

Indications Of Ties Between DA Ramos And The Mexican Mafia Emerge

By Mark Gutglueck

For a considerable number or perhaps even a majority of the Inland Empire's residents, Mike Ramos appears to have bona fides as a dedicated crime fighter that are beyond reproach.

Since defeating incumbent district attorney Dennis Stout in 2002, Ramos has held political primacy in his



Mike Ramos

post, not needing to face a challenger in the 2006

contest, handily defeating two hopefuls in 2010 and trouncing one of his own deputy prosecutors who tossed down the electoral gauntlet against him in 2014. In 2016 he was elected president of the National District Attorney's Association, an organization of which he is now the chairman of the board. He previously served as president

of the California District Attorneys Association. In 2014, he publicly announced he would run for California Attorney General in 2018, relenting only after Governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown appointed Xavier Becerra to serve out the two years remaining on former California Attorney General Kamala Harris's term a year ago

after she was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Throughout his tenure as district attorney, Ramos has promoted himself as a tough and vigilant prosecutor. He supports the death penalty, advocates on behalf of the victims of crimes and has crusaded against both gang violence and what he calls "human trafficking" See P 2

Manis In As New Upland City Manager



Bill Manis

Bill Manis, the current city manager in Rosemead and the former deputy city manager in San Bernardino, will become Upland city manager on January 1, if his contract with the city is approved by the city council as anticipated Monday evening.

Manis is set to replace Marty Thouvenell, who has been acting in the capacity of interim city manager since August 8, 2016 in the aftermath of the forced departure of former city manager Rod Butler. Under another arrangement scheduled to be approved by the city council on December 11, Thouvenell could remain with the city in the capacity of managerial consultant for one year. The city has been seeking a full-fledged replacement for Butler for 16 months.

In that time, there have been numerous false signals that Butler's successor had been chosen, including meetings of the council that took place during public and closed sessions relating to the hiring of a new top staffer. Those meetings concluded with no votes taken or indication of action.

This week however, the agenda for this upcoming Monday's council meeting was publicly posted, with the first scheduled item of business on the agenda after See P 6

Despite Graft Questions, Adelanto Yet Pursuing Marijuana-Based Economy

Intrepidly, and in seeming defiance of federal law enforcement's assertion of its authority last month, a concentrated circle of public officials and business interests are determinedly pushing ahead with their vision of transforming Adelanto into California's entrepreneurial marijuana Mecca. So

many irregularities have arisen, however, that the overriding question of the moment is whether the public officials so heavily involved in this transformation are doing this, as they say, to put the city on firm financial footing or whether their real motivation is to exploit the situation and enrich themselves.

Indeed the lure of the money to be made off of the commercialization of the substance once-considered illicit under state law and which remains a Schedule 1 controlled narcotic under federal law seems too powerful for the city's elected leadership to resist, whether what is driving them is civic or venal. Using

the city's desperate financial condition as its prompting, together with the provision's of 1996's Proposition 215, which legalized medical marijuana, and later the 2016 passage of Proposition 64, which legalized the adult use of recreational marijuana, a majority of the Adelanto City Council, with councilman Ed

Camargo dissenting, in late 2015 first cleared the way for the city to host marijuana cultivation operations within the city's expansive industrial park. After a decent-seeming interval, the council then expanded its tolerance of drug sales to include medical marijuana dispensaries which would See P 3

Hamel Registers Trifecta With Redundancy Of Change Orders

Murrieta-based Hamel Contracting appears to have scored a trifecta jackpot in the aftermath of having been awarded contracts to build crisis residential treatment facilities for the county in Joshua Tree, Fontana and Victorville.

As a consequence of a similar change order to the construction of all three projects, Hamel will receive a \$530,585

windfall on top of the \$17,111,203 the company was previously slated to receive for completing the three jobs.

On February 14, 2017 the board of supervisors awarded a construction contract to Hamel Contracting, Inc. for construction of a 10,944 square foot, 16-bed facility located at 60805 Twentynine Palms Highway in Joshua Tree to be operated by the See P 3

Even With SEC Trial Looming Over Him, Metzler Gets Appointment To Head City



Keith Metzler

The Victorville City Council on December 5 selected Keith Metzler,

the city's assistant city manager since 2011, to serve in the capacity of city manager upon current city manager Doug Robertson's departure on January 1. It was revealed on November 24 that Robertson would be leaving Victorville at the end of the year to become town manager in Apple Valley.

Metzler is deemed a fit choice to move into the city manager's post,

given that the city's three previous city managers - Robertson, Jim Cox and John Roberts - either served, as in the case of Robertson and Roberts, in the capacity of assistant city manager in Victorville or, in Cox's case, as city manager in Victorville before taking on the city manager's post.

Nevertheless, Metzler faces the challenge of having a major demand on his time, See P 20

Amid Confusion, Redlands Says Skatepark Won't Harm Historic Bowling Lawn

A spokesman for the City of Redlands is offering assurances that the skate park the city is going to construct in the midst of Sylvan Park in one of the city's most culturally sensitive areas will in no way interfere with Redlands' historic lawn bowling club.

Previously, city staff had been somewhat ambiguous with regard to the facility's footprint,

providing in less than a two week period four documents showing different locations.

At present, the city is committed to building the recreational amenity at the "Sylvan plunge" site, said city spokesman Carl Baker.

"The majority of the skatepark site is directly over what was formerly the swimming pool site known as the 'New Red-

lands Plunge,'" Baker told the *Sentinel* on Tuesday December 5.

Nevertheless, several descriptions, diagrams, maps and a staff report do not confirm that location, and one document, the soil study for the project, indicates the skatepark is actually to be sited on or will abut the historic lawn bowling club. Another shows it impacting another his-

toric feature, the fragile stone zanja, an aqueduct constructed by early Spanish settlers nearly two centuries ago, in Sylvan Park.

In reaction to the ambiguity regarding the skatepark location, a letter has been circulating throughout community which alleges "the appearance of intentional misrepresentation and misinformation about the

skatepark, environmental impact and skatepark site location. There has repeatedly been a failure to provide an accurate location of the proposed skatepark within Sylvan Park. In fact, the [cultural resources assessment done by the firm] ESA PCR shows the skate park on the lawn bowling secondary greens that are a local and state historical re-See P 15

DA Linked To The Mexican Mafia *from front page*

which he uses as a euphemism for the forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation of women, i.e., prostitution. He steadfastly backs police agencies in their use of aggressive tactics or force, and has pressed forth with a handful of what he and his office have turned into high-profile political corruption prosecutions.

Despite that outward showing of hard-charging prosecutorial recitude, information for several years has been circulating which suggests that Ramos has underworld ties. Within the last month, a strong indicator emerged that other elements of California's law enforcement establishment have grown to recognize the degree to which Mike Ramos is mobbed up.

In November, when a specialized division of the California Attorney General's Office undertook an operation in

conjunction with several law enforcement agencies to strike a debilitating blow on the Mexican Mafia in Southern California, San Bernardino County law enforcement agencies were conspicuous by their absence in that wide-ranging gang takedown, even though that action extended into San Bernardino County. Pointedly, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office was excluded from participating in the preparation of the search and arrest warrants preparatory to the raid.

Efforts by the *Sentinel* to obtain comment from Ramos and his highest ranking prosecutors with regard to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office being cut out of the loop with regard to advance information on the operation and being shunted aside during its execution were met with no response.

It is commonly understood within law enforcement circles that the Mexican Mafia and its attendant drug cartel have

established a foothold in San Bernardino County. A highly organized and now entrenched criminal organization originally formed in 1957 by 13 Hispanic Los Angeles street gang members led by Luis "Huero Buff" Flores who were incarcerated within what was then the California Youth Authority's Deuel Vocational Institution, the Mexican Mafia was intended to protect its members within the state's penitentiaries as well as to control through violence, fear and intimidation the black market activities within, and the black market support network outside, prison walls. Initially, nearly all members brought into the Mexican Mafia were incarcerated and were members of competing gangs on the outside. As the earliest members of the organization grew into adulthood and many of them were imprisoned in their adult years in prisons and detention facilities elsewhere in California, the gang proliferated and grew

within those institutions, having spread by 1960 into every state prison in California. Over the next three generations, the Mexican Mafia has morphed into one of the more dominant criminal organizations outside a prison setting in California and several other states and the de facto controlling organization over virtually all Hispanic gangs in Southern California, in and outside prisons and jails. The Mexican Mafia has a ritualized membership and induction code which deprecates and discourages acting as an informant or in any way cooperating with legal authorities, eschews betraying, victimizing, disrespecting or stealing from fellow gang members, vilifies engaging in homosexuality, and forbids intruding on another member's business territory. Members of the Mexican Mafia are committed to remain members for life and are required to carry out, under penalty of death, orders handed down

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from the leadership of the organization, including ones to execute the organization's enemies or other members who have left the gang. Within the prison setting and sometimes outside of it, the Mexican Mafia is in a loose alliance with the Aryan Brotherhood, a white prison gang, as well as in a fierce and sometimes deadly rivalry with African-American gangs such as the Bloods, Crips and Black Guerrilla Family. Over the last several decades the Mexican Mafia has

become a dominant element in the distribution of street drugs imported from or through Mexico, in particular heroin and cocaine and more recently methamphetamine as a consequence of the concerted U.S. policy which has effectively curtailed the availability of chemicals and lab equipment needed to produce the drug domestically. It has also formed loose affiliations with other gangs such as Sureño 13 and Familia Michoacana, as well as the Sinaloa Cartel. Thus, the Mexican Mafia is considered a major factor in the illicit drug trade in California and a significant factor in several other states.

