

Report Afoot In DA's Office That Ramos Conspired With His Assistant

By Mark Gutglueck

District attorney Mike Ramos and one of his deputy prosecutors have left uncontroverted a report emanating from their office that they conspired to divert public money and personnel to support Ramos' political efforts.

At the basis of the matter was an effort by both Ramos and deputy district attorney Dan Sil-



Mike Ramos

verman to pressure the board of supervisors, in particular supervisors

James Ramos and Robert Lovingood, to up district attorney's office spokesman Christopher Lee's salary by \$21,000 while Lee engaged himself in an electioneering effort on behalf of Mike Ramos.

The central piece of evidence implicating both Mike Ramos and Silverman are emails they sent to James Ramos, who is no blood

relation to Mike Ramos, and Lovingood in which the requests to advance Lee by six pay grades are clearly spelled out or reiterated. Though the emails from Mike Ramos and Silverman, which are in the main authored by Silverman, lay out the salary enhancements that are being sought for Lee, there is no mention of the justification for providing him

the raise nor direct mention that he is to simultaneously work on behalf of the Mike Ramos campaign.

Mike Ramos has been district attorney since he was sworn into office in January 2003, following his election in November 2002. He faced no opposition for reelection in 2006 and turned back challenges in 2010 and 2014, win- See P 5

Burum Serves County With \$45.2M Claim



Jeff Burum

More than two months after three of the defendants in the Colonies Lawsuit Settlement Public Corruption Case were acquitted in total and a separate jury for the fourth defendant was unable to reach a verdict, the lead attorney for the central defendant in the case issued a \$45.2 million demand against San Bernardino County.

Jeff Burum was one of the managing principals in the Colonies Partners, a Rancho Cucamonga-based company which in 2002 sued San Bernardino County and its flood control district over storm water drainage issues at the Colonies at San Antonio residential and Colonies Crossroads commercial subdivisions in northeast Upland. After more than four years of increasingly acrimonious litigation, the county board of supervisors voted 3-2 to bring the legal wrangling to an end by conferring a \$102 million payout on the Colonies Partners. A little more than three years later, however, the California Attorney General's Office and the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Bill Postmus, one of the supervisors who had voted for the settlement, and former sheriff's deputies' union president Jim Erwin, who had worked as a consultant for the Colonies Partners.

That criminal filing against Postmus See P 11

Robles Yet Beleaguered Despite State Party Rejection Of Latest Removal Effort

San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee Chairman Chris Robles appears to have survived, at least for the time being, a concerted effort by more than two dozen committee members to depose him as the local party leader, with the ruling board of the California Democratic Party opting to admonish him

rather than excommunicate him from the party.

Since spring, Robles has been scrambling to put down a series of insurrections by local party members who have been critical of what many Democrats consider to be his lackluster leadership. Robles is a transplant from Los Angeles County, where he was previously active

in Democratic politics and politics in general as the owner of Vantage Campaigns, a political consulting company. Upon relocating to San Bernardino County, he acceded to a position on the county's Democratic central committee, and was selected to serve as chairman in 2012.

Part of Robles' appeal was that he had experi-



Chris Robles

ence with a number of campaigns, as a manager,

treasurer and consultant. It was widely assumed he would energetically apply his knowledge of the intricacies of fundraising and campaigning across a broad number of races, from ones at the local municipal level, to county contests and those for the state legislature as well as for Congress. Robles' coordination of See P 2

Overriding Theme In Needles' Cannabis Policy: Inconsistency

By David Buckley

Although the City of Needles established itself as the early leader among San Bernardino County's 24 incorporated cities in the development of the burgeoning California cannabis industry, the Needles City Council at its November 14 meeting voted 6-0 to ban recreational marijuana businesses in the City of Needles. In its next action, however, it voted 4-2, with Dr.

Robert Richardson and Tona Belt dissenting, to reduce the required distance from schools for cannabis cultivators from 1,000 feet to 600 feet.

On the agenda there were three new cannabis rules lumped together in a single item relating to "distance requirements for marijuana businesses, prohibition of commercial recreational marijuana businesses" and "adding See P 3

Lands Commission Application Requirement Most Recent Ploy To Block Cadiz H₂O Project

A move by the California State Lands Commission in asserting its regulatory rights in the Mojave Desert could entail Cadiz, Inc. having to carry out an exacting and comprehensive environmental impact report on that company's controversial project to siphon water from beneath the eastern Mojave for importation to and use by communities near the coast.

Project opponents and environmentalists have

long maintained that the ecological impact assessments that accompanied the project's approval were flawed. The approval process and environmental certification of the project was carried out by the Santa Margarita Water District, which is more than 200 miles removed from the project's desert well sites. Santa Margarita also had a direct interest in the water importation scheme.

The second and cur-

rent version of the Cadiz desert water extraction plan was approved by the Santa Margarita Water District more than five years ago, but the project's proponents have encountered a series of post-approval legal, regulatory and procedural challenges that delayed it. With the changeover from the Barack Obama to the Donald Trump administration earlier this year, the prospect increased that necessary federal See P 7

Groundbreaking Held For Building Merging San Antonio & City Of Hope

San Antonio Regional Hospital on Tuesday broke ground on a new annex that will make the oncology services of the City of Hope available to patients locally.

San Antonio Hospital, which has been in existence in Upland since 1907, over the last six years has been engaged in a series of planned expansion stages intended to increase the number of beds at the institution

from 271 to over 400.

The \$160 million four-story Vineyard Tower at 999 San Bernardino Road, which expanded the number of stations in the hospital's emergency room from 34 to 52, created and outfitted 12 more intensive care units and added 92 more beds, opened earlier this year. Tuesday's groundbreaking was for a \$30 million, 60,000-square-foot structure at 1100 San

Bernardino Road that is to house an ambulatory care center as well as a City of Hope outpatient cancer center on the first floor.

The City of Hope facilities will offer chemotherapy, radiation, and surgical services, said Letisia Marquez, the media relations manager for the City of Hope in Duarte. The opening target date is early 2019, according to Marquez.

The Upland location will be of benefit to local cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, as the treatment regimen they are subjected to can greatly weaken and fatigue them. Having the outpatient center in Upland can reduce the traveling distance for many of those patients and their families by as much as 24 miles.

Upon opening, the City of Hope's outpatient

oncology center in Upland will represent what Harlan Levine, MD, the chief executive for the City of Hope Medical Foundation characterized as the "most comprehensive cancer care facility between Duarte and Loma Linda."

The second floor of the new building will house a women's imaging center, featuring the latest versions of mammography scanners.

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party efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates has been, his critics say, disappointing, as during his tenure the Democratic Party in San Bernardino County has failed to make gains commensurate with its growing demographic clout.

In 2010, the number of registered Democrats in San Bernardino County surpassed the number of registered Republicans, and the Democrats have held a growing plurality among registered voters ever since. That trend appeared to be reflected in the countywide results in the 2012 presidential race when Barack Obama outdistanced Republican Mitt Romney 305,109 votes or 52.55 percent to 262,358 or 45.19 percent. And again in 2016, Hillary Clinton in San Bernardino County outperformed her Republican rival, Donald Trump, by 340,833 votes or 52.64 percent to 271,240 votes or 41.89 percent. Nevertheless, those two races, among a few notable exceptions, remain as rare showings of Democratic political might in San Bernardino County over the last half dozen years. Despite Democrats currently having a registration advantage over Republicans in San Bernardino County approaching a 4-to-3 margin – 357,530 registered Democratic voters or 40.1 percent to 279,937

registered Republican voters or 31.4 percent among a total of 890,918 voters overall – three of the five members of the board of supervisors are Republicans; two of the county's five Congress members are Republicans, with two of the Democratic Congress members having districts in which those portions outside San Bernardino County are heavily Democratic; three of the county's four state senators are Republicans; five of the county's eight members of the California Assembly are Republicans; and 17 of the county's 24 cities have city councils composed of a majority of Republicans. Where the Democrats hold state or federal office in San Bernardino County they hold a commanding registration advantage. In those electoral jurisdictions where the Democrats have close to parity with the Republicans or hold a lead that is substantial but less than entirely overwhelming, they have consistently lost to Republicans. Such is the case in the 40th Assembly District where registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans 91,615 or 40.4 percent to 76,234 or 33.7 percent, and a Republican, Marc Steinorth, holds office. In San Bernardino County's Fourth Supervisorial District, where the registration numbers are lopsidedly in favor of the Democrats 71,859 or 43.1 percent to 47,128 or

28.3 percent, a Republican, Curt Hagman is in office, even despite the fact that his opponent in the 2014 election was a then-incumbent Democratic U.S. Congresswoman, Gloria Negrete-McLeod.

While Democrats expected Robles to utilize his electioneering expertise and his connections as a professional political consultant to boost the party's fortunes, that failed to come about. Indeed, many Democratic candidates report, during party briefings for candidates which dealt with rudimentary and stock campaigning techniques, Robles provided them with his business card, telling them he could offer them further assistance if they were to retain him as consultant or employ him as their campaign manager. Some have suggested Robles is willing to assist them only if they can pay his substantial consulting fees.

For many San Bernardino County Democrats, Robles crossed the line last year when during the 2016 Ontario City Council campaign, Vantage Campaigns took on as one of its clients Gus Skropos, a former Ontario councilman, former Ontario mayor, former San Bernardino County supervisor and former Superior Court Judge, for the purpose of managing his campaign. Skropos was a Republican. While Robles did support Sam Crowe, a Democrat in the race, he pretty much ignored another Democrat vying for city council, Josie Estrada.

At the May 25 Democratic Central Committee meeting held at the rented California Teachers Association main conference room in San Bernardino, Robles was assailed with complaints about what was to be his less-than-energetic efforts with regard to promoting Democratic candidates generally. With prominent anti-Robles contingent members Ron Cohen, Bobbie Chavarria, Tim Prince, Leticia Garcia, Laurie Stalnaker, Debbie McAfee, James Albert, George Alfano, Socorro Cisneros, Ana Gonzales, Fernando

Hernandez, and Marvin Sawyer insisting that the issue of his continued chairmanship be considered, Robles entrusted the officiating of the remaining proceedings to one of his closest allies on the committee's executive board, Mark Westwood. As chaotic debate over Robles' tenure and effectiveness ensued, Westwood twice refused to recognize motions for a vote of no confidence that had been seconded. To a cacophony of protests, Westwood, a bear of a man at 6 feet five inches and 360 pounds, managed to stand down those challenging Robles, largely on the basis of his physical presence and parliamentary maneuvering that tested the bounds of the committee's bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Prior to the June 22 San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee meeting, those intent on Robles' removal had lodged with the California Democratic Party a complaint against him and a petition for his removal as chairman and then came to the meeting armed with documentation that in his capacity as a professional campaign consultant Robles had worked for Republican candidates. Seeming to anticipate that a renewed call for his immediate removal would be made that night, Robles had moved to ensure that he would have the maximum number of supporters present to support him in the event that he was forced to allow such a vote to occur. When the meeting commenced, Robles found himself under fire and unable to direct the proceedings to even the vaguest semblance of order.

