said he believed "We might be getting off the right track" by removing Travis-Miller.

Luis Ojeda said patience was in order. "Let's try to see if we can work with what we have," said Ojeda. "And if we deem that it's not appropriate, its not working for the city or the residents, then we look for other options."

Phil Savage offered his view that "City Manager Miller has been an essential part in helping us move from our old system of a strong mayor form of government to our present council/manager form of government. To have the continuity of a city manager who has been outstanding and the service she has provided to this city is, I believe, absolutely essential. Her expertise, her experience, her continuity and learning of this city is most important. I really strongly urge we move ahead with her as the city manager."

Barbara Babcock said, "She does not deserve to be treated like this."

Kerri Jenkins characterized Travis-Miller as "a wonderful hard-working woman who has worked under difficult circumstances to implement a new way of doing business in San Bernardino. Forty-eight hours in you new council members want to cut her off at the knees." Speaking to Sanchez and Ibarra, Jenkins told them "You're being roped into something you don't quite understand."

Robert Porter said he

felt Travis-Miller was a poor fit for San Bernardino, that she was out of step with the new political order and that she needed to go. Speaking to her directly, Porter said, "If you can't work with Mayor Valdivia, if you can't work with Sandra Ibarra, maybe you should resign for the good of San Bernardino."

Tim Prince said that the outcome of the recent election demonstrated that residents are "frustrated with the downward spiral of the city." He said that city management should concern itself with "putting the people first, not politics, not alliances. The people have spoken clearly. They didn't just replace the mayor. The voters clearly told us they wanted change. We should pay attention to the clear mandate. That doesn't mean we should act hastily. It doesn't mean we ever fail to put the city's interest first. Andrea Miller has failed this city. Her record is abysmal."

Prince said, "As a person who lives in this city when most attorneys move somewhere else, I can tell you the quality of life is worse than when she started. There's no questioning that. However, make sure her firing is documented as a failure to perform. That will put you in the position, if she is not reasonable and she doesn't take a modest severance, [to] negotiate with her. She doesn't want to ruin her professional career. We don't want to ruin her professional career. We just want to respect the voters."

Later in the morning, the council went into a closed session, taking no reportable action. The council then reconvened the public hearing at 6 p.m. tonight.

Andrea Naisis told the council, "Andrea Miller is not for the public She is not for the people. She is here for herself and I don't know who else." She accused Travis-Miller of ignoring residents and their expressed concerns.

Kathi Rainbolt chided

the council for contemplating Travis-Miller's removal. "This city has a history of not being able to keep any of its city managers for any length of time, which shows surrounding cities our political instability and our negative message to anyone who wants to set up a business here, buy a home here, get a job or invest here," Rainbolt said. "It is my opinion that some will view this tactic today as just another example of corruption and the reputation the city is known for."

Rainbolt said Travis-Miller is "one of the hardest workhorse employees in the city."

Harry Hatch said he did not approve of Travis-Miller's outsourcing of city functions, but said she was a "fair person who has been there when we needed her."

Mike Hartley said Travis-Miller displeasing residents who come to her to complain or offer input should not be held against her. "Andrea's job is not customer service. I don't want her to have a smile when I talk to her. I don't want her to be cheerful. When I look at San Bernardino, it is a big mess and she's got a big job. All I want is results, and if she gives me results, I like her. As far as I am concerned, I have gotten results from Andrea and her team."

Robert Porter, who had spoken this morning, returned to address the council this evening. Porter noted that Travis-Miller had fired people she was not happy with and had the freedom to choose who would work for her. "Whenever she wanted the people who work under her, she got it. So I think the same thing should be given to the new council. If they choose to have the manager on here that they want, then they should get it. Why should they work with someone they don't work well with? That's not going to help San Bernardino in the long run. That's how it goes when you lose an election. Elections have consequences."