Within San Bernardino County, the presence and activity of the Mexican Mafia is well documented in the cities of Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana, Chino and Victorville, as well as within the sheriff's department's detention facilities in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, Glen Helen and Adelanto.

Given the pervasiveness of the Mexican Mafia in Southern California, law enforcement agencies in San Bernardino County have had numerous brushes with its members and have made arrests, from which prosecutions have ensued. Yet, despite the proliferation of the Mexican Mafia in San Bernardino County and the frequency and degree to which the gang's lower-ranking functionaries are arrested by police agencies, the San Ber-

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Adelanto Officials Unfazed By Public Perception Of Corruption from front page

sell the product to those with medical prescriptions. More recently the council majority has embraced wholesale the concept of the city hosting marijuana storefronts where the drug is to be available to adults over the age 21 looking to use it for its intoxicative effect.

Adelanto, along with Needles, is at the forefront of the new era of marijuana tolerance, while the vast majority of cities in San Bernardino County are remaining far more conservative in their several approaches, with a minority of them allowing rigidly proscribed medical marijuana access or distribution to take place within their

city limits, and virtually all of them resisting the prospect of marijuana being sold within their jurisdictions for outright recreational purposes. The mad rush of entrepreneurs to get in on the marijuana bonanza in Adelanto has created an unseemly and wide open atmosphere, leaving many with the overpowering perception that at least some of those entrusted with overseeing municipal operations are themselves seeking to cash in on the situation. Last month, with the FBI's arrest of Adelanto City Councilman Jermaine Wright, there was confirmation of those suspicions.

On Wednesday, December 6, Wright, who at this point remains a councilman in name only, pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Riverside to charges of

bribery and attempted arson of a building. The bribery element of the crime Wright is accused of relates to his promise to an undercover FBI agent masquerading as a would-be marijuana grower and distributor that he would use his position as a city council member to facilitate the altering of city zoning codes so the undercover agent's business could operate in an area in the city not yet zoned for such operations. Wright further committed to preventing Adelanto's code enforcement division from interfering with that business. Wright said he would provide this assistance in exchange for \$10,000.

Despite having made arrangements through his family members as well as from his own available funds to post the \$100,000 bail bond

Judge Kenly Kiya Kato specified would allow him to be freed pending trial on November 13, Wright remains in custody. He has not yet met other conditions of his bond release, which include undergoing a psychological evaluation, turning over to authorities all of his one dozen registered firearms and agreeing to desist in participating in Adelanto city affairs in his capacity as an elected official there.

Wright's November 7 arrest came roughly a year after widespread suspicion with regard to the motives and actions of city officials had begun to settle over Adelanto City Hall, then spread throughout the city of 33,500, in time spilling over into the Victor Valley and beyond that to San Bernardino County in gen-

eral, and now throughout the state. While city officials said their willingness to allow marijuana production and sales to become a significant percentage of the city's economic base was simply a logical response to its severely eroded financial status, there were a multitude of indicators that was not the actual case.

A first indicator was the city's hiring of Jessie Flores as its contract economic development director. Flores had an established history of involvement in governmental scandals, including the diversion and/or misappropriation of public funds perpetrated by disgraced former San Bernardino County Supervisor/Assessor Bill Postmus as well as a scheme cooked up by a coterie of individuals including Postmus and county corrup-

tion figures Adam Aleman, Dino DeFazio and Charles Steven Cox relating to the exploitation of the Adelanto Charter Academy. That hustle raked in for its participants \$3.1 million in public funds that should otherwise have gone toward the education of students but which was instead diverted to activities, purchases and disbursements having no conceivable academic application, and ultimately into the pockets and bank accounts of Postmus, Cox, Flores, Aleman, DeFazio and their confederates. In the city's contract with Flores, it permitted him to act on the city's behalf in seeking to attract businesses into the city while simultaneously allowing Flores to work on behalf of the businesses

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Suspiciously Similar Change Orders Boost Contractor's Take On County Projects from front page

San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health as a crisis residential treatment facility to serve the Morongo Basin. The facility

was intended to provide voluntary crisis intervention for adults age 18 and older diagnosed with mental health and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, entailing what is referred to as a "a positive short-term community based treatment option with recovery based services and interventions in a home-like setting for stays up to 30-90

days."

The entire cost of the project was originally pegged at \$9,270,900, which included the construction design, land acquisition, utility connections, a construction contingency and a California Environmental Quality Act and county plan check fee. Hamel obtained the contract by bidding to carry out the construction for \$5,892,008.

On July 11, the board of supervisors consented to a \$658,932 amendment to the contract to pay for additional manpower to accelerate the construction schedule to meet a grant funding deadline. A subsequent amendment to the contract of \$614,183 was made on September 26, relating to revisions to public utility points of connections. A change order of \$104,862 made on October 6 adding scope to relocate existing Joshua trees and making modifications to windows and interior lighting pushed the construction contract amount to \$7,269,985. On Tuesday of this week, the board of supervisors made a third amendment to the contract, this time entailing an additional \$217,704

to be paid to Hamel for something very similar to that specified for the second amendment to the contract, "revisions to public utility point of connections."

According to a report/recommendation by Terry Thompson, the director of the county's real estate services department, and Veronica Kelly, the director of the county's department of behavioral health, dated December 5 but actually written late last month, the contract increase is justified by "deferred submittal revisions required by Southern California Edison and Frontier Communications, additional modifications required to meet state licensing requirements, and extending the construction completion date from December 31, 2017 to April 2, 2018.

Thompson's and Kelly's report further states that the third amendment will pay for "revisions to public utility point of connections." The amount due Hamel under the amended contract for the project now stands at \$7,487,689.

Similarly, on February 14, 2017, the board of supervisors had awarded Hamel the contract to

build a 10,944 square foot crisis residential treatment facility located at 15217 San Bernardino Avenue in Fontana not unlike the one in Joshua Tree. The original construction contract on that overall \$6,460,000 project was \$4,111,008. Subsequently, the county on September 26 approved a \$311,021 amendment to cover the cost of revisions to public utility point of connections. On October 6, the board agreed to a \$67,332 change order, which added scope for removal and disposal of existing trees, modifications to windows and interior lighting, pushing the construction contract amount to \$4,489,361. On Tuesday of this week, December 5, the board agreed to make another amendment to the contract, this time to again perform "revisions to public utility point of connections" at a cost of \$105,348.

Two months before the board of supervisors originally okayed the Fontana and Joshua Tree projects, on December 6, 2016 the board awarded a construction contract to Hamel for the Department of Behavioral Health's 10,944 square foot crisis residential

treatment facility located at 16552 Sunhill Drive in Victorville, agreeing to pay \$4,598,008 for the construction work. On September 26, 2017, a first amendment to the contract was made in which the county boosted what it was going to pay Hamel by \$621,012 for revisions to public utility point of connections. Then, ten days later, on October 6, while no pre-existing trees were found to be in the way of the construction project, a \$132,837 change order was deemed necessary, in this case to pay for "changes to perimeter block wall and modifications to windows and interior lighting." At that point, the construction contract on the project had escalated to \$5,351,857.

This week, the board complied with another recommendation from Thompson and Kelly to approve a \$207,533 amendment to the contract to pay Hamel for further "revisions to public utility point of connections," bringing Hamel's take on the Victorville contract to a total of \$5,559,390.

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In Courting Marijuana Industry Investors, Adelanto Officials Come Disturbingly Close To Crossing the Line *from page 3*

being courted, either directly as an employee or as a consultant. Thus, Flores was at liberty to work both sides of the street, enriching himself and any partners he had on the side by accepting money from entities seeking to obtain clearance and permits to operate in Adelanto, including marijuana purveyors. In this way, the city was virtually inviting would-be cannabis entrepreneurs to accustom themselves to making payments to a city official to facilitate their projects.

Believing the market for marijuana would prove to be very lucrative, and faced with brisk competition from others seeking to come into the same market they were, investors or operators were ready to seize whatever advantage they could to put themselves into position either at the front of the permit application line or to come into possession of property that could be converted from modestly-priced desert real estate into a thriving marijuana-cultivation

operation. In a relatively short period, the town was getting a reputation for according some applicants at the city "special treatment" or "special accommodation." The suggestion was that those provided such special accommodation were the ones who had hired Flores or were finding some creative way of passing money through to members of the city council.

One case in point is that of David Serrano's acquisition of a former cocktail lounge that largely catered to airmen at the former George Air Force Base in years gone by, known as the Jet Room, located at 17499 Adelanto Road just south of Joshua Avenue. Having faded after George Air Force Base was shuttered by the Department of Defense in 1992, the Jet Room sat dormant and dilapidating on its 2.25 acre lot. On March 23, 2016, Dmitri Manucharyan purchased the property for \$239,000. On October 3, 2016 in a seeming rush, David Serrano, an attorney whose brother Manny Serrano was the spokesman for the High Desert Cannabis Association, entered into escrow to take the Jet Room off of Manucharyan's hands, paying \$450,000 for it. The transaction was completed on October 11, 2016.