He was not able to get the collective to allow a vote on considering the agenda for the night's proceedings, as he was besieged with calls to amend the agenda with the question of his removal. Robles' efforts to carry on with the meeting were further interrupted by an accusation that he was no longer chair because he had refused to respond to a certified letter with the grounds for his re-

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moval. Robles engaged in some back and forth over whether he could be considered to have actually been served with the petition, though he conceded he had received it, and then insisted he had responded to it as the chairman "out of an abundance of caution," while nevertheless maintaining the move to remove him was procedurally flawed, tantamount to a "kangaroo court" and both wrongheaded and counterproductive. When he called for the approval of the minutes of the executive committee meetings, Robles was confronted by Laurie Stalnaker, the committee's finance director, who stated that she had been consistently rebuffed in her efforts to obtain minutes of previous meetings so she could reconcile expenditures made out of the committee's bank account with their authorizations. In his further exchanges with Stalnaker, Robles refused to grant her requests for a redetermination of the action tabled at the executive committee meeting to consider removal of Chris Robles. Over this issue the meeting erupted into chaos and at 8:27 p.m., Robles abruptly adjourned the meeting and called in the county sheriff. Four law enforcement officers arrived to herd the group out of the room. None of the remaining items on the agenda was discussed.

At the central committee's July 27 meeting, chaos again descended onto the proceedings and after just 18 minutes, without action be-

ing taken on any of the items on the agenda, Robles adjourned the meeting without calling for a vote to confirm that motion and left along with most of his supporters, calling the police in as he did so. More than 20 central committee members remained, however, moving onto consider the agenda in Robles' absence. When the police arrived, Ron Cohen, the second vice chair of the central committee and the highest ranking member of the central committee as well as the more exclusive executive committee, was at that point chairing the meeting. Cohen convinced the police that a quorum of the central committee was present and that the members were conducting committee business at a regularly scheduled meeting. With two police officers remaining on the premises of the California Teachers Association suite of offices, the meeting proceeded, during which consideration of the removal of Robles as chairman was added to the agenda. Following the discussion of that item, a motion to remove Robles as chairman was moved by Debbie McAfee, seconded, and the vote was counted by raising credentials. Chris Robles was removed upon approval by the aye votes of 27 with two abstentions and zero no votes.

Robles and his supporters disputed the legitimacy of the action taken by members of the central committee after he had called for the adjournment of the

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Favoritism Emerges In Needles' Embrace Of Marijuana

from front page

regulation related to personal use cultivation.”

Decrying the conflation of the three issues, Robertson said, “This is very confusing and creates representational issues,” adding, with regard to the distance of marijuana-related establishments from schools, “All my constituents want it maintained at 1,000 feet.” During the debate on the distance from schools issue, a quasi-justification for the reduction surfaced in which it was asserted that the Needles Unified School District was being operated as a business and not as a school district, and was allegedly preparing to sell a parcel of school district property on Eagle Pass Road to a cannabis business.

Some in attendance evinced in their attitudes elements of the past stigmatization of cannabis. On the adult recreational use issue, Needles City Manager Rick Daniels said “I refuse to call it recreational.” The Needles City Council voted unanimously to prohibit recreational cannabis businesses in the City of Needles. It was unclear

whether that prohibition extended to the four existing medical marijuana collectives already established in Needles. Recreational marijuana is readily available in nearby Laughlin, Nevada.

On the personal cultivation issue, which also passed unanimously, the Needles City Council voted to enact restrictions tougher than state law, allowing only six plants per household, instead of six plants per adult resident as allowed by state law.

Needles City Council Member Louise Evans, who proclaimed that she had undergone a “whole change of perspective” on cannabis issues and cited the medical benefits of cannabis, yet voted for the City of Needles to be more restrictive than the state with regard to personal cultivation of the plant.

Concurrent with these developments, the city council has referred to the planning commission a proposal to prohibit cannabis businesses from operating in the downtown area by creating a Downtown Needles Improvement Zone, but has not yet delineated the area to be subject to the proposed restrictions. There are, however, already in the downtown district two

permitted retail cannabis collectives, three doors up the street from a large cannabis growing operation. It appears these already existing or scheduled operations will be grandfathered in under the new regulation, but that issue has not been explicitly addressed by city officials.

Thus, the concept of prohibiting cannabis businesses in downtown Needles after the Needles City Council has approved or is ready to approve at least six cannabis businesses in the proposed zone of exclusion stands as something of a paradox, lending weight to the suggestion that the proposed prohibition is prejudicial toward landowners who have not already locked in arrangements with City Hall. At no previous point was there any mention of the downtown Needles cannabis business restriction zone by either the Needles City Council or the planning commission.

During the meeting’s public comment session, it became apparent that the prohibition on marijuana-related concerns downtown was going to have a collateral impact on some of the closest associates of some members of the Needles City Council.

Larry DeAtley, owner of Deco Foods, who has buildings on West Broadway, stands to lose a small fortune if he is not allowed to proceed with the prospective sale of his buildings to a cannabis business. Said councilwoman Evans, “Larry, I am sorry if you have taken a bid for your building, but I will never vote for it.”

DeAtley repeatedly asked the city council the reasoning behind the proposed reduction in distance between cannabis businesses and schools. No one volunteered an answer. What has been suggested is that the driving motive for the reduction in distance to schools was to facilitate the complete usage of a lot in downtown Needles, part of which was within 1,000 feet of a school facility. This was the “nursery project,” owned by real estate developer Dino

Defazio.

More than a generation ago, Needles city officials failed to anticipate the impact of the early 1970s bisection of the city by Interstate-40, which exacerbated the decision made the previous decade to strip downtown Needles of both the local hospital and police station. This led to the deterioration of the downtown area into what locals came to regard as “Needles Skid Row.”

The neglect continued for decades, with city officials failing to come up with plans for the improvement of the once proud city, which had long served as the gateway to the Golden State to overland travelers. By the early 1980s, the “Needles Elite” class – the Needles City Council and its circle – administered the city through a series of afterhours cocktail parties, with the Needles City Council meetings being purely window dressing. The marriage of that benign neglect by Needles’ elected officials with the advent of the methamphetamine era nearly destroyed what was left of “Old Needles.” Soon, a contingent of wraith-like zombies – so-called tweakers – were wandering the streets of Needles. Soon, the residents of the downtown Needles area were obliged to fortify their homes against burglaries by drug-crazed street people searching for an easy score to facilitate their intake of another needled full of liquidized crystal meth.

The city was slipping into a near coma, with the hospital being the only flourishing enterprise, made profitable – or semi-profitable – by the dangerous environment and the unhealthy lifestyles of many of the city’s inhabitants, and whose penurious status qualified them to have their medical bills satisfied by Medi-Cal, Medi-Care or other forms of welfare. The downtown area became a ghost town, replete with its own brand of ghoulies, as shop after shop went out of busi-

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Forum... Or Against 'em

Observations from a Decidedly Continental Perspective

By Count Friedrich von Olsen



Merriam-Webster’s second definition of schizophrenia is as follows: a state characterized by the co-existence of contradictory or incompatible elements. Merriam-Webster’s first definition of schizophrenia is as follows: a severe mental disorder characterized by some, but not necessarily all, of the following features: emotional blunting, intellectual deterioration, social isolation, disorganized speech and behavior, delusions, and hallucinations. Accordingly, if we accept Merriam-Webster’s second definition of schizophrenia, I have some bad news for the rest of you: You are all schizophrenics. If the first definition holds true, egad, I’m a schizophrenic...

I have been reduced to the verge of being carted off to a mental institution because of this marijuana thing. No, not because I have smoked too much of it. In fact, I do not smoke it at all. But I am being sent into convulsions over the way everyone else is carrying on about it...

My lone personal experience with cannabis took place three-quarters or four fifths of my life ago when I was in Port Said and imbibed some hashish. Together with a handful of associates and acquaintances, I had smoked a minute amount of this resin together with some Turkish tobacco from a hookah, something of an after-lunch digestif. I am not prepared to say that it was entirely unenjoyable; indeed, it seemed to take me to the threshold of or maybe into the province of euphoria. Unfortunately, that feeling was accompanied by a simultaneous sensation of utter and complete disorientation. That is, I could still, barely and quite possibly with the assistance of gravity, discern up from down, but I am less certain that I could, during the two hours or so that I was under the influence, differentiate between left and right. My recollection these many years later is that forward and backward were similar challenges. Shortly thereafter, I attempted to make my way back to the hotel in which I was staying. I did a competent enough job of setting off in the right direction and managed to put one foot in front of the other along the lion’s share of the way for however many blocks it was toward my destination. The thing was, having arrived at the intersection catercorner from where my hotel was located, my ability to negotiate the double crossing of the street abandoned me. That is, simply getting to the hotel looming in front of me barely 100 feet or so away had become an impossible task, a hurdle I was seemingly incapable of mounting. I simply stood there overmatched, seemingly paralyzed for something like 45 minutes or an hour until it came to me that I merely needed to simply continue easterly across the street, and once there, go left, or north, across the street to put myself where I was trying to go. That the hashish rendered me into such a state in which I was incapable of performing even, it would seem, the simplest of tasks with any dispatch convinced me that seeking refuge in the shelter cannabis provided from the world was not something in my own best interest, given the level of commitment and responsibility I had in running and managing a worldwide shipping, transportation and logistics operation. Given a choice between euphoria and being productive, I chose the latter...

Despite my own avoidance of cannabis, I attempted to remain nonjudgmental. As a man of the

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Fellow Dems Miffed With Robles Over Continuing GOP Domina- tion Of SB County *from page 2*

meeting. The California Democratic Party's Compliance Review Commission took up the matter. On August 23, the commission found that all of the actions taken after Robles adjourned the July 27 meeting were out of order and that Robles was still county party chairman.

A further effort to dethrone Robles was made at the September 28 central committee meeting, but Robles used his control of the proceedings to thwart that.

Undeterred, the not insubstantial contingent of anti-Robles forces within the county central committee persisted. They insisted that a "removal from membership" challenge initiated by Cohen and several others on June 3, 2017 and amended on June 13, 2017 that would have bounced Robles out of the central committee altogether be pursued to a conclusion. That challenge alleged conduct by Robles in violation of California Democratic Party by-laws during the 2015-2017 Democratic State Central Committee term. Robles was notified of the challenge in accordance with the party's by-laws. Robles responded to the allegations raised in the challenge and declined to resign as a Democratic State Central Committee member.

Enumerated in the challenge as grounds for his removal was Robles' advocacy of a Republican candidate in 2016; his use of the position of chairman to advocate for personal gain as a candidate consultant; his failure to support certain candidates endorsed by the county central committee in the 2016 election; his delay in making committee appointments as provided in the by-laws for more than ten months since his most recent election as chairman and an accompanying failure to allow representation from each Assembly district in the county on those committees; having not exercised due diligence in spending San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee funds for endorsed candidates in the November 2016 election, while cutting the executive board of the central committee out of the decisions on the expenditure of that money; the more than 66 percent failure rate of Democratic candidates countywide in the 2016 election; the lack of auditing on central committee funds and failure to adhere to the policy of having fund expenditures authorized by the committee; and his general lack of availability to central committee members.