Johnetta Davis, who had addressed the coun-

cil earlier, again weighed in, telling the council it did not have the authority to terminate the city manager until sixty days after the election unless the panel's members did so unanimously. She told Valdivia it appeared he had "lined up the votes of Ibarra and Sanchez. The question remains: What is the motive of Mayor Valdivia to terminate the city manager? I would strongly recommend that all council members consider the repercussions of voting in favor of the termination of the city manager. You have been voted into office so you can make the right choices, so we can become a stronger city. You have not been placed into office to only do the will of those who supported you in your campaign."

Shirley Harlan said Travis-Miller was being responsive with the forming of commissions. "We need balance in this city," said Harlan. "I am a resident of this city and I do not want my taxes that I pay going to a termination that is going to cost a lot of money. An election is one thing. After you get elected it is a different setting. You are not in a constant election mode when you are running a city."

Carey Davis spoke, suggesting that his successor as mayor was angling to get rid of Travis-Miller to have greater control over the licensing of marijuana retail establishments in the city.

"On August 2, 2017 the council voted 8-0 to enter into an agreement with Andrea Miller," said Davis. "One year later, she received a very favorable performance evaluation. Over 2,500 new businesses have opened. 2,700 building permits [were issued], valued at nearly \$237 million. Public works has removed 2.7 million square feet of graffiti. We've repaired more than 1,500 potholes. Public works has cleared more than 40 curb-street miles of weeds and grass. The customer relationship management system has processed over 28,000

requests. We've hired an additional 33 police officers. These are only a few of the highlights of her accomplishments. To consider removal of the city manager as one of the first actions of the new mayor and council is reckless, dangerous and potentially very costly to the citizens and businesses of San Bernardino. It not only subjects the city to unnecessary financial burdens, but has the potential to damage and thwart the city's ability to attract new businesses, residents and employees. I respectfully recommend that you discontinue pursuing removal of the city manager. My final question is: Have you evaluated the financial cost of terminating the city manager's employment agreement? If you have, what is that cost? If not, how can you consider the action without knowing the financial cost of your decision?"

Patrick Morris, Carey Davis's immediate predecessor as mayor, told the council, "I'm in shock. Two days ago we were all together in a civic celebration, in which I had the honor to take part. We swore in this new city council and this new mayor. With that, we acknowledged the good work of our outgoing city council and the mayor and the city manager in constructing a plan to emerge from bankruptcy, lay a strategic plan to pay our debts, build a strong fiscal reserve, improve public safety, and rebuild essential infrastructure. In fact, those many in attendance gave the outgoing city council a standing ovation for their good work, their stewardship in guiding this city for the past four years. And today, two days later, political chaos. The precipitous, instantaneous and unexplained proposed firing of the city manager simply makes no sense. She has guided our city elegantly through these difficult times and is described by all who work with her as a brilliant collaborative problem solver. This highly

respected city manager has not even been given the opportunity to meet with and work with her new city council members. I assure you, this is not what the voters of this city had in mind – a political assassination. It smacks of backroom Brown Act violation, reminds us of the toxic and destructive politics that led to this city's bankruptcy. The city's voters in 2013 voted to rid City Hall of the venomous and elected city attorney, Jim Penman, who was for a quarter century the source of much of that political chaos. They recalled him and voted for a new charter that modernizes our city and aligns us with the best management practices and structure in California, a modern council/manager form of government. Question: Do I smell the ruinous and malicious politics, the sad, power-obsessed old-time politician reemerging in City Hall? I refer to Mr. Penman advising and guiding Mr. Valdivia as together they act as puppeteers of this new city council. God, I hope not. If so, we are headed back to very dark times."

Scott Olson implied Travis-Miller is too concerned with the north end of the city, neglecting other less affluent and less upscale neighborhoods in San Bernardino. The council led by Davis had, Olson said, "killed the fire department [and] refuse [division]. Davis's cronies, Olson said, "didn't suffer. They were thriving. By the votes [in the November 6 election], it is very clear there is a mandate. All of the residents want things plowed under. You hold the seeds of change. Plant those seeds in fertile soil."