Serrano, who purchased the property in conjunction with his wife, Julia, said he intended to convert it into a law office. The broker on the deal was John Woodard, of Woodard Realty in Adelanto. Woodard is a member of the Adelanto City Council, first elected to the city council in 2014, and a key vote in the coalition of council members driving the cannabis liberalization phenomenon in Adelanto. On October 26, 2016 the city council, which to that point had allowed growers to operate in the city but had continued to hold the line on prohibiting retail sales of marijuana, entered into a serious public discussion about allowing marijuana to be sold to end users from dispensaries within the city. Amid a number of proposals, Woodard indicated his support for a proposed marijuana marketing zone that went no further south than Joshua Avenue, stopping slightly north of David Serrano's newly acquired property, which at that time, was still being contemplated as the site of a future law office, or at least it was represented.

Exactly seven weeks after Serrano closed escrow on the Jet Room, the Adelanto City Council held a public workshop, the upshot from which was a tentative

proposal to re-zone two areas within the city in a way that would make them eligible to host medical marijuana dispensaries. With the passage of Proposition 64 three-weeks earlier, that meant that the dispensaries would very likely at some future date be selling marijuana not just to those with medical prescriptions under the 1996 Proposition 64, but marijuana for recreational smoking purposes under the 2016 Proposition 64. Whoever had an inside track on setting up a pot shop in one of the proscribed areas stood a substantial opportunity to get rich. As it would turn out, one of those zones the council decided to designate was the area between Pearmain Street, Air Expressway, just west of Mesa Linda Road and Rancho Road. Contained within that area was the Jet Room.

Ultimately, David Serrano submitted plans to the city calling for the conversion of the Jet Room into a cannabis sales business, replete with sales counters, a "dispensing room" a cashier station and a high-security money counting room, all of which are incompatible with a typical law office. One interpretation is that the Serranos were provided with advance information that the City of Adelanto was not only go-

ing to reverse its policy of prohibiting marijuana retail sales within city limits but were told precisely where the zones where those sales were to be permitted would be designated. Woodard, as a member of the city council, was in a position to have that inside information. As the broker on the project, he earned a commission on the sale of the property to Serrano.

A second case in point is property acquisition carried out by Industrial Integrity Solutions, a corporate subsidiary of Frontier Enterprises, which is a company controlled by James Previti. Industrial Integrity Solutions was registered as a corporate entity with the California Secretary of State on November 7, 2016. On November 16, 2016 Industrial Integrity Solutions purchased 31 acres with an address of 12011 Air Expressway at what was the standard price of \$35,500 per acre. Thirteen days after that, on November 29, 2016, the Adelanto planning commission rezoned the district around that span of Air Expressway so that marijuana cultivation could take place there. Subsequently, the city's development services division expedited Industrial Integrity Solutions' project application and by early February, Industrial Integrity Solu-

tions had obtained an entitlement to proceed with 630,000 square feet of development under roof, to entail 21 structures, within which would be housed some 465,000 square feet of greenhouses in which marijuana is to be grown. Ground was broken immediately thereafter. The alacrity with which the project went from conception and land acquisition, and through the application process, approval and plan checking, not to mention the rezoning accommodation to allow it to occur, was unprecedented, an example of what was variously referred to by city insiders and members of the building industry as "fast passing" or fast tracking." Yet the sheer speed by which Previti and Frontier Enterprises, which throughout the approval process denied any connection to Industrial Integrity Solutions, were able to effectuate that entitlement to build raised eyebrows. Previti and Frontier have a long held and well-deserved reputation for generosity in endowing the political war chests of the elected officials who ultimately vote to approve their development projects. From the circumstance in Adelanto, observers inferred that it was the largesse from Frontier

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**DA's Leniency
Toward Mexican
Mafia Members
Raises Questions**
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San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office's performance with regard to effective prosecutions of the gang and its high-ranking and most powerful members in comparison to prosecutors in surrounding jurisdictions is lackluster at best.

There have been a few exceptions that proved that rule, the most notable being the effort that began in 2006 against the Mexican Mafia-affiliated East Side Victoria Gang in Victorville after a rising tide of violence and drug activity drove local officials to seek an injunction against the gang. That was followed up by the sheriff's department's energetic investigation of East Side Victoria, leading to two 2009 indictments. The matter took several years to prosecute, with most of the court action being shepherded through the process by deputy district attorney Britt Imes. East Side Victoria's ties to the Mexican Mafia consisted of its members having pledged allegiance, and conveying money, to the larger organization in return

for protection when its members were jailed or imprisoned. In 2015 the matter drew to a close with the last of 61 guilty pleas from East Side Victoria Gang members, including its already imprisoned founder, Fred "The Joker" Archuleta, as well as George "Rascal" DeGraw, who succeeded Archuleta in his absence and ran the gang as a local syndicate based upon enforcement assistance from the Mexican Mafia, along with Joel "The Bouncer" Pompa, an enforcer and tax collector for the Mexican Mafia.

Nevertheless, with only a few notable exceptions, the higher ranking members of the Mexican Mafia have largely avoided prosecution in San Bernardino County, and have been permitted by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office to take refuge, both physically and legally, on the grounds of the San Manuel Indian Reservation in the San Bernardino Mountain foothills above Highland.

The case which first underscored the degree to which the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has been compromised by the Mexican Mafia

grew out of a criminal conspiracy involving drug distribution, murder, murder for hire and attempted murder that came to light during a joint San Bernardino Police/DEA investigation in 2006. Investigators, while focusing on drug distribution activity by members of the Mexican Mafia, identified Salvador "Toro" Hernandez, Alfred Hernandez, Eric Barajas, Stacy Cheyenne Barajas-Nunez, Erlino Honesto, Geahetta Amaya and Arturo Ortiz as being involved in drug dealing and attendant crimes. Investigators had grounds to believe that the drug distribution activity was being coordinated out of the Brass Key, a Highland Bar. The Brass Key was owned by Greg Duro, the son of one-time San Manuel Tribal Chairman Henry Duro. Greg Duro had hired Leonard Epps to serve as a bartender and manager of the Brass Key. A frequent patron at the bar was James Seay, the brother of former San Diego Chargers football player Mark Seay. James Seay, it seemed, came to recognize or in some way learned about the drug distribution activity taking place out of the Brass Key. Seay had also developed an ac-

quaintance, bordering on a friendship, with Epps. James Seay was shot and wounded in front of The Brass Key on May 17, 2004. San Manuel tribal member Robert Vincent Martinez III, who was suspected of belonging to the Mexican Mafia, was charged in the case, but the charges were later dismissed. Seay in May 2005 sued Martinez over his injuries and lost wages. Though Martinez initially moved to contest the suit through his attorney, Trent Copeland, the case settled for in excess of \$500,000. Just days later, Seay was fatally shot in front of his mother's house in San Bernardino, an act bearing all the hallmarks of a Mexican Mafia hit. The killing remains unsolved.

At that point, members of the Mexican Mafia involved in the drug trafficking operation based out of the Brass Key, including siblings Erik and Stacy Cheyenne Barajas-Nunez, grew concerned that Epps represented a threat to their activity because he had been close to Seay and knew, on the basis of his role at the Brass Key, details relating to the drug distribution network. A botched attempt on Epps' life was made, and

after its failure, a contract that had been taken out on Epps remained in play. Federal drug agents learned of the murder plot against Epps in 2006 during their joint investigation with the San Bernardino Police Department into the Mexican Mafia's drug distribution activity. The agents uncovered airtight evidence that Erik and Stacy Barajas were conspiring with Salvador Hernandez and his brother, Alfred Hernandez, to have Epps killed.

As a consequence of the utter depth of the criminal enterprises in which they were involved and the sheer magnitude of proof federal agents had accumulated against them, not to mention the widespread attention their activity generated among federal, state and local authorities and prosecutors, Salvador and Alfred Hernandez, for their involvement in the planned assassination of Epps along with dozens of other overt criminal acts, were imprisoned. More than a decade later, Salvador "Toro" Hernandez is the head of the Mexican Mafia, running its empire from a prison cell.