Key documentation supporting the complaint consisted of campaign finance disclosure forms showing that Robles' consulting firm, Vantage Campaigns, Inc., received payment from the Skropos campaign, as well as an email, from

Skropos to Laurie Stalnaker in her capacity as the executive secretary/treasurer of the San Bernardino and Riverside Counties Central Labor Council, in which Skropos sought that body's endorsement for his 2016 Ontario City Council run and which noted that his campaign consultant was Robles.

In his answer to those charges, Robles contested the allegations against him on procedural and factual grounds. He maintained the complaint was procedurally flawed because the issues with regard to the November 2016 election fell under the 2015-2017 Democratic Central Committee term and not the current 2017-2019 term, making the complaint late and untimely, such that his removal during the current term should not be permitted. Robles pointed out that the gist of the complaint was that he had assisted a Republican candidate, Skropos. Robles said this came about because through Vantage Campaigns he was working for Sam Crowe, a long-time Democrat who had the endorsement of the San Bernardino County Central Committee in his run for the Ontario City Council, and Crowe had conducted polling, the cost for which Crowe chose to split with Skropos. It was in that way that Skropos had come to pay Vantage Campaigns, Robles insisted.

Robles contended he had never advocated that "voters should not vote for the endorsed candidates." Robles further contended that his

consulting firm, which received payment from Skropos, is a corporation and not a California Democratic State Central Committee member and thus, its activities could not be imputed to Robles. Robles provided documentation which he said demonstrated he supported and advocated for party-endorsed local candidates, including the Ontario City Council race, by means of press releases, news articles, and robo-calls.

The complaint was considered by a committee known as the "Statewide Officers of the California Democratic Party," consisting of the highest ranking Democratic Party members in California. The panel's members are Eric C. Bauman, the chair of the California Democratic Party, as well as the four next highest Democratic Party officials in the state under him, Alex Gallardo-Rooker, first vice chair; Daraka Larimore-Hall, second vice chair; Jenny Bach, secretary; and Dan Weitzman, controller.

While the Statewide Officers of the California Democratic Party ruled that the membership challenge was filed in a timely fashion and that Robles' action with regard to the 2016 election was a legitimate area of focus for examination, it held that under the party's by-laws, local endorsements are not considered to be California Democratic Party endorsements, which more properly apply to statewide and national office. And the Statewide Officers of the California

Democratic Party concluded the state party's by-laws do not provide grounds for Robles' removal from membership on allegations relating to his advocacy of voter support of a non-Democrat in a local election contest.

"There was no evidence that Mr. Robles publicly avows preference for another party," the statewide officers stated in their memorandum on the matter, dated November 14, 2017. The statewide officers found that "there are insufficient grounds to remove Mr. Robles for other allegations in the challenge pertaining to Mr. Robles' conduct as San Bernardino County Democratic Party chair."

Nevertheless, the Statewide Officers of the California Democratic Party declared the panel "will issue a letter of admonition to Mr. Robles with respect to (1) Mr. Robles' engagement of non-Democratic candidates, especially in election contests in which there are local Democratic Party-endorsed candidates, and (2) Mr. Robles' inaction on seeking California Democratic Party approval of San Bernardino County Democratic Party by-laws provision on endorsements during his time as San Bernardino County Democratic Party chair."

Robles told the *Sentinel* that challenges of his authority as head of the Democratic Party in San Bernardino have now been brought to a close with the statewide officers' finding, "The state party has deter-

mined that there are no grounds for my removal," Robles said. "This is it. There is nothing further. It is over and it is not accurate to say that I am surviving just for the moment. Ron Cohen and his small group of people sent a complaint to the state party claiming I would not allow them to vote on my being removed. The state party asked me to put it on the agenda before all the members. So, I put it on the agenda and I won by an overwhelming margin. Then Mr. Cohen challenged that. That was rejected by the state party." Once again I am vindicated and cleared of any wrongdoing. It is time to put this nonsense behind us so that we can move forward in electing Democrats. That is why I'm here."

Robles glossed over the issues mentioned in the admonition.

"In this most recent go-round, the state party made clear that the bylaws need to be sent to them," Robles said. "I can assure you and everyone that annually since I have been chair, we have sent the state party the bylaws. I am shocked that they do not have a copy."

Robles continued, "Second, they mentioned my having this connection with this other candidate [i.e., Skropos]. What no one told you is he is a registered Democrat, not a Republican."

Robles fastidiously avoided referring to Skropos by name. According to the San Bernardino County Reg-

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His Own Prosecutors Jarred By Ramos' Use Of Office Spokesman As Campaign Contractor *from front page*

ning both of those contests in the June primary elections and avoiding runoffs in the November general elections. In November 2014, he announced he would seek election in 2018 as California Attorney General. After then-California Attorney General Kamala Harris in 2015 began preparations to run for the U.S. Senate in 2016, Ramos stated he would accept an earlier appointment as attorney general from Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown if Harris was successful in her Senate bid.

Lee was hired to serve as the district attorney's office public affairs officer in 2011 at an approximate annual salary of \$86,000. Available public records show that he was paid a salary of \$86,403.20 and \$507.01 in other pay and \$36,490.24 in benefits in 2012; \$85,684.88 and \$41,943.77 for a total compensation of \$127,628.65 in 2013; \$87,166.02 and \$42,246.18 in benefits for a total compensation of \$128,412.20 in 2014; \$88,565.34 in salary and \$13,009.36 in other pay and \$46,320.66 in benefits for a total compensation of \$147,895.36 in 2015; and \$95,789.92 in salary and \$47,218.30 in benefits for a total com-

pensation of \$143,008.22 in 2016.

At least as early as 2010, the year before Lee became the official spokesman for the district attorney's office, he did work as an internet site designer for Mike Ramos' reelection campaign.

Between January 1, 2010 and March 17, 2010 Mike Ramos' reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design, which is based in Redlands, \$1,500; between March 18, 2010 and May 22, 2010 the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$1,500; between May 23, 2010 and June 30, 2010 the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$1,500; between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$640; between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$600; between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$2,500; between January 1, 2014 and March 17, 2014 the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$1,000; between March 17 and May 17, 2014 the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$1,000; between May 18, 2014 and June 30, 2014 the Ramos reelection campaign paid

Christopher Lee Web Design \$500; and between July 1 and December 30, 2014, the Ramos reelection campaign paid Christopher Lee Web Design \$3,150.

Thereafter, payments from the campaign to reelect Ramos as district attorney to Christopher Lee Web Design ended. At that point, Ramos had seemingly abandoned his quest to be reelected district attorney in 2018, concentrating instead on his effort to transition into the office of California Attorney General. While it is known that Lee constructed the website promoting Ramos' bid for California Attorney General, the precise amount of money Christopher Lee Web Design was paid for that work was not immediately available this week, as the Mike Ramos For Attorney General 2018 committee did not make electronic filings of its campaign finance statements.

What is known is that as Mike Ramos was settling in to begin his fourth term as district attorney in the fall of 2014 in the aftermath of his reelection victory that June and was retooling his political machinery to make a stab at capturing the California Attorney General's position four years later, deputy district attorney Dan Silverman, considered to be one of Mike Ramos' most faithful office loyalists, sent an email from his district attorney's office email address –

DSilverman@sbcda.org – to both San Bernardino County Supervisor Robert Lovingood at his official county email address – robert.lovingood@bos.sbcda.org – and to Supervisor James Ramos at his official county email address – james.ramos@bos.sbcda.org. That email went out on November 4, 2015 at 9:47:09 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, with an electronic carbon copy to district attorney Mike Ramos at his official department email address - MRamos@sbcda.org. The email had for a subject line "District Attorney personnel reclassification information." The body of the email reads as follows:

"Gentlemen,

Mike Ramos has requested that I provide you with some information regarding his request for an equity salary increase for the District Attorney Public Affairs Officer, Christopher Lee.

The District Attorney is requesting that the PAO be changed to Salary Range 73 from Salary Range 67. This would cost the department approximately \$21,000 annually (taking into account the increased marginal benefit cost).

It is important to note that the district attorney's office is not requesting any additional general fund dollars for these two items. There is sufficient departmental funding through savings in other areas to cover these increases within our current budget.

If you or any member of your staff has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or have them contact me. I am happy to answer any questions that you or they may have.

Thank you,
Dan Silverman"

Beneath the body of the email, Silverman provided his phone number and email address, identifying himself as "Special Assistant to the District Attorney."

As if to emphasize that Silverman was speaking with the full authority of the district attorney's office, 28 minutes later, at 10:15 a.m. Pacific Standard time on November 4, 2015, Mike Ramos forwarded from his email address, MRamos@sbcda.org, the electronic carbon copy of the email from Silverman to Lovingood and James Ramos, again to their respective official email addresses of robert.lovingood@bos.sbcda.org and james.ramos@bos.sbcda.org. The sole change Mike Ramos made was to add at the top of the email the phrase "Need your help!"

In some fashion, word of Silverman's effort on behalf of Lee spread to several members of the district attorney's office staff, and a copy of the email chain was obtained and distributed among at least a handful of deputy prosecutors. Silverman's effort on behalf of Lee garnered resentment because, the *Sentinel* has been told, promotions of

district attorney's office personnel normally occur at a glacial pace, in all but the rarest of cases being done on a gradual and incremental basis. And while deputy prosecutors do see increases to their salaries over time, those raises, referred to as steps, are granted only as a consequence of serving at each preceding and succeeding step a required number of hours. The progress up this remuneration ladder cannot, a deputy prosecutor said, under normal circumstances be artificially bypassed to allow employees to get salary advancement credit for having spent time in a given assignment that they did not actually work. What was requested for Mr. Lee was seemingly unheard of within the district attorney's office, as no such mercurial rise involving an employing vaulting six pay grades could be recollected by anyone the *Sentinel* had access to. Indeed, within the district attorney's office, the majority of prosecutors cannot realistically expect more than one or two promotions up the chain of command over the course of a typical 30-year career.

Moreover, one member of the department suggested Mr. Lee's intended salary enhancement coming as it did when it did was meant as a creative way for Mike Ramos to recompense Lee for the continuing work he was engaged in toward Ramos' political efforts, in particular Ramos seeking election to the California Attorney General position in 2018.

Utilizing taxpayer money for political purposes is illegal under California law. California Government Code § 19990, while stating it is applicable to state governmental employees without specifying government employees generally, holds "A state officer or employee shall not engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise which is clearly inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his or her duties as a state officer or employee."

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8314(a) states, "It is unlawful for any elected state or local officer, including any state or local appointee, employee, or consultant, to use or permit others to use public resources for a campaign activity, or personal or other purposes which are not authorized by law."

Uses of public facilities, equipment, personnel or funds for political purposes can also be prosecuted under Penal Code § 424.

Indeed, Ramos has himself prosecuted and convicted at least one elected official, former assessor Bill Postmus, and several of his employees for conducting partisan political activity from a public office and while employed as public officers.