Government should be run, Olson said "for all of the people of San Bernardino, not just a select few whose zip code or street address or bank accounts or history in this city gave them the advantage to basically ignore the rest of the city. As for who goes and who stays: every election suf-

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# California Style

## Furry Fun



your wardrobe. You can wear the coat over the shoulder, and the color is fun, too. The fake fur

The fur coat is always a classic piece for the cold weather. But most all, it is fashionable! And this year the weather is chill and the fur is a nice trend to accommodate



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weather. My favorite thing is to pair a piece of



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fur with denim, simple. But you can level up by wearing it with a skirt,



dress or slacks. It's really all a matter of preference and keeping warm.

There is a bomber looking furry jacket trending around that comes in several colors from mustard to pink. Another version



"She doesn't wear fur because she is cold, she wears fur because she is glamorous." -Ken Downing



are coats with hints of fur. Those are looking neat belted around the waist. These pieces are perfect for casual or dress up events. So, this holiday season have furry fun and add a little color to the red, white and green of Christmas.



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### SB City Manager Survives Council Troika's Effort To Behead Her

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fers reality. I don't know who is going to go and who is to stay and quite honestly I voted and put my faith in those I wanted to do what they were going to do. You have barely been in office for 48 hours and I see the same individuals who supported the past up here, already being negative, already criticizing, already insulting you. Get used to it. It's normal."

Sandra Olivas said Travis-Miller "treats the other two elected officials [i.e., the city attorney and city clerk] in this city like they don't even exist. I was angry when I found out Gary Saenz' office had been outsourced. Now I'm just waiting for the city clerk's office to be outsourced next. That is showing no respect for

the fact that the voters voted for Gary Saenz to be their city attorney."

Olivas said Travis-Miller had a "condescending attitude... toward residents. We live here. We pay taxes here. I wasn't for the charter change. I liked it the other way." Olivas also took issue with Travis-Miller's "firing of [former Community Development Director] Mark Persico. I worked with Mark when Mark first came to the city. I worked with Mark on two commissions that I sat on in this city. Mark was a great guy. We did not have the funds to start the food truck even. Mark used his credit cards to bring those trucks in the first time. She fired him."

Travis Miller "abandoned us in 2013," Olivas charged. "This last election was a wake-up call." She said that Travis-Miller had shown favoritism to the Seventh Ward.

Linda Hart encour-

aged the council to sack Travis-Miller. "I applaud the new city council members in your courage to do what you are doing today. Don't let anyone influence your decision to do what you feel is right and you have the right to do. From my understanding, you as the mayor and city council have the right to change guards if you want. That is the decision today, whether you feel you have a team that is loyal to move us forward."

Hart said Travis-Mill-

### Judge Indicates Upland/San Antonio Heights Fire Assessment Zone Will Stand

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tenor of Cohn's intended ruling. One noted that the city, LAFCO and the county maintained last year that the annexation should be allowed to

er was neglecting areas of the city. "There really have not been many results in our Sixth Ward," she said.

Corina Conejo said, "The termination of our city manager would be detrimental to the city."

Councilman Jim Mulvihill read an email he received from a constituent of his, Esmeralda Negrete, in which Negrete said she supported the review of Travis-Miller's employment performance being undertaken.

Thereafter, the coun-

proceed at that time because if the court found against them, the fire department takeover could simply be reversed. Now, he said, he found it particularly galling the city, using Gionvinco as a mouthpiece, is maintaining that the difficulty of making that reversal is grounds for not rescinding the annexation.

-Mark Gutglueck

cil went into closed session for a bit less than an hour, during which they resolved to take no action against Miller at the present time.

Travis-Miller's contract, which runs through August 5, 2013, pays her an annual salary of \$253,080, \$45,399.06 in benefits and some \$9,462.50 in add-ons for a total yearly compensation of \$307,941.56.

At Travis-Miller's recommendation, the city has hired Teri Ledoux

to serve as assistant city manager at an annual salary of \$131,315, \$39,334 in benefits and \$17,724 in add-ons for a total yearly compensation of \$188,373. Additionally, the city, upon Travis-Miller's recommendation, has given Greg Devereaux a management assistance consultancy that pays him through his company, Worthington Partners, \$120,000 per year.

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