The case against Barajas and Barajas-Nunez was handed off to

the local prosecutor, San Bernardino County District Attorney Mike Ramos. Because the basis of the case against Stacy Barajas-Nunez and her brother had been laid by federal agents, Ramos did not have the option of dispensing with the matter without a prosecution, as the case involved layers of drug distribution activity and indisputable evidence of the murder-for-hire scheme. Proof that Barajas and Barajas-Nunez had arranged for the Hernandez brothers to set up the killing of Epps was obtained when federal officials served search warrants on several San Manuel Reservation homes, including those of Barajas and Barajas-Nunez. Ultimately, Ramos accepted a plea agreement from both. Barajas-Nunez pleaded guilty to participating in the murder-for-hire scheme and to two drug charges. Her brother pleaded guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon charge in connection with the murder-for-hire scheme. The deal Ramos approved allowed them to avoid any jail time and remain on the reservation and be monitored electronically. Barajas-Nunez agreed to a 365-day home de-

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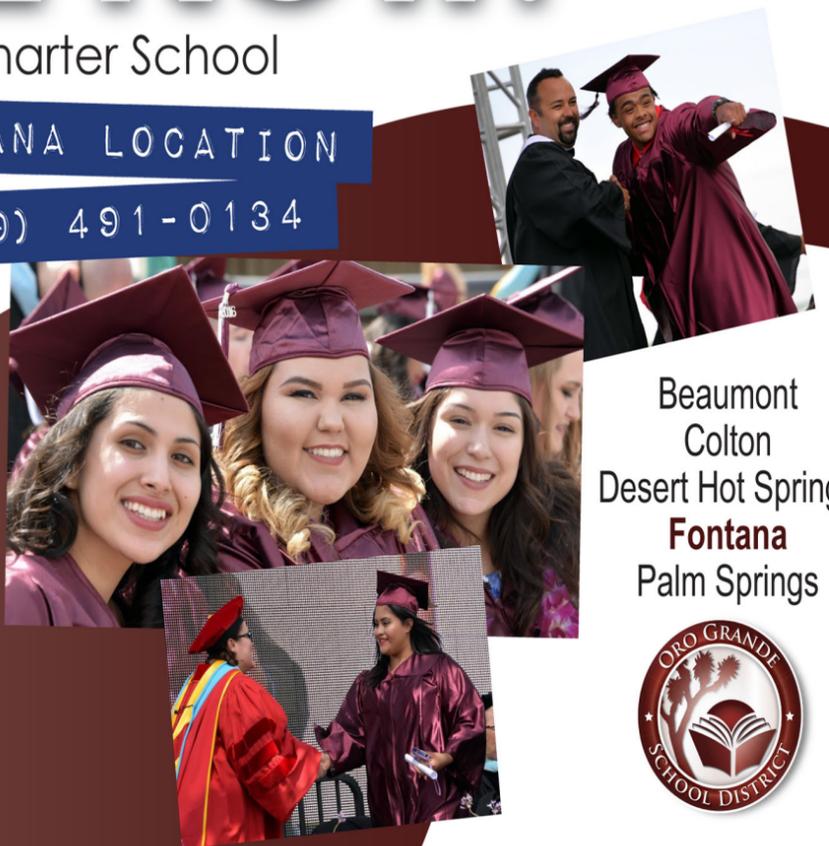
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Manis Chosen As Upland City Manager

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the meeting's opening ceremonials calling for "approval of a city manager employment agreement with Bill R. Manis."

Manis has been serving as city manager of Rosemead since April 2016, where his tenure has proven relatively uneventful.

In San Bernardino, Manis was hired as deputy city manager under then-city manager Alan Parker as that city was seeking to emerge from the Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection the city filed for and was granted in 2012, and he oversaw that city's economic development, community development, public works and housing departments. He was accessible in his role, which was a challenging one because of the financial strain the city was under. His closest encounter with controversy in San Bernardino came as a result of the city's move toward privatizing its sanitation division, which involved closing out its in-house refuse disposal service and holding a bidding competition among local trash haulers in order to award one of them the city trash handling franchise. A protocol for that competition was laid out, including a set of conditions which restricted the competitors from lobbying city officials and requiring that communications between the respective trash companies and city officials be limited to a circumscribed set of city officials, including Manis. The competition narrowed between Burrtec Waste Industries, Athens Services and Waste Management, Inc. When Burrtec flagrantly violated that protocol and treated city sanitation workers to free dinner within the foyer of San Bernardino City Hall on the nights of city council meetings and then encouraged those employees to speak before the council and demand that the city choose Burrtec

as its trash franchisee, no effort to penalize Burrtec was made. Athens, however, presented a proposal that offered the city a greater return and wider range of services under the franchise contract than did Waste Management or Burrtec, according to an independent evaluation of the franchise bids. Nevertheless, city staff, including Manis, complied with direction from elected city officials who had received substantial political contributions from Burrtec to make a recommendation in favor of Burrtec receiving the franchise. Based upon that recommendation, a divided city council voted to award the franchise to Burrtec.

Manis served as the City of Banning's economic development director and public information officer from 2011 to September 2014. He also served in the capacity of Banning's redevelopment director until 2012, when redevelopment agencies throughout the State of California were closed out by laws passed by the state legislature in 2011.

As the economic development director in the City of Cypress prior to his time in Banning, Manis was credited with assisting that city weather the economic downturn that began in 2007 with greater resiliency than its neighboring jurisdictions by employing a

strategy of supporting local businesses through the recession to help them keep their workforces employed and tax revenues flowing.

Previously, over a 30-year career, the 57-year-old Manis worked for the cities of Corona, Santa Ana, and Cerritos.

Manis boasts a bachelor of science degree in municipal and regional planning from Cal Poly Pomona and has certified downtown professional certificates from California State University San Bernardino and the California Downtown Association.

The salary listed in his Upland employment agreement is \$238,500 plus benefits valued at \$88,506, for a total annual compensation package of \$327,006.

Manis is to be considered an at-will employee, meaning that, according to his contract, he "serves at the pleasure of the city council. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent the city council from terminating this agreement and the services of the city manager at its sole discretion without cause." Manis can be terminated at any time upon the votes of three members of the five member council to do so, with the exception of "during or within a period of 90 days next succeeding the date when any member of the city council takes the oath required to commence any

term of office."

Under the contract, Manis is guaranteed a six month severance package, including his current rate of pay and benefits, if he is terminated.

Manis resides in Claremont with his wife, Judi, who is a vice president for AT&T.

At press time, Manis could not be located for comment.

In hiring Manis, the city stepped over deputy city manager Jeannette Vagnozzi, who was recruited in July 2015 to come to Upland from her position as assistant to the city manager of La Verne. Vagnozzi began with the City of Gracious Living in August 2015 in the three positions of city clerk, administrative services director and deputy city manager. Upon the departure of Butler in July 2016, it was widely believed that Vagnozzi had an inside shot at succeeding him. As the recruitment drive extended itself to beyond a year, outside prognosticators ventured pronouncements that Vagnozzi's ascendancy was not in the cards. They have now been shown to have been correct.

The city council has also extended, effective on the same January 1, 2018 date of Manis's hiring, a consultancy contract with Thouvenell for a full year. That contract will pay him \$108,000 annually, or \$9,000 per

month. According to a staff report dated December 11 but obviously completed prior to that given its inclusion in the support documentation for Monday night's council meeting agenda posted yesterday, city attorney James Markman stated, "The proposed management consulting agreement with Martin Thouvenell was drafted to allow Mr. Thouvenell to continue to provide assistance on significant projects currently in progress as well as general advisement. The scope of work includes recommendations to the city manager and city council from time to time, adoption of such measures related to organizational structure and development, economic development, development related issues, management coaching, and general advisement to [the] city manager/city council on all matters mutually agreed upon. The term of the agreement is for one year concluding in December 2018; however, there are provisions to terminate the agreement by either party with thirty days advance notice."

Extending the consultancy contract to Thouvenell brings three high ranking city administrators into the city's management echelon, some 20 years after the City of Upland dispensed with its deputy city manager by relieving Mike Mat-

lock of that position and title. The rationale at that time was that Upland was not a large enough city to warrant having a deputy city manager. In 2005, however, the city reversed course, permitting its then-newly hired city manager, Robb Quincey, who had left his city manager's post in Hesperia to come to Upland, to recruit his deputy city manager in Hesperia, Rod Foster, to come to Upland to serve as deputy manager and assist him. Indeed, for most of his tenure as deputy city manager in Upland until he left to become city manager of Colton, Foster essentially functioned as the de-facto city manager in guiding the city's day-to-day operations, as he was far more experienced in municipal affairs than Quincey, who despite having a master's degree and a doctorate in public administration, had spent more of his career in the private sector than in the public sector, with the city management position in Hesperia being his first assignment leading a municipality. After Foster's 2009 departure to Colton, Upland functioned without a deputy city manager until Vagnozzi's 2015 hiring.

It now appears that for all of 2018, Upland's managerial cabin will be inhabited by three personalities.

-Mark Gutglueck

Mob Reportedly Provided DA Ramos A Bag Of Cash

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tention sentence and her brother agreed to 180 days of home sentencing.

The outcome of the case against Erik Barajas and his sister served as the first open indication that Mike Ramos might be militating on behalf of the Mexican Mafia, with multiple public and media notations of the lenient treatment the pair had received.

As a result of the attempt on his life and the injuries he sustained, Epps, represented by attorney Frank Peterson, filed a civil suit against

Barajas-Nunez and Barajas. Epps and Peterson prevailed in that suit and a jury awarded Epps \$6.577 million in compensatory and punitive damages. Epps is still a target for Mexican Mafia executioners and has had to assume a new identity and relocate himself and his family to a secure location. Meanwhile, Barajas and Barajas-Nunez appealed the judgment against them, and next week, on December 11, Petersen is due to appear in appellate court in San Diego for oral arguments relating to that appeal.

In the course of litigating the matter, Peterson, a former sheriff's detective turned attorney, de-

veloped a wealth of information relating to the Mexican Mafia's penetration of San Bernardino County. Contained within that evidence file which Peterson intended to present at trial was the account of a witness who served as a courier between the Mexican Mafia and members of the San Manuel Indian Tribe in conjunction with payments and activity relating to the drug distribution network. That witness, known by the code name "Rico Doe," said that Mike Ramos was handed, during a designated rendezvous at the Pechanga Casino in Temecula, a package containing a substantial

amount of cash that originated from the Mexican Mafia's involvement in narcotics distribution activity. According to Rico Doe, the money was provided to Ramos as part of an arrangement to insulate members of the Mexican Mafia and San Manuel tribal members from prosecution. The witness hinted at other occasions when money was provided to the district attorney.