Ultimately, the board of supervisors balked at the \$21,000 salary increase that was proposed for Lee in Silverman's email. Nevertheless, the following year, 2015, Lee did see his \$88,565.34 salary augmented by \$13,009.36 in other pay, and in 2016 Lee did see his salary jump by \$7,224.58 over

the previous year, going from \$88,565.34 to \$95,789.92.

While the consideration that Lee did not get the raise specifically sought by Silverman and Mike Ramos might have obviated certain criminal implications in the matter, there is precedent for adjudging co-conspirators guilty of conspiring to engage in a crime without the crime being fully executed as planned.

The *Sentinel* achieved no response to its efforts to engage both Lee, as the district attorney's office's spokesman authorized to speak on behalf of Mike Ramos, and Silverman in discussions about what had transpired with the emails sent and forwarded to Lovinggood and James Ramos.

Lee did not provide any response to pointed questions about what the basis for providing him with the proposed pay raise was or why the salary enhancement was warranted, whether his superiors in the office believed his skill level exceeded his job classification, whether he had discussed with Mike Ramos or Silverman the salary increase proposal prior to the posting of

Silverman's email to supervisors Lovinggood and Ramos, whether the pay increase was meant to offset his work being done for Mike Ramos' political campaign, if there was any concern that his receiving the increase in pay while working on Mike Ramos' campaign might be an actual or perceived violation of the law and whether Silverman's emails and Ramos' forwarding of them might qualify as a criminal conspiracy to pressure James Ramos and Robert Lovinggood into an inappropriate, improper or even illegal provision of money to recompense him for his work on Mike Ramos' campaign. Lee also declined to address the subject of the propriety or impropriety of his working as the district attorney's office's official spokesman while he was simultaneously working on behalf of Ramos' political campaigns.

Similarly, Silverman opted for silence when asked whether the salary increase he had sought for Lee was actually intended to serve as pay for Lee's work on the Mike Ramos campaign, if he disputed the notion his email to Lovinggood

and James Ramos in tandem with Mike Ramos' forwarding of the same email to the two supervisors constituted a criminal conspiracy to violate the law by conferring on Lee a raise in his capacity as a public employee that was meant to pay for his political work on behalf of Mike Ramos, whether he took stock of the appropriateness, propriety and legality of his email to supervisors Lovinggood and Ramos before he sent it, if he had been pressured by Mike Ramos to author the email, and whether, upon reflection, he now considers the email to have been inappropriate or if he regrets having sent it.

Reports have reached the *Sentinel* that Lee was not given the raise requested by Silverman because the board of supervisors would not support it, that Lovinggood deemed the request improper and that James Ramos, who is otherwise a firm ally and backer of Mike Ramos, was made uncomfortable by the request.

It is unclear how Silverman's email was compromised. One possibility is that an open server in the district attorney's office allowed

office staff members to access it. When it comes to their boss, district attorney's office personnel appear to be divided into essentially three camps: line prosecutors and their supervisors composing a majority of the office earnestly intent on carrying out their prosecutorial function along lines that are in keeping with what might be considered professional norms who are generally accepting of and supportive of Ramos' stewardship of the office and have either no consciousness of or are untroubled by indications or suggestions of anything amiss in the office; a relative handful of prosecutors, Silverman among them, who are aligned with Ramos and absolutely accepting of the standards of conduct, operation and focus he has espoused and whose professional advancement is linked to their support of and close association with him; and an equally small but growing number of prosecutors who have reservations about the way Mike Ramos has conducted himself and his guidance of the office in terms of prosecutorial priorities and what they perceive as the twisting of the office's author-

ity for either political or venal purposes. None, or very few of this latter group, it seems, are willing to voice their concerns publicly, though the occasional surfacing of internal documents, such as in this case Silverman's email, attests to their presence.

One variant report was that Lovinggood, outraged at the boldness with which Mike Ramos was seeking to promote Lee while he was engaged as a consultant on Ramos' political campaign, shared it with others.

In response to an inquiry by the *Sentinel* about the various reports, Don Holland, a special assistant to Lovinggood said, "There is no comment at this time."

Molly Wiltshire, James Ramos' chief of staff, was unwilling to discuss the matter.

In the aftermath of Kamala Harris's 2016 U.S. Senate victory, Governor Brown appointed Xavier Becerra to serve the remaining two years of Harris' term as California Attorney General. In March, Ramos said he would forsake trying to become attorney general and would again seek reelection as district attorney in 2018.

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istrar of Voters Office, Skropos, who had been a Republican the entirety of his political and professional career to that point, on May 31 reregistered as a Democrat. Robles took credit for that transition, enlarging from that point to insist that the Democrats are now dominating the Republicans number-wise in the county.

"I recruited him to the party," Robles said, "and that's why we have incredible success, because we're attracting more and more people to the Democratic Party in this county. I did my job in bringing in new blood to our party."

In mounting a de-

fense of his stewardship of the party, Robles consistently referenced the party's registration numbers rather than the electoral results at the polls, where the Republicans, by virtue of a significantly higher percentage of turnout of their smaller numbers of registered voters yet managed to eke out victories for a majority of their party's candidates in the face of a much weaker percentage turnout of the numerically superior Democratic voters. Robles similarly downplayed the numbers of dissidents within the central committee opposed to his leadership. He discounted the 27 votes to remove him that manifested at the July 27 meeting, saying that nearly half of those votes were ones by alternates to actual members who do not have authorization to vote unless the central committee member they

are designated to replace is not present. He rounded the 27 votes down to two dozen and said, "It's not 24 who are dead set against me. When you discount the alternates it's only a dozen, not two dozen. When we held the vote that counted, 85 percent of the members supported me."

The perception that he is constantly under fire does not fit the reality, Robles said, with the same complaints against him being constantly recycled. At the same time, he countered the suggestion that he was militating, as a political consultant, on behalf of Republican candidates, many of whom have more money to put into campaigns than do Democrats. "Every time this microgroup of malcontents loses, they file another complaint in an attempt to sidetrack our main goal of getting more Democrats elect-

ed," Robles charged. "The 85 percent of the party supporting me remain undaunted and will continue to do the good work we have already begun and enjoy the success we have had. We will not let this small group put us off of our goal of electing Democrats."

Cohen told the *Sentinel* that Robles was continuing to ignore political reality, and was failing to promote the party's fortunes in a way that was effective. He said it was Robles' failure to guide the Democrats in a way that capitalized on their registration advantage in the county that was fueling, and would continue to fuel, the movement to oust Robles from his leadership role. "The preliminary results of local elections in 2017, with three out of seven local endorsed Democratic candidates elected were hardly bet-

ter than the 2016 local elections, with 14 out of 40 local endorsed Democratic candidates elected. The only way to turn this around is to remove the leadership of the San Bernardino County Democratic Party. We will not rest until that is complete."

The *Sentinel* has learned that the challenges against Robles have not relented. Cohen and other members of the central committee have taken issue with the California Democratic Party's August 23 ruling that the vote to defrock Robles at the July 27, 2017 meeting was invalid because no evidence could be found to show that Robles had improperly adjourned the meeting prior to that vote. They have appealed that ruling and that appeal is being heard tomorrow, Saturday November 18, by the California Democratic Party Executive

Board in San Francisco. Cohen will attend that hearing, at which two videos with audio tracks captured on cell phones by the participants are to be considered as evidence.

Additionally, the *Sentinel* has learned, those intent on displacing Robles as San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee chairman are purposed to demonstrate to state party officials that Robles' work on behalf of Skropos was not an isolated example of his having promoted a Republican against Democrats. They are preparing to show that Robles is working as a campaign consultant on behalf of a Republican-led group seeking to recall Artesia Mayor Ali Taj and councilmen Victor Manalo and Miguel Canales. Taj, Manalo and Canales are Democrats.

-Mark Gutglueck

Contingent Of Environmentalist Democrats Pushing For Cadiz, Inc. To Make Land Use Application from front page

acquiescence in use of governmental rights of way for the pipeline to carry the water would be forthcoming. At that point, however, project opponents reinvigorated challenges to the undertaking at the state level. The California State Lands Commission's demand that Cadiz submit a project application for its pipeline construction is the latest manifestation of that opposition.

Beginning in the late 1980s, what was then known as the Cadiz Land Company, which had been created by Ted Dutton and Keith Brackpool, sunk a well in the Cadiz Valley and initiated an organic farming operation growing tomatoes, peppers, melons, grapes and citrus. Throughout its existence, the Cadiz farming operation failed to operate at a profit. But in the meantime, it was able to make an assertion, based upon the irrigation of the crops at the Cadiz farm, to water rights from the Cadiz/Fenner aquifer. By the late 1990s, it was clear that the Cadiz Land Company's true design was on securing water rights in a remote locale in the Mojave Desert to then sell that water for use elsewhere. The company seemed to hit pay dirt with its plan when in 1997 the Metropolitan Water District bought into a proposal from the Cadiz Land Company to

convey up to 1.5 million acre-feet of what was referenced as "surplus" Colorado River water to Cadiz and "store" that water by pumping it into the water table there. In "dry years" the Cadiz Land Company proposed allowing the Metropolitan Water District to extract water from the aquifer and conduct it through a 35-mile pipeline that was to be constructed between Cadiz and the Metropolitan Water District's existing Colorado River aqueduct.

After five years of environmental studies, in August 2002 the federal government gave approval to the project. In October 2002, however, the proposal was rejected by the Metropolitan Water District's board of directors after conservationists raised concerns over possible environmental damage. An extensive round of litigation between the Cadiz Land Company and the Metropolitan Water District ensued.

The concept lay dormant for six years but in 2008, the Cadiz Land Company, by then known as Cadiz, Inc., revived the plan in modified form, emphasizing less the drawing of water from the Colorado River and instead proposing to obtain water from sources feeding the desert area's dry lakes that are subject to evaporation. The revamped project, to entail the sinking of 34 wells into the desert and construction of a 44-mile pipeline to meet up with the aqueduct carrying Colorado River water to the Los Angeles and Orange County met-

ropolitan areas, was given a tentative budget of \$536.25 million. Cadiz, Inc. first arranged to find potential buyers of the water, lining up the Santa Margarita Water District in Orange County; the Three Valleys Water District, which provides water to the Pomona Valley, Walnut Valley, and Eastern San Gabriel Valley; the Golden State Water Company, which serves several communities in Southern California, including Claremont; Suburban Water Systems, which serves Covina, West Covina and La Mirada; and the Jurupa Community Services District, which serves Mira Loma in Riverside County. Then, to obtain environmental certification of the project, Cadiz, Inc. turned not to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, but to the Santa Margarita Water District, which was to be the largest recipient of the water. The Santa Margarita Water District is the second largest water district in Orange County, serving the affluent communities of Rancho Santa Margarita, Mission Viejo, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch and Talega.

A contingent of San Bernardino County residents protested the Santa Margarita Water District's assumption of lead agency status on the project, officially known as the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation and Recovery Project, based on the consideration that the district lies 217 miles from the Cadiz Valley across the county line from San Bernardino County. San Bernardino County could have con-

tested that arrangement in court, but Cadiz, Inc. effectively muted that by providing then-San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, in whose First District the Cadiz and Fenner valleys and much of the East Mojave were located, with \$48,100 in political donations as he attempted to vault from his position as county supervisor to Congress. In the June 2012 primary, Mitzelfelt proved unsuccessful in his effort to get into the 8th Congressional District race runoff in November 2012, placing a distant fifth among thirteen candidates, in no small part because his support of the Cadiz Project was so unpopular with his constituents that the hefty political contributions from Cadiz, Inc. proved to be of no avail to him. In seeking to transition into Congress in 2012, Mitzelfelt had to forgo seeking reelection as supervisor that same year. Thus, he was consigned to leave office later that year. He was still in office as a lame duck when on July 31, 2012, the Santa Margarita Water District's board of directors certified the environmental impact report for the Cadiz Water Project, clearing the way for Cadiz, Inc. to extract an average of 50,000 acre-feet of water per year – more than 16 billion gallons of groundwater annually – for the next century from the eastern Mojave Desert and send it via pipeline westward to Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties.

Over the next five years, a succession of environmental challenges and lawsuits delayed the implementation of the project. Cadiz, Inc. has succeeded in overcoming those lawsuits, nearly all of which were heard in Orange County Superior Court.

One remaining snag holding up the project was a 2015 U.S. Bureau of Land Management decision that Cadiz, Inc. could not use the existing federal railroad right-of-way for the water pipeline it intends to construct to convey water drawn from the aquifer to the Colorado River

Aqueduct. This carried with it the requirement that the company go through a federal environmental review, under the National Environmental Policy Act, delaying the project and adding to its expense. At issue was the degree to which railroads are at liberty to allow their rights-of-way to be used for non-railroad purposes. A railroad right-of-way can accommodate a water pipeline if the water is to be used by the railroad, but the use of steam engines went out of vogue last century. In 1989, an Interior Department solicitor concluded that an 1875 railroad law allowed railroads to authorize other uses without Department of the Interior approval. A subsequent solicitor's opinion altered that conclusion to state other uses had to "derive from or further" a railroad purpose. The Bureau of Land Management office for California later found that "conveyance of water for public consumption is not a railroad purpose."

In March, the Donald Trump Administration, in the form of a blanket memo from a Bureau of Land Management acting assistant director, revoked two of the legal bases for the agency's 2015 decision blocking the Cadiz project. This prompted Cadiz, Inc. to reapply with the federal government for permission to proceed, in turn galvanizing Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-California, who was the lead sponsor of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act signed into law by President Bill Clinton, the sponsor of the California Desert Protection Act of 2011, the sponsor of the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015 and the sponsor of the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017, and a longtime opponent of Cadiz, Inc.'s designs on desert water. Feinstein consulted with Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, who in July altered the language of pending legislation, AB 1000, which originally pertained to water meter standards, to halt signifi-

cant desert water pumping until state land and wildlife officials review the proposed groundwater extractions to first certify they will not harm the desert's ecology.

Though the Cadiz Project was not mentioned specifically in the legislation, Friedman acknowledged the alteration of AB 1000 came in response to the Trump Administration's prioritization of the Cadiz Water Project. "When the federal government refuses to undertake these environmental reviews, the state must step up and make sure they are done," said Friedman.

Friedman's move triggered objections from Cadiz, Inc. and its corporate officers, who characterized what she was engaged in as "flawed legislation" and an effort to derail the project.

The bill did not make it past the California Senate Appropriations Committee, where it lay dormant at the end of the legislative session.

In September, State Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens and Kevin de León D-Los Angeles, the state Senate's president pro tempore, effectively blocked the bill's release. Lara, asserting the project had already been subject to the rigors of the California Environmental Quality Act, said, "That process should be allowed to play out." De León in whose district the Cadiz corporate headquarters is located, has received \$9,100 in political contri-

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1720736

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Jo Ann Taylor

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Jo Ann Taylor to: Johanna Jo Ann Taylor

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing: Date: 12/04/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1720222

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANDREA DANIELA ROSALES

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ANDREA DANIELA BECKY ROSALES to: ANDREADANIELA REBEKAH ALEJO

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Notice of Hearing: Date: 11/29/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17



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Began Transacting Business: 5/1/2017 County Clerk, s/TY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011031

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MKW Construction, 1102 Peppertree Lane, Upland, CA 91784, Mike K Wilhoit, 1102 Peppertree Lane, Upland, CA 91784, Kristin L Wilhoit, 1102 Peppertree Lane, Upland, CA 91784

Business is Conducted By: A Married Couple

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/Kristin L. Wilhoit This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/29/2017

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

Began Transacting Business: 9/20/2017 County Clerk, s/JV

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NOTICE OF PETITION

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TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BLENDIA GAIL FOX, CASE NO. PROPS1701089 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of BLENDIA GAIL FOX and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition has been filed by ROGER WILLIAM FOX in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that ROGER WILLIAM FOX be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of BLENDIA GAIL FOX. Decedent died intestate. (The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.) The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. S37 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on FEBRUARY 13, 2018 at 08:30 AM

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. Petitioner: MICHAEL A. ROSALES 1543 HOME AVE, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411 Telephone: 909-536-2713 IN PRO PER Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/10, 11/17 & 11/24, 2017

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LINDA MARIE ROSALES, CASE NO. PROPS1701065 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of LINDA MARIE ROSALES and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition has been filed by MICHAEL A. ROSALES in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that MICHAEL A. ROSALES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of LINDA MARIE ROSALES. Decedent died intestate. (The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.) The petition is set for

hearing in Dept. No. S36 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on JANUARY 22, 2018 at 08:30 AM

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. Petitioner: MICHAEL A. ROSALES 1543 HOME AVE, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411 Telephone: 909-536-2713 IN PRO PER Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/10, 11/17 & 11/24, 2017

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170012150

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Asian Work, 6331 Haven Ave Ste # 9, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737, Chen@Yu Group Inc, 6331 Haven Ave Ste 9, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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/Weiqin Chen This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/31/2017

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

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable County Clerk, s/EF

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011275

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: JMS Custom Cabinets, 1065 W 3rd St., San Bernardino, CA 92410, 1065 W 3rd St., San Bernardino, CA 92410, Jesus M Samaniego, 1471 E. Eureka, Apt., 16, San Bernardino, CA 92404

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/Jesus M Samaniego This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/6/2017

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

Began Transacting Business:

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10/22/2012 County Clerk, s/EG NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/3/2017, 11/10/2017, 11/17/2017, 11/24/2017

CORRECTED FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170010670

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Trendy Hair Cuts, LLC, 2448 S Vineyard Ave Suite 104, Ontario, CA 91761, Trendy Hair Cuts, LLC, 2448 S Vineyard Ave, Ontario, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

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/Yani Munguia This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/20/2017

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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable County Clerk, s/EF

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Corrected: 11/3/2017, 11/10/2017, 11/17/2017, 11/24/2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBN 20170012167

The following person is doing business as: QUESADA INSURANCE AGENCY 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 210 ONTARIO, CA 91764 GUILLERMO J QUESADA 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 210 ONTARIO, CA 91764

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL Date began transacting business: 3/01/2015

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/Guillermo J. Quesada This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/31/2017

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

County Clerk, s/Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011988

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Solid Team, 379 W. Veronica St, Upland, CA 91784, William J McLaughlin, 379 W. Veronica St., Upland, CA 91784

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.

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s/William J. McLaughlin This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/25/2017

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

Began Transacting Business: 9/27/2017 County Clerk, s/TM

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APN: 0202-291-10-0-000 TS No: CA08001473-15-1 TO No: 8543617 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 12, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 12, 2017 at 02:00 PM, on the Southside of the main entrance to the Chino Public Library, 13180 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on October 18, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0777096, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by JAMES SHAFER, AND KATIA SHAFER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND LUCIA B CAMACHO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, ALL AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9052 LA GRANDE ST, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701-5

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to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001473-15-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: October 30, 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001473-15-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. ISL Number 35318, Pub Dates: 11/10/2017, 11/17/2017, 11/24/2017, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Bernice I. Dunn
CASE NO. PROPS1701104
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both, of Bernice I. Dunn
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brad L. Dunn in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brad L. Dunn be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. Date: February 07, 2018 at 8:30 am in Dept. S36. Address of court: located at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 - 0212, San Bernardino District - Probate Division
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner:
Gary A. Foltz SBN: 076423
Gary A. Foltz Professional Law Corporation
2155 Chicago Avenue, Suite 306,
Riverside, CA 92507
Telephone No: (951) 784-0244
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SUMMONS - (FAMILY LAW)
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Gustavo Sanchez
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLANTIFF: Olivia Sanchez

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CASE NUMBER FAM55 1002577
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (Form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.cagov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.
Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Para asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar un abogado en el Contro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lahelpca.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abodgados de su condado.
NOTICE - Restraining orders on page 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement office who has received or seen a copy of them.
AVISO - Las ordenes de restricción se encuentran en la pagina 2 : Las ordenes de restricción estan en vigencia en cuanto a ambos conyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la peticion, se emita un fallo o la corte de otras ordenes. Cualquier agencia del orden publico que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.
FEE WAIVER : If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.
Exencion de cuotas : Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de execion de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que este pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a peticion de usted o de la otra parte.
The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte son):
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
351 North Arrowhead Ave. San Bernardino, CA 92415
The name, address and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son):
Olivia Sanchez
1559 Gene Ave,
Simi Valley, CA 93065
Telephone: 909-743-1963
DATE (Fecha): Aug 22, 2017
Clerk, by (Secretario, por) Gladis Morales, Deputy (Asis-

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tente)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011738
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Barcenas Transport, 535 W Ralston St, Ontario, CA 91762, 535 W Ralston St, Ontario, CA 91762, Fernando Barcenas Carranza, 535 W Ralston St, Ontario, CA 91762
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/Fernando Barcenas Carranza
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/19/2017
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Began Transacting Business: 10/19/2017
County Clerk, s/DOM
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).
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FBN 20170011686
The following entity is doing business as: LOBO LASHES.COM [and] LOBO LASHES 12223 HIGHLAND AVENUE #106-613 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 LOBO LASHES, LLC. 12223 HIGHLAND AVENUE #106-355 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 This Business is Conducted By: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Began Transacting Business On: N/A
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/Trina R. Patterson
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County Clerk, s/ Deputy
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FBN 20170011603
The following entity is doing business as: GREEN VIEW INVESTMENTS 56020 SANTA FE TRAIL SUITE U YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284 FREDERICK S SMITH 6020 SANTA FE TRAIL SUITE U YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284
This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL
Began Transacting Business On: N/A
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S/ Frederick S. Smith
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County Clerk, s/ Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170012541
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Blue Ribbon Escrow - A non-Independent Broker Escrow, 3400 Inland Empire Blvd #101, Ontario, CA 91764, Mian J Kardar, 3400 Inland Empire Blvd #101, Ontario, CA 91764
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/Mian Kardar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/9/2017
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable
County Clerk, s/JV
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011541
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: DriveNBound, 25293 Cottage Avenue, Loma Linda, CA 92354, George D Rounds Jr, 25293 Cottage Avenue, Loma Linda, CA 92354
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/George D. Rounds Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/13/2017
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable
County Clerk, s/TY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170012667
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Jordan Services and Transportation, 270 Amber Court #25, Upland, CA 91786, Panale Business Management, LLC, 270 Amber Court #25, Upland, CA 91786
Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company
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/Nadine N. Elhaj
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/14/2017
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Began Transacting Business:

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County Clerk, s/RS
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11/17/2017, 11/24/2017, 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011777
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Jim's Delivery, 43601 State Hwy 74 Space 72, Hemet, CA 92544, James E Pennington, 43601 State Hwy 74 Space 72, Hemet, CA 92544
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/James E. Pennington
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable
County Clerk, s/BI
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11/17/2017, 11/24/2017, 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017

FBN 20170011738
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: BARCENAS TRANSPORT 535 W RALSTON ST ONTARIO CA 91762 FERNANDO BARCENAS CARRANZA 535 W RALSTON ST ONTARIO CA 91762 Mailing address: 535 W RALSTON ST ONTARIO CA 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/ FERNANDO BARCENAS CARRANZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/14/2017
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Began Transacting Business: 10/19/2017
County Clerk, s/RS
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11/17/2017, 11/24/2017, 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017

FBN 20170011675
The following person is doing business as: USA AUTO GROUP 1325 SOUTH AUTO PLAZA DRIVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408; AAA AUTO GROUP 27767 BASELINE ST 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
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ AAA AUTO GROUP
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FBN 20170011650
The following person is doing business as: R.M.T. CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 13758 COVERED WAGON CT YUCAIPA CA 92399; REX B MEIKEL 13758 COVERED WAGON CT 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: N/A
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s/ REX B MEIKEL
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FBN 20170011354
The following person is doing business as: C.M. TRAILER REPAIR 3922 ACAPULCO AVENUE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92407; CLAUDIO MORALES 3922 ACAPULCO AVENUE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92407
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/20/2017
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ CLAUDIO MORALES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 10/10/2017
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FBN 20170011687
The following person is doing business as: P31 LASH STUDIO 11849 FOOTHILL BLVD STE 8 RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730; ETERNITY PERSPECTIVE 39288 FM 2520 SAN BENITO TX 78586
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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FBN 20170011628
The following person is do-

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FBN 20170012116
The following person is doing business as: ROMERO WIRELESS 2411 SOUTH GROVE AVE ONTARIO CA 91761; JAVIER ROMERO MARTINEZ 2411 SOUTH GROVE AVE ONTARIO CA 91761
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
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/ JAVIER ROMERO MARTINEZ

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FBN 20170012092
The following person is doing business as: STEVIE DEE'S CAFE 8015 ARCHIBALD AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; JACINTO BANUELOS 350 E WOODBURY ROAD ALTADENA, CA 91001
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2017
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/ JACINTO BANUELOS
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The following person is doing business as: KEN SEELEY COMMUNITIS (KSC) 3200 GUSTIE RD STE #100 ONTARIO CA 91761; DARYL RUTHURFORD 3200 E. GUSTIE RD SUITE #100 ONTARIO CA 91761
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ DARYL RUTHURFORD
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FBN 20170012074
The following person is doing business as: HP ROOFING PRO 18553 ARROWHEAD BLVD. DEVORE HEIGHTS, CA 92407; FUI MING THEIN 18553 ARROWHEAD BLVD DEVORE HEIGHTS, CA 92407

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ FUI MING THIEN
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FBN 20170012074

The following person is doing business as: SOCALLIFT-TRUCKS 1388 E 5TH STREET ONTARIO CA 91764; LIBRADO

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F GARCIA 5301 LUCRETIA AVE MIRA LOMA CA 91752
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ LIBRADO F GARCIA
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FBN 20170012082
The following person is doing business as: JACON CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES COMPANY 12731 MILLS RD #3 CHINO CA 91710; JOE RAMIREZ 12371 MILLS RD #3 CHINO CA 91710

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ JOE RAMIREZ
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FBN 20170012078

The following person is doing business as: L E H EXPRESS 14521 MONTEREY PL ADELANTO CA 92301; LUIS E HERNANDEZ 14521 MONTEREY PL ADELANTO CA 92301

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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on: 10/27/2017

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s/ LUIS E HERNANDEZ
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FBN 20170012065
The following person is doing business as: THE RACoon WHISPERER (OF BIG BEAR LAKE) 43103 MONTEREY STREET BIG BEAR LAKE CA 92315; PO BOX 1733 BIG BEAR LAKE CA 92315; HANK D. SAROYAN 43103 MONTEREY ST BIG BEAR LAKE CA 92315

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ HANK D SAROYAN
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FBN 20170012068

The following person is doing business as: RG ENTERPRISE 13248 FIRESTONE DR RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739; ROBERT G GUTIERREZ 13248 FIRESTONE DR RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739

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/ ROBERT G GUTIERREZ
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FBN 20170012084
The following person is doing business as: GUAPU SERVICES 7531 EXBURY PL. RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91739; GARY LUNA 7531 EXBURY PL. RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91739

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ GARY LUNA
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FBN 20170012117

The following person is doing business as: CAMILA TEST ONLY 15130 ARROW ROUTE # B FONTANA, CA 92335; CARLOS E CORDOVA 15130 ARROW ROUTE #B FONTANA, CA 92335

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ CARLOS E CORDOVA

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FBN 20170012118
The following person is doing business as: ORTEGA TEST & REPAIR 15750 ARROW BLVD UNIT S SONTANA, CA 92335; JOSE M ORTEGA 15448 EL MOLINO ST 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/ JOSE M ORTEGA
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Contributions from Cadiz, Inc., \$4,100 for his California Senate campaign in 2014 and \$5,000 in June of this year for his planned run for lieutenant governor next year.

Thereafter, the environmental wing of the Democratic Party in California began casting about for another stratagem to block the Cadiz Water Project. Last month the State Lands Commission, which is chaired by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, proclaimed ownership of and passage rights over a 200-foot swath of property a mile long upon which a portion of the Cadiz pipeline is to be laid. Newsom,

like current governor Edmund J. "Jerry" Brown and Feinstein, was a supporter of Friedman's AB 1000. Newsom is vying against De León for the Democratic nomination for governor next year.

The Lands Commission is requiring that Cadiz complete an application for use of the property. That application will undergo an analysis of relevant issues by the Lands Commission staff, and a determination of what criteria will need to be met to allow the pipeline to pass over the property. The discussion on the state's end of the equation has extended, the *Sentinel* has learned, to what environmental certification will be required for the pipeline passover, which some want to be expanded to include a full-blown review of the

adequacy of the earlier environmental analyses that were done for the project as a whole. Environmentalists and project opponents have contended that the environmental impact report on the project which was ratified by the Santa Margarita Water District in 2012 was flawed and inadequate on a number of grounds, including what they say was a gross miscalculation of the natural annual recharge of the aquifers in the East Mojave, which in actuality falls significantly below the amount of water to be extracted by Cadiz, Inc. They contend the Santa Margarita Water District board members, who do not represent the residents of San Bernardino County or the East Mojave in particular, were insensitive to the full implication of

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ness until there was very little left, to be followed by the coup de grâce in the form of the Crash of 2008. The next five years marked Needles' lowest level, with the city council cluelessly going about its well-scripted charade, until in 2013 the City of Needles teetered on the brink of insolvency.

According to a CalTrans traffic study, forty thousand people a day travel through Needles, the "East Coast of California" on the west shore of the Colorado River, that figure being the sheer number of tourists and local commuters. That did not seem to be a formula for bankrupting a city, but years of neglect and the manifestation of what locals termed the "Needles Attitude" had seemingly doomed the city. The Needles Attitude is a description of the elitist, self aggrandizing world view professed by a few long time Needles residents, ones who had land, wealth and power, and who had burnished a reputation for engaging in a series of petty clique battles, warfare in which they had prevailed but

which had created a successive set of destructive scandals driving wedges even further into the community, compromising justice and ensnaring both local and San Bernardino County officials at the highest levels. An element of this ethos was a marked anti-competitive business environment that catered to the few remaining businesses in town and excluded any new businesses. This anti-competitive environment was furthered by the Needles City Council itself, which in 2008 created three 501 corporations, one being a legally questionable anti-competitive trust, the Needles Downtown Business Alliance. Also created were the now defunct Needles Economic Development Corporation and a 501 created to facilitate the sale of alcohol in downtown Needles.

Large numbers of Needles youth, usually upon graduating from high school or shortly thereafter, abandoned Needles for greener pastures. With the flower of Needles' population leaving, no new residents willing to move to a drug-infested ghost town, its business community contracting and fifty percent of its ever declining population on some form of government subsidy,

the city council in 2012 embraced the dreaded concept of profiting off medical marijuana.

But even the desperate move of permitting four medical marijuana collectives in Needles did not alter events, and the City of Needles continued to deteriorate, as if the ghosts of the city's journey through the 20th Century – replete with its links to mobster Hollywood, bootleggers, dead bodies buried in the desert and the quiet acceptance and assimilation of varied forms of vice – were hovering like specters above, about and within it. Needles was haunted as well by the legacy of it having reacted during the Great Depression of the 1930s to being the gateway to California where droves of refugees fleeing westward on the Route 66 "Mother Road" by slamming the gate shut on those great unwashed masses clamoring to come in. The tradition of telling would-be transplants to Needles that they are not welcome in the city fomented the original Needles Attitude: "We don't take trash in, so we don't have to take trash out." The City of Needles never saw fit, with only a few exceptions, to retire this sentiment, which lingers on in the hearts of the Needles Elite.

At the far remote end of the largest county in the lower 48 states, well removed from other population centers and across the border from Arizona, Needles fell outside the gaze of prying eyes and free from media scrutiny. This furthered enabled those – the elite – who had locked up authority in the town and were intent on getting ahead by victimizing their fellow men.

It was into this troubled background that the eleventh and twelfth new residents of Needles arrived in 2013. The growth rate in Needles was so slow that the city staff actually numbered the new arrivals. But there was something decidedly different about these folks, something very threatening to the Needles Elite, who reacted as they always had to newcomers by various manifestations of the "Needles Attitude." In this case the usual tactics of social ostracization and bullying backfired on the purported "Needles Elite." Needles will never be the same.

The month of January 2016 proved to be a major month in the history of Needles and saw a miraculous 180 degree shift in the closed market, anti-competitive economic policies of the Needles City Council, which in a two-week interval between meetings, suddenly shifted to an open market policy on cannabis cultivation. The heretofore unexplained shift to an open market economic model was a sea change in Needles. Its economic policy over the previous three decades prior to that vote had always been based on exclusion, limiting the market and directing profits to a few businesses.

Until that point, Needles' remote geographic location, 200 road miles from the county seat of San Bernardino, and the paucity of media attention had granted the Needles City Council a free hand to operate as it sees fit without fear of exposure by traditional media coverage. It was into this closeted environment that the new Needles residents mentioned above

moved into town. It took a while for the ramifications of complete censorship of local news to sink in, but when it did it was in the worst way imaginable. The case that fully revealed the degree to which Needles is a closed system where what happens in Needles stays in Needles was that of the serial rape of multiple young boys at the Needles Skate Park by Willie Thompson et al, Thompson was a pedophile on the run from charges in Las Vegas, a chickenhawk who swooped down on Needles in search of additional victims. When agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Willie Thompson at gunpoint in the parking lot of Needles Lilly Hill apartments, it garnered little attention. What media coverage was given to the arrest omitted that a number of young boys had been viciously sodomized at the Needles Skate Park, or left the erroneous impression that the crimes had occurred elsewhere and not in Needles. This case, according to prosecutors, was the most heinous human trafficking case in memory.