Ultimately, that information was not presented in court, as the judge hearing the case, Michael A. Smith, deemed it irrelevant to Epps' claims against the Barajas siblings. During the course of the trial, much

of the evidence and information presented in court was not publicly available because of a gag order that had been imposed on Epps and Peterson at the request of the defense during the proceedings. Since the trial has concluded, information accrued by Peterson in preparation to put on Epps' case which explores the degree to which the Mexican Mafia has wrapped its tentacles around public officials in San Bernardino County has surfaced.

In attempting to deflect early questions about why the Mexican Mafia had thrived within

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toward Adelanto officials that had prompted the fast tracking of the Industrial Integrity Solutions project along Air Expressway. When those perceptions were verbalized, however, city officials, in particular Mayor Rich Kerr and Wright, went out of their way to deny the obvious, claiming, rather improbably, that Industrial Integrity Solutions had been given no accommodation out of the ordinary and had to wait in line just like everyone else.

Indeed, an invisible alliance had formed between Kerr and Wright, the primary effect of which was they were able to corral councilman Charley Glasper's vote on virtually every issue of substance that came before the council. Kerr is a Marine Corps veteran, civil service employee and project manager for Motorola, whose first foray into politics consisted of his successful 2014 run for mayor. After coming into office, he perhaps sincerely embraced the ethos of marijuana liberalization as a financial panacea for the city, which had been driven to the brink of bankruptcy earlier in the decade and had declared that it was in a state of financial emergency in June 2013, a move preparatory toward seeking Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection. Kerr had the advantage of being a former Marine, which lent him the

trappings of patriotism and conservatism that would allow him to talk seriously about accepting the social wave that brought with it allowing adults to make a choice about what types of intoxicants they wish to use without subjecting himself to being derided as a left-leaning liberal. Wright, who once claimed that he was a pastor and with his wife, Amber, had welcomed upwards of 50 foster children into his home over the span of a decade, had the bona fides of a caring social conservative, as well. During the first two years of his tenure as a city council member, he had stated publicly that he was opposed to allowing marijuana businesses of any type to set up in Adelanto. Thus, when Wright relented in 2015 to first consider and then actually vote to approve allowing the herb to be grown in the city but not be sold to end users within the city limits, he appeared to put the imprimatur of legitimacy on the shift. In this way, Kerr had come to rely, in part, on Wright for both political support in pushing forward with the city's plan to generate tax revenue through permitting marijuana marketing in the city, as well as in justifying the policy to marijuana access opponents. The political reality was that the troika of Kerr, Wright and Woodard formed a majority on the council that was adequate to bring about a sea change in Adelanto by which marijuana could become the anchor of the city's economy. The addition of Glasper's vote made

the move rock solid. Riding that political crest, Kerr dared to think in big concepts, at one point proposing that Adelanto host a university dedicated to scholarship, research and experimentation with regard to cannabis.

Nevertheless, Wright was playing a deep game, one far deeper than Kerr, who appears to take many things at face value, seems to have understood.

Kerr had thrown his lot in with Flores even prior to the time he was elected. Flores had been a political associate of Bill Postmus, who in the first decade of the current millennium had risen to tremendous heights as the chairman of both the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Republican Party. With some of Postmus' feel for the political pulse of the High Desert's electorate having rubbed off on him, Flores could lay claim, either dubiously or actually, to a degree of political sophistication. Flores in 2014 backed Kerr in his run for mayor and in time, Kerr moved to return the favor, securing Flores the position of contract economic development director with the city. Hitching Adelanto's wagon to the cannabis star had put Flores into the catbird seat with regard to profiteering as a contact point with would-be marijuana entrepreneurs.

Wright, it is now known, coveted the position that Flores had come to occupy: the city's official ambassador to the business community,

who was given the assignment of attracting investors, entrepreneurs, small and medium sized businesses and corporations alike to Adelanto to have them set up shop there, while simultaneously being permitted under the terms of his contract to go to work for those he was assigned to invite into the city. The city had practically given Flores a license to steal, or at least to engage in a conflict or merging of interests by which he stood to reap tremendous profit. Wright, however, wanted to fulfill that role, albeit in far less open way, indeed in one that was unequivocally illegal. He wanted to be able to approach those interested in setting up cannabis operations in town, tell them he was positioned to smooth the way for their applications and that he was inclined to approve their project proposals with the power of his vote on the council, all for a little fee on the side, of course. It was thus propitious for Wright to get Flores out of the way.

In late 2016 and into the early months of 2017, Wright went to work on driving Flores out of his position. Through a series of moves, including coordinating with public interest groups, attorneys and the press, Wright arranged for a public information blitz highlighting Flores' past depredations, indiscretions and questionable actions, dealings and associations, while planting seeds of doubt about the ethical and legal implications, to say nothing of the effectiveness, of allowing Flores to remain in the position of economic development director.

Wright's ploy worked, for a time. In late January, Flores was suspended from his post. Within a month, however, through backroom maneuvering, Kerr, who appeared to be unaware of Wright's perfidy toward Flores, managed to have Flores reinstated.

By that point, Adelanto had become the focus of federal investigators, including those with the

FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Coming from a context in which marijuana was yet cataloged as a Schedule One controlled substance, federal agents had some adjusting to do, even though California had essentially decriminalized the simple possession of small amounts of the drug years before and the substance's legalization in a limited set of other states, such as Washington, Colorado, Oregon and Alaska had provided an existing model for the acceptance of its recreational use. Moreover, on the same day that California voters voted to legalize recreational use of marijuana, so did the states of Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada. Thus, circumstances were changing and the legal commercialism of marijuana was somewhat akin to the growth of broadband internet in the early 2000s. Nevertheless, federal agents were not prepared for the sheer intensity of the frenzy in Adelanto, where the rational and regulated approach utilized elsewhere had given way to a stampede of profit seekers who had, given the far more conservative approach of most other jurisdictions, been literally shoehorned into a single city, where land, at least initially, was so cheap and start-up money was being liberally spent. As the city moved forward on zoning property, land prices within the zones designated to allow marijuana cultivation or end sales of the plant escalated astronomically. The price of property falling outside the zones remained stable, or relatively so. This led to the spectacle of speculators gobbling up the cheap land lying just outside the city's original cannabis-related use zones, followed by an intensive lobbying campaign targeting members of the city council and planning commission to enlarge the marijuana growth and sales zones to include the recently purchased properties.

In a significant number of cases, such as that involving the Jet Room and the property picked up by Industrial Integrity Solutions along Air Expressway, those zone changes were granted.

The Adelanto marijuana commercialization orgy took its toll on Adelanto government.

Jim Hart had been Adelanto city manager since 2004. During that time he had survived dauntingly rough economic times for the impoverished city, where 50 percent of the population is Latino and 30 percent African-American, 39 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and where, according to a 2012 survey, 19 percent of the adult population lacked basic English language skills. Having overcome the lingering 2007 to 2013 economic downturn/recession and the ignominy of having the city declare a state of fiscal emergency in 2013, Hart was, despite his demonstrable survival skills, forced to depart in February 2015. In the November 2014 election, voters had made a clean sweep of then-incumbents mayor Cari Thomas and councilmen Steve Baisden and Charles Valvo, in their place electing Charley Glasper and John Woodard to the council and installing Rich Kerr as mayor. Despite Glasper's initial opposition to a radical makeover of Adelanto into a haven for potheads, Kerr and Wo-

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s/Nadine N. Elhaj
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable
County Clerk, s/RS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170011777

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Jim's Delivery, 43601 State Hwy 74 Space72, Hemet, CA 92544, James E Pennington, 43601 State Hwy 74 Space 72, Hemet, CA 92544

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/James E. Pennington
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable
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FBN 20170011738

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: BARCNAS TRANSPORT 535 W RALSTON ST ONTARIO CA 91762 FERNANDO BARCNAS CARRANZA 535 W RALSTON ST ONTARIO CA 91762 Mailing address: 535 W RALSTON ST ONTARIO CA Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

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11/17/2017, 11/24/2017, 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Dolores Maxwell Case NO. PROPS 1701167

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Dolores Maxwell

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Arthur J Maxwell Jr in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Arthur J Maxwell Jr be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 Dept. No. S37 at 8:30 a.m. on December 20, 2017 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, 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: MATTHEW C YU ESQ SBN 256235

LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW C YU 3620 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 200 TORRANCE CA 90505 CN943782 KUO Nov 24, Dec 1,8, 2017

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1722853

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: Andrew Daniel Martinez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Andrew Daniel Martinez

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VICTOR SHUNG-MING KUO

Case No. PROPS1701127
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VICTOR SHUNG-MING KUO

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Danny Kuo in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Danny Kuo 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 on Dec. 28, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. S37 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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 contin-gent 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.