But the incident did not elude the attention of the burgeoning electronic media. It seems new arrivals 11 and 12 from 2013 had an on-line blog, and they brought a spotlight to Needles. To say that the Needles City Council was highly susceptible to outside media coverage, and was fully cognizant of the source of this new attention and its ability to throw the entire town under an unfavorable light, would be an understatement, so when the blog's focus shifted to medical marijuana, the impact of coverage was tremendous.

A series of articles published online on the proposed Needles cannabis ordinance, which triggered further coverage in some regional media outlets, resulted in a shift by the Needles City Council away from its traditional closed market, anti-competitive model. The Needles cannabis market had been limited to four retail collectives, the only city permitted retail opera-

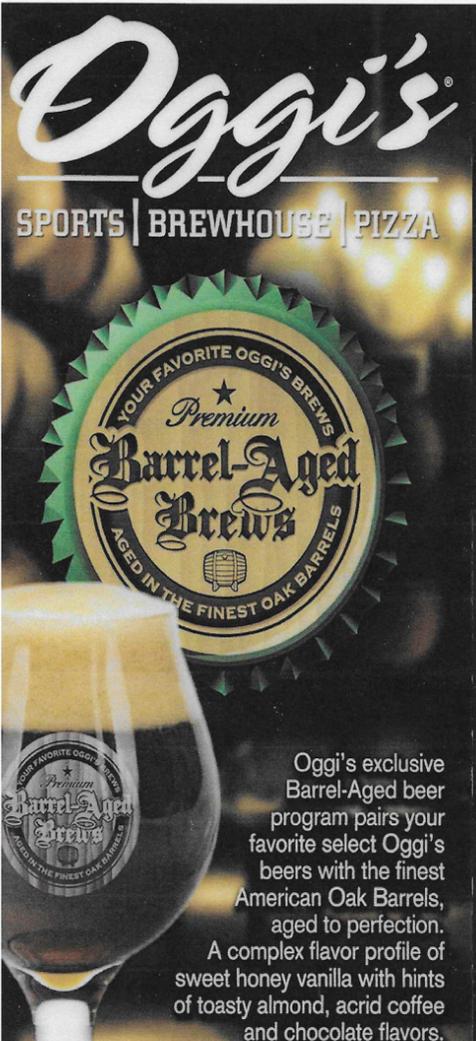
tions in all of San Bernardino County. The Needles City Council originally had been adamant that the proposed new ordinance would enable only the four existing collectives then operating in Needles to engage in cultivation. When the concept of an open market was broached at a meeting, Needles City Councilman Shawn Gudmundson tabled the item, allowing no further discussion of what had been a foreign concept. The night of the vote on an open market actually saw the hierarchy from the San Bernardino County Republican Party drive out to Needles. It was represented as a truly momentous occasion and the salvation of the nearly insolvent City of Needles.

But was it? There are indications that the city's readiness to welcome a fifth cannabis operation to Needles was actually a ploy by city officials – or some city officials – to clear the way for an entrepreneur who would kick back a portion of the profits he stood to generate through his lucrative cannabis operation.

It was during the development and ensuing promulgation of the proposed cannabis ordinance that the tactics of the Needles City Council in providing favorable treatment to a select few became readily discernible to all observers, especially so to owners and management of the four existing Needles collectives. Suddenly, it was alleged that there were not four but five collectives in Needles and it was revealed online that the Needles City Council had been holding exclusive meetings with Paradise Wellness, an Arizona based collective formerly doing business in Needles, but barred from reopening by the then current ordinance as it had been closed for more than ninety days.

Paradise Wellness is owned by Curtis Devine, who operates a string of Arizona collectives including Mojave Green Collective, located across the river from Needles in Mohave

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Coroner's Cases #701707559 and 701707560 On Friday, 11/03/2017, at 2:07 PM, 911 was called after two vehicles collided head-on 29 Palms Highway at the intersection of La Honda Way in Yucca Valley. Paramedics responded and the driver of the 2010 Toyota sedan, 83-year-old Doreen Hollingsworth of Yucca Valley was pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger in the same vehicle was found to be Duane Griffin, an 83-year-old male resident of Morongo Valley who was also pronounced dead at the scene. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the collision. [11042017 0120 EM]

Coroner's Case #701707508 and 701707511 On Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 2:00 PM, a collision was reported between a tractor-trailer rig and a Dodge Ram 3500 van. The Dodge van was westbound along State Route 138, approximately 6 miles west of the Interstate 15 Freeway, near Rockview Rd., and was reported to have drifted across the center line striking the side of the truck. The van rolled over multiple times. The driver, Reina Madrid, a 53 year old resident of Phelan, and a passenger, her 17 year old daughter, Giseth Madrid, were both pronounced dead at the scene at 2:25 PM by paramedics. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). [11/02/17 0200 EM]

Coroner's Case #701707495 On 10/31/2017 at 1113 pm, the California Highway Patrol received a call of a traffic collision on State Route 18 near the Camp Rock Road intersection, in Lucerne Valley. Officers arrived on scene to find a Ford Truck was traveling northbound on State Route 18 when for an unknown reason, the driver veered into the opposing lane and struck a cement truck head on. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:33 pm. His identity will be released once his next of kin is notified. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the collision. [11012017 0630 JK]

Coroner's Case # 701707603 At 4:24 PM on 11/05/2017, boaters reported a deceased body floating in the Colorado River approximately 1 mile south of Coors Island near Needles. The body was recovered by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Marine Enforcement Unit. The deceased was identified as Chad Elkins, a 46-year-old resident of Mohave Valley Az. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department is investigation the incident. [11062017 0100 JK]

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world, I fully understood that in places such as the South Mediterranean, the Near East, and the Middle East, hashish was a standard complement to the social scene. And sometime around a half century ago, hashish and its less pharmaceutical and unconcentrated cousin, marijuana, began to gain a growing popularity in the West. To each his own. I did not indulge myself, but within my own circles and among certain of my friends and acquaintances, there were some who did. Nevertheless, the authorities, as it were, had a far different attitude. Marijuana was an illegal substance. It was considered to be a dangerous narcotic, one that ruined lives. There was a policy that included imprisoning those involved with it in any way, including those who grew it, trafficked in it at the wholesale level, packaged and sold it at the retail level, and those who bought it, smoked it or simply possessed it. This was accompanied by an incessant informational campaign in which we were all told of its dangers, that it ruins lives, that it leads to a serious psychological addiction and propels one toward the use of other equally or even more destructive substances, that a lifestyle involving it is to ipso facto engage in moral turpitude, that its

use could lead to psychosis, that possessing it was an illegal act that would result in criminal prosecution, that those who were selling it and profiting off of it are societal parasites. And indeed our governmental officials backed that up, throwing, over the last fifty years or so in the state of California alone tens of thousands of people into prison for smoking it, possessing it or selling it, and hundreds of thousands if not millions in the United States into prison for the same offenses over the same time span...

How determined has the government been to keep marijuana from being sold? In 1996, the voters in California said that marijuana could be used for medical purposes. But the federal government has regulatory control over banks, and banks are federally insured. Bank managers ran the risk of not only losing their charters but risked having the insurance on their customers' deposits outright cancelled if they allowed dispensary owners to deposit money at their institutions...

In less than two months, the use of marijuana is to be legal in California. I am not talking about it being used for "medical purposes." That has been legal for 20 years. What will be legalized is using it for "recreational" purposes. That is, people will soon be free to use it for what everyone has been using

it for all along, despite all those warnings government officials have been enunciating over the years...

Now, the State of California and city after city are jumping on the cannabis gravy train. Along the way they are setting up rules under which marijuana can be grown, processed, handled and sold in both the state at large and within each municipal jurisdiction...

In case after case, the laws and statutes and ordinances are being drawn up to so that the cultivation and processing and sale of marijuana will commence seamlessly and without any great fanfare, while at every level the government is moving in to get a piece of the action. The state and the cities want the money, that is for sure. They are ready to cash in on a substance just a short time ago they insisted was the source of misery...

The State of California is now looking at layering a 45 percent tax on marijuana. Cities are looking to make money on the product coming and going, that is, in its production and in its sale. Cities are discussing annual fees of anywhere from \$3 per square foot to \$25 per square foot for space used to cultivate marijuana, or roughly \$120,000 to \$1 million an acre. And when the marijuana gets sold, cities are looking at a 10 percent to 15 percent tax. The government – the combined levels of government –

will make more off the sale of marijuana than the people selling it. The state is set to put restrictions in place that will make sure that every sale is recorded. Oh, and the difficulty of the federal government not allowing legitimate banks to open accounts for customers? The State of California is ready to work its way around that...

State Treasurer John Chiang and his task force are now pressing for legislation that will require that pot shops entrust their proceeds to armored car companies for safekeeping, a stratagem by which the state will know exactly how much each dispensary is raking in. And by the way, the state is looking at imposing an armed transport tax on top of everything else. Mr. Chiang is only trying to keep us all safe, since having bags of cash lying around in the backrooms of these dispensaries just won't do, and he says using this armored car protection scheme, whereby the money will be transferred to a secure state-run counting and holding facility will short circuit the possibility of the dispensary owners being taken advantage of by unscrupulous robbers and becoming the victims of theft. And this will also ensure that no one cheats the state out of its percentage of the haul. It will also provide the opportunity for the state to cash in, since the staff employed at the counting houses will

need to be paid as well, that's right, from the revenue stream they will be counting...

We're so lucky to have a guy like Mr. Chiang looking after us!

Estimates are that the marijuana market will run to at least \$6 billion in California in 2018, more like \$7 billion, and

maybe even \$8 billion. I don't know, myself, how the estimators came up with those figures. But let's take the most conservative one - \$6 billion and work with that. What that means is that our state – its morality, its ethics, its principles

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litation lawsuit nor the claims relating to those types of suits have been lodged to this point. On Tuesday, however, Stephen Larson, a former federal judge who served as Burum's lead defense attorney in the criminal matter and who is also

representing the Colonies Partners as a civil attorney, signaled that the Colonies Partners is now intent on recovering from the county the costs the company incurred as a consequence of the legal contretemps with the county over the last 15 years.

The Colonies Partners is owed that money, Larson maintains, because the settlement the county and the Colonies Partners forged in 2006 contained an indemnification clause which committed the county and the flood control dis-

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Botrychium simplex is a type of fern, a pteridophyte, known variously as least moonwort, little grapefern, little grape fern and least grapefern. The botrychium species are known as moonworts. These seedless vascular plants

in the family Ophioglossaceae are small, growing 2¾ inches to 5½ inches tall, with fleshy roots. They reproduce by spores shed into the air. One part of the leaf, the trophophore, is sterile and fernlike; the other, the sporophore, is fertile and carries the clusters of sporangia or spore cases. The spore-bearing fronds are dramatically different from the sterile fronds.