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Attorney for petitioner: MATTHEW C YU ESQ SBN 256235

LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW C YU 3620 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 200 TORRANCE CA 90505 CN943782 KUO Nov 24, Dec 1,8, 2017

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1723233

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: IRENE LORI GOMEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: IRENE LORI GOMEZ to:

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1723233

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: IRENE LORI GOMEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: IRENE LORI GOMEZ to:

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to: Andrew Daniel Agredano
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: 1/5/2018 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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.

Dated: Nov. 20, 2017
Michael A. Sachs
Judge of the Superior Court.
Published in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL On 11/24/2017, 12/01/2017, 12/08/2017 & 12/15/2017.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1722865

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: Bertha Lorena Quiroga filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bertha Lorena Quiroga to: Lori Quiroga

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: 12/29/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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.

Dated: Nov. 20, 2017
Michael A. Sachs
Judge of the Superior Court.
Published in The SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL On 11/24/2017, 12/01/2017, 12/08/2017, 12/15/2017

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1723233

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: IRENE LORI GOMEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: IRENE LORI GOMEZ to:

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IRENE LORI ROBINSON
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: 01/03/2018 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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.

Dated: November 20, 2017
Michael A. Sachs
Judge of the Superior Court.
Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 11/24/2017, 12/01/2017, 12/08/2017, 12/15/2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170012029

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ehkizid Boutique, 12791 Banyon Tree Ln, Victorville, CA 92392, Jonise N Hunter, 12791 Banyon Tree Ln, Victorville, CA 92392

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Jonise N Hunter
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable
County Clerk, s/GA

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11/24/2017, 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017, 12/15/2017

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NOTICE TO CROSS-DEFENDANT (AVISO AL CONTRADEMANDANTE): KAREN WALTERS POOLE; MOONAZZA NAQVI, dba THE LAW OFFICES OF MOONAZZA NAQVI and DOES 1 THRU 100. CIVDS1617843

You are being sued by cross-complainant (Lo esta demandando el contrademandante): AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION.

Notice! You have been countersued. Read the information below. Lo han contrademandado. Lea la información a continuación

Short Name of Case: WALTERS V. POOLE, et al
Case number: CIVDS1608094

Filed Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District 02/01/2017 by Clerk (Sec-

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retario) SANDRA ORTEGA, Deputy (Adjunto)

NOTICE!
You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the cross-complainant. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE:
The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO!
Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al contrademandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta.

Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos extintos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de

Notice of Hearing: Date: 1/29/2018 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino
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.
Dated: Nov. 29, 2017
Michael A. Sachs
Judge of the Superior Court.
Published in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL on 12/01/2017 12/08/2017, 12/15/2017 & 12/22/2017.

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\$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is San Bernardino Superior Court 247 West Third Street San Bernardino, California 92415 Civil Division

The name, address, and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, are: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): DARLENE P. HERNANDEZ, ESQ. BN: 203050, 949 SO COAST DRIVE, #475, COSTA MESA, CA 92626 TELEPHONE: (877) 257-0717

Date (Fecha): FEBRUARY 01, 2017

Clerk, by (Secretario,) SANDRA ORTEGA, Deputy (Adjunto)

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel December 1, 8, 15 & 23, 2017

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1723311

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner: JOSHUA JOHN ZEDALIS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JOSHUA JOHN ZEDALIS to: JOHN ZEIGLER

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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170012343

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: EJMA Planning + Development Services, 11755 Malaga Dr #1196, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Ebony J McGee, 11755 Malaga Dr #1196, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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/Ebony J. McGee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/3/2017

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Began Transacting Business:



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 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017,
 12/15/2017, 12/22/2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170012346

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Colton Beauty Salon, 301 N 7th St, Colton, CA 92324, 301 N 7th St, Colton, CA 92324, Maria G Bobadilla, 1015 W Valley Blvd Spc 24, Colton, CA 92324
 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/Maria G. Bobadilla

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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

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 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017,
 12/15/2017, 12/22/2017

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1723026

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Brenda Castro filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Jacon Donnovan Polanco to: Jacob Donnovan Blanco

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: 1/2/2018
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in 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.

Dated: Nov. 21, 2017
 Michael A. Sachs
 Judge of the Superior Court.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

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Guadalupe King AKA Lupe King, Guadalupe Aguirre
 CASE NO. PROPS1700557
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Guadalupe King AKA Lupe King, Guadalupe Aguirre

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Lourdes M King in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Lourdes M King 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: January 08, 2018 at 8:30 am in Dept. S37. 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 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 section 58(b) 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.

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:
 Lourdes M King
 5501 W Davit Ave,
 Santa Ana, CA 92704
 Telephone No: (714) 749-0662

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 12/22/2017

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Winston Tuck Loomis
 CASE NO. PROPS1701137
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or

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estate, or both of Winston Tuck Loomis

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William M. Loomis in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William M. Loomis 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: December 28, 2017 at 8:30 am in Dept. S37. 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 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 section 58(b) 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.

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:
 Soloman A. Cheifer, Esq.
 Law Office of Soloman A. Cheifer
 1101 California Ave., Ste. 200,
 Corona, CA 92881
 Telephone No: (951) 268-2876

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FBN 20170012457
 The following person is doing business as: PRIMER HEALTHCARE LLC 164 W. HOSPITALITY LN. STE 100 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408; 1161 MORNINGSTAR PL LOMA LINDA, CA 92354; PRIMER HEALTHCARE LLC 164 W. HOSPITALITY LN STE 100 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who de-

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clares 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/ PRIMER HEALTHCARE LLC
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 11/07/2017

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FBN 20170012447

The following person is doing business as: STERLING CLEANERS 2369 STERLING AVE. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; CHUGA KOREAN BBQ HOUSE CO. CORP. 2369 STERLING AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/01/2001

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s/ CHU-GA KOREAN BBQ HOUSE CO. CORP.

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FBN 20170012470

The following person is doing business as: CHRISTLIKE MINI-ISTRIES 1956 N E ST. SAN BERNARDINO CA 92405; AMANUEL BROOKS 64 DEERCREEK RD POMONA CA 91766

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/01/1998

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s/ AMANUEL BROOKS
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FBN 20170012426

The following person is doing business as: NICO SUPREME TEAM 1 310 N INDIAN HILL CLAREMONT CA 91711; SEAN MAXWELL 310 N INDIAN HILL CLAREMONT CA 91711

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ SEAN MAXWELL
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FBN 20170012375

The following person is doing business as: SOCIAL MOBILE NOTARIES 3038 CANYON VISTA DR. COLTON CA 92324; HERMINIA GILBON 3038 CANYON VISTA DR. COLTON CA 92324

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/ HERMINIA GILBON

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FBN 20170012382

The following person is doing business as: JUST WASH IT 1411 N. JOYCE AVE RIALTO CA 92376; RICARDO M FRAGOSO 1411 N JOYCE AVE RIALTO CA 92376

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ RICARDO M FRAGOSO
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FBN 20170012391

The following person is doing business as: SAMAJA WAX STUDIOS 9000 E FOOTHILL BLVD #106 RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730; CREONIQUE, INC 9000 E FOOTHILL BLVD #106 RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

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

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s/ JACKLYN T DABABNEH
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 10/31/2017

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FBN 20170012235

The following person is doing business as: ALL SEASONS WINDOW CLEANING 11 TENNESSEE STREET #150 REDLANDS, CA 92373; HAROLD S HILTON 11 TENNESSEE STREET #150 REDLANDS, CA 92373

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2017

By signing, I declare that all

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The following person is doing business as: DOUBLE C TRANSPORT 1216 N. EUCLID AVE APT R ONTARIO CA 91762; JORGE L MARROQUIN LEMUS 1216 N. EUCLID AVE APT R ONTARIO CA 91762

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/ JORGE L MARROQUIN LEMUS

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FBN 20170011658

The following person is doing business as: ROBLES & SONS TRANSPORT 1316 S MEADOW LANE APT 161 COLTON, CA 92324; OMAR VAZQUEZ 1316 S MEADOW LANE APT 161 COLTON, CA 92324

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/ OMAR VAZQUEZ

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 10/18/2017

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The following person is doing business as: VYCE 8687 HELLMAN AVE SUITE B RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91737; JACKLYN T DABABNEH 8687 HELLMAN AVE SUITE B RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91737

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/ JACKLYN T DABABNEH

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The following person is doing business as: BRITE-WHITE 13761 DARKWOOD WAY RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91739; PATRICK M SHANNON 13761 DARKWOOD WAY 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/ HAROLD S HILTON

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s/ SALVADOR MEDINA
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The following person is doing business as: N & M PRIVATE SECURITY 222 E HIGHLAND AVE. SUITE 2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; NOEMI ISORDIA 222 E HIGHLAND AVE. SUITE 2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; MOISES ISORDIA 222 E HIGHLAND AVE. SUITE 2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404

This business is conducted by : A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

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

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s/ NOEMI ISORDIA; MOISES ISORDIA

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FBN 20170012860

The following per-

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son is doing business as: ANGEL'S CARGO INTERNATIONAL 2215 S. MOUNTAIN AVE. ONTARIO, CA 91762; MARIO E. ANGEL 2215 S. MOUNTAIN AVE. ONTARIO, CA 91762; MARIO A. ANGEL 2215 S. MOUNTAIN AVE. ONTARIO, CA 91762; LUIS M CALLE 2215 S. MOUNTAIN AVE. ONTARIO, CA 91762

This business is conducted by : A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/20/2017

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s/ MARIO E. ANGEL; MARIO A. ANGEL; LUIS M CALLE

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The following person is doing business as: ENJOY NAILS & SPA 12385 CENTRAL AVE #B CHINO, CA 91710; SANG CUN LY 8357 WHITMORE ST ROSEMead, CA 91770

This business is conducted by an: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ SANG CUN LY

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The following person is doing business as: PGC MECHANICAL 28831 TERRACE DR. HIGHLAND, CA 92346; PECK GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC. 28831 TERRACE DR HIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

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

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s/ PECK GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC.