The fronds of least moonwort are less dissected and lobed than in other species, hence the specific epithet of simplex. However, this species is, in other respects, highly variable.

The sterile frond is a



single leaf, pale green in color, smooth and fleshy, about 1½ inches long, simply compound, and close to stem; often clasping. The sterile frond's position on the leaf stalk is variable.

The fertile frond rises

above the leaf as a single, unbranched stalk with prominent spore cases.

The stem is pale green, slender, succulent, and fragile; about ¾ of an inch long.

The rootstalk is small and upright. Roots tend to be few; smooth, fleshy, and spreading; they descend to about 2 inches below the surface.

There are no scales on the leaf stalk and there are no hairs on the leaf stalk. The veins go all the way to the edge of the leaf blade.

Individuals tend to be inconspicuous and scattered. One way of identifying these plants is by their diminutive size, succulent stem, and



single compound leaf, as noted most often clasping, combined with its unbranched fertile frond.

The least moonwort is spotted in dry fields, marshes, bogs, swamps and roadside ditches.

This fern is present in high elevations from Southern California to North Carolina and northward to Alaska and Newfoundland; it is also widespread in the Old World, but in many places it is considered endangered because of extreme rarity. In Europe, particularly, botrychium simplex and other vascular plants are threatened with extinction and declining, as a result of urbanization and expanding infrastructure. The presence of ferns are considered by scientists to be an indicator of healthy ecosystems.

From Wikipedia, GoBotany website and <http://www.rook.org>

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trict to hold the Colonies Partners harmless in the event that any further claims, demands, damages or legal action relating to the settlement of the underlying litigation ensued. That commitment, the Colonies Partners contend, required the county to defend the Colonies Partners with legal counsel or defray the company's legal costs.

Larson went before the board of supervisors at its Tuesday morning

meeting after having presented the county with an indemnification claim. The gist of his statement, consisted of his reading the cover letter accompanying the claim.

"I am here on behalf of the Colonies Partners," Larson said. "This morning I had delivered to each of your offices a binder which lays out the Colonies Partners' indemnity claims against the County of San Bernardino and the San Bernardino County Flood Control District. I have also served a copy on Jean Rene's office as well as Mr. Theodora's office." Jean Rene-Basle

is the county's top in-house lawyer, who has held that position since 2010 and is scheduled to depart at the end of the month. Todd Theodora is an attorney who heads a firm which represents the county in litigating the county's claims against its insurance carriers.

"In 1999, Jeff Burum and Dan Richards co-managing partners of the Colonies, met with then-supervisor Jon Mikels in an attempt to amicably resolve the Colonies' dispute with the County of San Bernardino. and the San Bernardino County Flood control district over flood control issues on the Colonies project," Larson read from the cover letter, continuing, "Mr. Burum and Mr. [Dan] Richards [a second co-managing principal in the Colonies Partners] offered to split the cost of building the now-famous basin, which would have amounted to a \$12.5 million investment for each side, and further offered to donate the acreage required for the basin to the district. Mr. Burum and Mr Richard tried to give supervisor Mikels information substantiating and supporting the Colonies' position, much the way that I am doing so this morning, and in response supervisor

Mikels told them they could 'take the information and stick it where the sun don't shine.' In the nearly two decades that have followed that unfortunate response, the Colonies has been forced to litigate three cases involving this dispute, and has won all three decisively. Colonies won the underlying civil action against the county and the district, winning two separate trials before two separate Superior Court judges, defeated a taxpayer lawsuit brought in 2011 on behalf of the county, with the Court of Appeal ordering the county to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice, and now Mr. Burum has resoundingly defeated the district attorney in

the criminal case with acquittals across the board."

Larson continued, "As we have told the county's attorneys on numerous occasions, Colonies sincerely wishes to end this wasteful and unnecessary dispute. As part of our effort to do so, we are providing the enclosed binder for your review. This binder sets forth the legal and the factual bases for Colonies' indemnification claim against the county and the [flood control] district, pursuant to the November 2006 settlement agreement. All we ask is unlike supervisor Mikels, you carefully consider this material."

At that point, Larson's three minutes of allot-

ted speaking time had elapsed, and he was cut off in mid sentence. The *Sentinel* has obtained from Larson's firm the remaining verbiage in the cover letter. The final two sentences of the cover letter read, "All we ask is that, unlike supervisor Mikels, you carefully consider this material, consult with your legal counsel in closed session during your December 5, 2017 board meeting, and then do the right thing and fulfill your indemnification obligations under the settlement agreement. Otherwise, we will have no choice but to once again vindicate both Colonies' and Mr. Burum's rights through litigation."

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Needles, Long Plagued By Favoritism Toward The Elite, Now Transferring That Advantage To Marijuana Kingpins from page 17

Valley Arizona. Curtis Devine had at the time recently purchased a large commercial property in Needles, in an attempt to establish a 20,000 square foot cannabis grow operation to supply the Arizona col-

lectives under Devine's control.

Needles City Manager Rick Daniels and City Attorney John Pinkney held numerous private meetings with Curtis Devine and his attorney, Sarah Presler, seeking input on the proposed new cannabis ordinance, but failed to meet with any owners or management of the four legitimate Needles collectives. Sarah Presler repeatedly stood at the podium and thanked the

city for these exclusive briefings.

During the public hearings on the proposed new cannabis ordinance, the issue of prohibiting felons from participating in the Needles cannabis industry was repeatedly raised. In the new atmosphere brought on by the online media scrutiny in the wake of the Willie Thompson arrest, references were publicly made to the potential of the criminal underworld

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California Style Cape And Bomber

By Grace Bernal



has a way of jazzing up an outfit and keeping things warm during the cool seasons of fall and winter. You can get historic with the bomb-



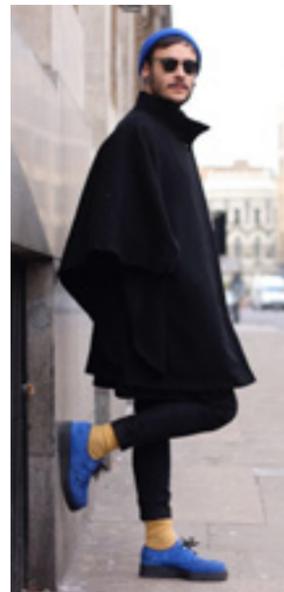
It's all about cape and bomber this week in autumn. Capes are fashionably warm and perfect for the cool California fall weather. You can find them in different prints and solids. Open your eyes and you will see the cape everywhere.

The bomber jacket



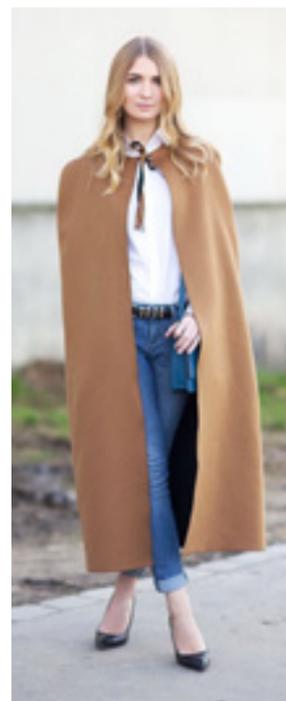
er and try an original leather piece these days. The neat thing is that today's bomber is available in different fabrics. The

jacket, in its neat cuffs, the zipper, and versatile neckline, is available in solids and other prints for your liking. You can go with a clas-



sic black bomber to wear with denim, or a leather and suede jacket to get a dressier look for a night out. It's going to be great this fall with all the new trends that keep popping up. Until next week, enjoy the crispy autumn weather of inland Southern California.

"If you like something, rock it. If you want to rock a cape every day, go for it." -Post Malone



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– are for sale for \$6 billion. The devil's weed that was a bane to civilized society is now to be readily available, as long as it pumps another \$3 billion or thereabouts in revenue annually into our government coffers...

Why is it that I am the only one who is troubled by this? In January, our state and local government will be engaging in action which if anyone – today or last year, or five years ago or ten years ago or any time during the last 40, 50,

60, 70, 80 or 90 years – engaged in would have consigned them to prison. It seems I'm headed for the sanitarium for sure. But wait, I think there is a way I can bypass the rubber room and the straitjacket. The way this makes sense is the acceptance that our past policy was a mistake. That is, we can reconcile that what we are going to be doing very soon isn't illegal and morally wrong when for generations doing just that was illegal and considered morally wrong by simply acknowledging we had formerly made a

mistake and that it was never morally wrong and it should not have been illegal. Now that makes sense. But it's not that simple, it seems to me. If we admit the law was wrong, that means we wrongfully prohibited marijuana possession and use, we wrongfully arrested and jailed marijuana possessors and smokers, we wrongfully prosecuted them, we wrongfully con-

victed them, we wrongfully fined them, and we wrongfully imprisoned them. What are we going to do about that?

Here is my proposal: Reparations! First we get a comprehensive list of everyone yet living who was convicted and imprisoned under our wrongheaded marijuana laws. Then we expunge their records. Those would be the first two steps. The third step

would be to calculate for each of them how much time they spent in the big house over this. The fourth step would be to provide each of them a modest amount of money – say \$1,000 – for every day they were incarcerated. That will settle the moral score...

And how will we pay for this? That's the beauty of it! It's already in place: the \$3 billion per year or thereabouts that

these new state and local taxing regimes are going to generate! And if that turns out to be insufficient, then we simply tap into the retirement funds for our state's legislators, its judges, its prosecutors, its police officers and its prison guards who participated in and themselves profited under California's now discredited anti-marijuana ethos regime...

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utilizing the marijuana industry to establish a toehold in Needles.

A review of Paradise Wellness' history in Needles followed. Needles City Manager Rick Daniels, perhaps inadvertently, released the entirety of the 2014 Needles cannabis tax schedule. That schedule documented that Paradise Wellness was closed for more than ninety days, a violation of a provision in the Needles City Code pertaining to cannabis operations which by ordinance should have

triggered the revoking of its license and prohibited it from reopening in the City of Needles. Thrown into stark relief was that Rick Daniels had been militating to preserve Paradise Wellness's license to operate, despite the business having forfeited its licensure by its extended closure and despite the readiness of other applicants to step up to take its place in competing within the highly profitable stable of locally-based cannabis-related businesses.

Deeply placed sources in the Needles cannabis industry in positions to know the details of this case have alleged that Daniels allowed Paradise

Wellness to utilize the address of a private residence to operate a cannabis collective and that a bogus address was also submitted to the State of California. Daniels now contends that previously public tax schedules are confidential.

Last week the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the U.S. Attorney's Office moved forward with action against Adelanto City Councilman Jermaine Wright, arresting him on a bribery charge in the aftermath of a nearly year-long probe by the FBI into allegations that Adelanto officials were seeking to personally

profit from their city's adoption of ordinances allowing for the commercial cultivation and sale of marijuana. Word on the streets is that federal officials are now sniffing around Needles.



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