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The following person is doing business as: PECK GENERAL CONSTRUCTION 28831 TERRACE DR HIGHLAND, CA 92346; PECK GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC. 28831 TERRACE DR. HIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by : A CORPORATION

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

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s/ PECK GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC.

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The following person is doing business as: WILKORP HAULING 2150 CORDILLERA AVE COLTON, CA 92324; YUSUF J WILSON 2150 CORDILLEA AVE COLTON, CA 92324

This business is conducted by : AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/30/2017

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s/ YUSUF J WILSON

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The following person is doing business as: UPPER CUTS BARBER SHOP 738 S. WATERMAN AVE SUITE A-6 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408; PAULA BERMUDEZ 738 S. WATERMAN AVE SUITE A-6 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408

This business is conducted by an: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ PAULA BERMUDEZ
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The following person is doing business as: NOBLE RESTORATION 27115 FISHER ST HIGHLAND, CA 92346; ROBERT M. NOBLE 27115 FISHER ST HIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by an: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ ROBERT M. NOBLE

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The following person is doing business as: INLAND BODY AND PAINT CENTER 15445 VALENCIA AVE. FONTANA, CA 92335; FRANK A. MONTES 15445 VALENCIA AVE. FONTANA, CA 92335

This business is conducted by : AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ FRANK A. MONTES
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FBN 20170012862

The following person is doing business as: MP INSURANCE AGENCY 225 W HOSPITALITY LN, STE 210 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408; MARCUS E. PAREDES 824 BEACON IRVINE, CA 92618

This business is conducted by : AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ MARCUS E. PAREDES

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The following person is doing business as: ADRIAN THE TIRE GUY 721 E 9TH ST. SPC 23 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410; JESUS A ERIVES 721 E. 9TH ST. SPC 23 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410

This business is conducted by an: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ JESUS A ERIVES

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The following person is doing business as: FLY N HIGH MOBILE APPS 13675 CRAWFORD CT. FONTANA, CA 92336; MARTHA CEBALLOS 13657 CRAWFORD CT FONTANA, CA 92336

This business is conducted by an: AN INDIVIDUAL

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s/ MARTHA CEBALLOS

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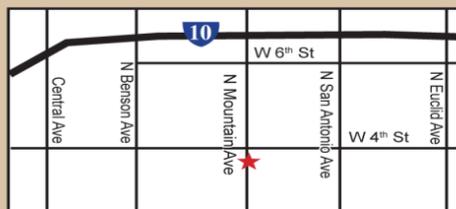
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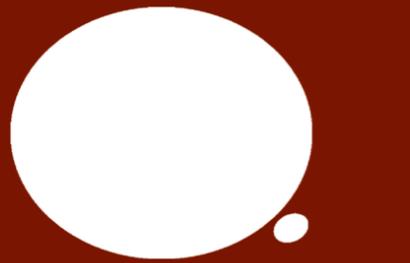
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s/ YESENIA RAMON
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The following person is doing business as: GET FITNESS CLOTHING 1930 W COLLEGE AVE 133 SAN BERNARDINO CA 92407; P.O. BOX 90904 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92427; JOHN ESCOBAR MARTINEZ; ELIZABETH DOMINGUEZ 1930 W COLLEGE AVE #133 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407

This business is conducted by an: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.
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s/ JOHN ESCOBAR MARTINEZ & ELIZABETH DOMINGUEZ
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FBN 20170009187
The following person is doing business as: LAFTER 372 MAGNOLIA AVE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92405; CANDYCE S JACKSON 25635 PALO CEDRO DR MORENO VALLEY CA 92551

This business is conducted by an: 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/ CANDYCE S JACKSON
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FBN 20170009199
The following person is doing business as: POINT TO POINT SECURITY PROTECTION 1840 E GRANADA CT ONTARIO CA 91764; P.O. BOX 2132 UPLAND CA 91785; GENE F KIMBALL II 1840 E. GRANADA CT ONTARIO CA 91764

This business is conducted by an: INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ GENE F KIMBALL II
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FBN 20170009168
The following person is doing business as: ADAMS ELECTRICAL COMPANY 36193 PANORAMA DR YUCAIPA CA 92399; TAYLOR C ADAMS 36193 PANORAMA DR YUCAIPA CA 92399

This business is conducted by an: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ TAYLOR C ADAMS
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FBN 20170009160
The following person is doing business as: THE PAINTBOX NAILS AND SPA 9339 E FOOTHILL BLVD SUITE H RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730; JENNIFER NGUYEN; PHU MA 9339 E. FOOTHILL BLVD., SUITE H RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730

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s/ JENNIFER NGUYEN & PHU MA

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The following person is doing business as: LIFETREE HOMECARE SOLUTIONS 7717 HOLLAND PARK ST CHINO, CA 91708; LIFE TREE CARE LLC 7717 HOLLAND PARK ST CHINO, CA 91708

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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The following person is doing business as: GOOD HEART HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE 10970 ARROW ROUTE UNIT 207 RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730; CARE GIVERS HOSPICE, INC 10970 ARROW ROUTE UNIT 207 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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source. The footprint of the skate park is larger than the plunge. Even those people involved with Friends of the Skatepark have allegedly confirmed that the skatepark plan will directly impact and/or destroy the historic lawn bowling club site. The USDA soil sample site collection map is at the historic lawn bowling club, once again confirming the site is the historic lawn bowling site. The city staff misinformation gives the appearance of intent to deceive the public, taxpayers, donors, elected and appointed officials, commissions, committees, other staff members and to circumvent California Environmental

Quality Act laws. The repeated misrepresentation of the proposed skatepark site's surrounding historical structure, environment, and location appears deceptive information, which is allegedly done to 'push through' and acquire funding without the following due process. The lack of due diligence and misrepresentation of the skate park project deceives taxpayers, donors, the public, the historical community, officials and has the potential to destroy Redlands' historical resources and environment including but not limited to Sylvan Park, The Redlands Lawn Bowling Club, historic accessory buildings, the historical zanja rock structures, possible Native American sites, as well as the natural environment at Sylvan Park, which are under threat from this project and will be directly and indirectly impacted by a 15,000-23,000 square

foot built skatepark located at Redlands Sylvan Park. The historic lawn bowling club and extended greens are impacted and destroyed by skatepark plans." Sylvan Park is located at 601 North University Street, south of East Colton Avenue and not too distant from Redlands University. The Historic Redlands Lawn Bowling Club and extended greens received a City of Redlands historic and scenic designation on September 3, 2015 and those grounds were given a state historic resource designation in 2015, as well. According to the letter circulating around the community, "The former quality of life director arbitrarily altered lawn bowling green fencing impacting the lawn bowling greens necessary for sanctioned tournaments. This area is included in recognized historic designations. These lawns are

important and not to be destroyed." On June 21, 2016, the Redlands City Council approved a "conceptual plan" for a skatepark to be located at Sylvan Park, exempting the project from the rigors of the California Environmental Quality Act by citing 15061 (b)(3). There is nothing to indicate, however, that the notice of exemption was filed with the county clerk. "This exemption is inappropriate and based on misinformation by intent and lack of due diligence to recognize the historic and environmental impact of the cited skatepark conceptual plan to be located at Sylvan Park," the letter states. "The [cultural resources assessment done by] ESA is flawed. The June 2016 minutes do not appear to support the California Environmental Quality Act review claim when the city voted to exempt the proj-

ect from the California Environmental Quality Act. It would be impossible for even a conceptual plan of locating the skatepark '23,000 square feet' site not to impact the surrounding historic and natural environment at Sylvan Park. The skatepark plan includes tree removal." In addressing the issues raised in the letter, Baker stated "An initial study was prepared for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. As part of the initial study, a cultural resources assessment was prepared by a qualified consultant. The report found that the proposed skatepark will have no impact on either the historic Mill Creek Zanja or the Redlands lawn bowling facility; both resources are located far enough away from the project site as to not be impacted by the proposed skatepark. The project will also not

require removal of any significant trees." Furthermore, Baker said, "As the project only requires excavations 3.5 feet deep, there are very limited potential impacts to native soil. Nevertheless, the initial study requires that a qualified archeologist be on-site during all grading activities and if any archeological resources are encountered that they can be dealt with appropriately." Baker told the *Sentinel*, "The initial study was scheduled to be reviewed at a meeting this morning [December 5] of the city's environmental review committee. However, due to illnesses, several members of the committee were absent, including the project planner. Therefore, the item was continued to a meeting at 9 a.m. on December 18."

-Mark Gutglueck

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odard had no such hesitation. Linked up with Wright, who at that point was publicly advocating against establishing Adelanto as the grass smokers' capital of California but was militating to do just that behind closed doors, the newly formed ruling coalition on the council considered Hart too staid and conservative to last in the city manager's role.

On the night in February 2015 the city council officially ended the Hart Era at City Hall and appointed city engineer and public works director Thomas Thornton as interim city manager to replace him, the council broached the subject of marijuana availability in the city, with its members avoiding becoming outright advocates for the change by suggesting that Adelanto's residents should have the "right" to vote on a measure that would allow cannabis dispensaries to operate in the city. By the end of June, however, Thornton had run his course, overwhelmed by the council majority's steamroll toward cannabis liberalization.

The council then elevated Cindy Herrera, at that time Adelanto's city clerk who had previously served as executive assistant to then-city man-

ager Pat Chamberlaine beginning in the 1980s, to serve as interim city manager. In March 2016, the council dropped the "interim" designation from her title, making her the city's full-fledged city manager. But the sledding proved rough for Herrera, who found herself in charge of a city buffeted on all sides by would-be cannabis billionaires made myopic by the dollar signs in their eyes. When one particularly persistent drug dealer who had been illicitly selling the drug to street users for years saw in Adelanto his opportunity to legitimize his operation, he resolved to go through the application process and achieve proper permitting and licensing. As his project submittal wended its way through that process, the applicant found himself and his planned enterprise tripped up by certain technical and procedural requirements. When he lodged a complaint with city council members and the mayor, the *Sentinel* is told, Kerr told him that the problem resided with staff at City Hall, laying blame for the bureaucratic foot dragging with Herrera and those she supervised. At one point, according to sources, the drug dealer came into City Hall, where he threatened Herrera. Efforts by the *Sentinel* to reach Herrera and have her verify that account were unsuccessful.

Herrera had misgiv-

ings, as well, with the role Flores was playing in the marijuanification of Adelanto. When she moved, in the face of multiple complaints, to suspend Flores, she found herself on the wrong side of Kerr. Despite Wright's desire to see Flores sacked, his militating against him had been carried out surreptitiously, and he went along with all of his council colleagues when Kerr pressed for Flores to be reinstated. At that point, Herrera was on the verge of being force out entirely, when she chose to voluntarily step back into the position of city clerk, from which position she will be able to remain in place and retire, as anticipated in another five years after a 35-year career with the city.

The council filled the city manager gap temporarily with Mike Milhiser, a journeyman city manager who had led the cities of Montclair, Ontario and Upland for nearly three decades in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. Not fully appreciative of what he was walking into when he took the assignment, Milhiser shortly after arrival became acutely conscious that what was going on around him might prove to be the events by which the entirety of his professional career would be defined for posterity. He found himself having to negotiate a tortuous path which was beset on one side by elements of the can-

nabis industry willing to purchase politicians to gain a place at the feast table and politicians demanding that he make accommodations for business interests with dubitable motivations and intentions. Milhiser rode along with Kerr's program for six months, though it appears that by June, Milhiser was aware that the FBI and DEA were sniffing about town.

In August, the city concluded its search for a full-on city manager, and the interim Milhiser was replaced by Gabriel Elliott, who became the city's fifth city manager, or acting city manager, in 30 months. Four months later, Elliott is now having second, third and fourth thoughts about what he has taken on, as a majority of the city council without Wright consisting of Kerr, Wodard and Glasper, even in the aftermath of what happened to Wright at the hands of federal authorities, wants the city to be far less tentative in accommodating the demands of the entrepreneurs seeking to establish operations in the city.

Similarly, the city has burned through attorneys at an alarming rate since the city council has been gripped by marijuana-based enrichment fever. In November 2015, city attorney Todd Litfin abruptly resigned, unwilling to do the council's bidding with regard to drafting and putting into place ordinances,

zoning codes and plans to legalize massive scale marijuana cultivation. Julia Sylva was brought in on the fly to put together the cannabis cultivation permitting ordinance that had prompted Litfin's exodus. Five months later, after Adelanto had processed a prodigious number of applications and approved permits on no fewer than 25 cannabis growing operations, Sylva in April 2016 resigned as city attorney, like Litfin, concerned that her association with wide-open Adelanto might harm her legal career. Bound by professional protocol that mandates she maintain strict confidentiality with regard to her client, she offered no public comment. She was replaced as city attorney by Curtis Wright, of the law firm Silver & Wright LLP. Wright, who is no relation to Jermaine Wright, saw the city through its transition from a jurisdiction that would allow cannabis-related businesses limited only to agricultural operations to one that embraced all level of marijuana-related commercial enterprises, including the medical marijuana dispensaries and the coming advent of recreational marijuana emporiums. But Curtis Wright would, like Litfin and Sylva before him, come to the realization that going whole hog on behalf of his political masters in Adelanto would very likely lead him to territory that

would prove treacherous for him professionally and perhaps even legally on a personal level. Wright left after fourteen months in July 2017, prompted by the knowledge that the FBI and DEA had drawn a bead on his bosses. Like Sylva before him, he was not at liberty to publicly disclose all that he had witnessed. Wright was replaced with Ruben Duran, Adelanto's fourth city attorney in 22 months.

Under the FBI's microscope were a handful of so-called charities set up by pillars of the community. Some of those non-profits had the patina of legitimacy, such as the Adelanto Nonprofit Corporation, which was set up by the city, and was used to gather funds for public events, like the city parade and civic celebrations. There were others, including one run by mayor Kerr's wife which has not yet been granted 501 C3 status, all of which purported to use the money for worthy purposes. Providing donations to those charities became a way of generating goodwill. Indeed, the charities provided open cover for "donors" to hand out envelopes stuffed with cash to charity representatives in public settings, including at Adelanto City Council meetings. Would-be marijuana entrepreneurs, including Jerry Davis, the president of CSPA Group, a

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his jurisdiction under his watch and had been permitted to retreat to a safe haven on the San Manuel Indian Reservation from which it was operating with seeming impunity and immunity, Mike Ramos and his spokespeople engaged in something of a faux pas by claiming that the district attorney's office did not have investigative or prosecutorial authority on the reservation, which, under federal law, is deemed sovereign Indian land beyond the reach of state or local authorities. That assertion rang hollow, however, since the tribe waived that status in June 2010 by entering into an arrangement with the county approved by the board of supervisors under which the tribe agreed to pay the district attorney's office

\$1,048,909 to prosecute criminal cases originating on the reservation and at the San Manuel Casino located on reservation grounds and operated by the tribe over the three years ending June 30, 2013. In 2013, the tribe and the county extended that contract for three years, with the tribe agreeing to pay the county \$1,111,403 for the three years of prosecutorial service ending on June 30, 2016. In 2016, the tribe and the county again extended the arrangement, with the tribe providing the county \$1,208,003 for continued prosecutorial and investigative services from July 1, 2016 through to June 30, 2019.

This year, 2017, there were two tacit but unmistakable indications that elements within the California law enforcement establishment have grown to recognize that the Mexican Mafia considers San Bernardino County a safe haven

from which it can operate and that it may be unwise to involve the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office in operations against the Mexican Mafia or entrust it with advance information pertaining to such operations to be carried out by other agencies.

On January 12, 2017, the Fontana Police Department, the California Attorney General's Bureau of Investigation, and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort involving more than 300 law enforcement officers, executed "Operation Bad Blood," which had been in the planning stages for weeks and targeted two gangs in Fontana, the South Fontana Gang and the Mexican Mafia. In the days in advance of the massive set of raids, 32 suspected gang members had been quietly taken into custody. On January 12, another 35 people were arrested and several caches

of firearms, ammunition, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and prescription medications were seized.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office was not involved in the preparation of the search and arrest warrants prepared for Operation Bad Blood. Nor was Mike Ramos or his office informed ahead of time that the action was to take place.

Last month, on November 9, a multi-agency task force led by the California Attorney General's Office and its special operations unit carried out a series of raids targeting the Mexican Mafia and its related drug cartel, arresting 47 people, 44 of whom were in Southern California and two of whom were in San Bernardino County, as well as three others in Colorado and Missouri. In the course of those raids, 12 pounds of methamphetamine, three pounds of heroin, 120

pounds of marijuana and 60 pounds of cocaine were seized, along with a substantial number of firearms.

The arrest warrants around which these operations revolved were prepared by the California Attorney General's Office, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and the Orange County District Attorney's Office. San Bernardino County agencies were conspicuous by their absence in these operations, and it does not appear that the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office was given a heads up with regard to them before they were underway.

Multiple efforts by the *Sentinel* to engage Mike Ramos in a dialogue with regard to his office's prosecutorial history relating to the Mexican Mafia, the proliferation of Mexican Mafia activity in San Bernardino County and

his personal relationship to Salvador Hernandez, including the report of his having received money from a Mexican Mafia courier, were unsuccessful. He did not return phone calls, nor did he agree to an in-person interview when the *Sentinel* came to his office on December 7. Likewise, the district attorney's office's official spokesman, Christopher Lee, did not respond to emails with a set of questions relating to the district attorney's office's history with, stance toward and prosecutorial track record with regard to the Mexican Mafia, and Mike Ramos's personal relationship to that organization's principals.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra declined to discuss information his office has gathered relating to Ramos's connections to the Mexican Mafia.



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specialized marijuana-based product manufacturing concern, as well as the head of the Adelanto Growers Association, was in particular heavily involved in making donations to these charity organizations. Nevertheless, charities in Adelanto have historically proven to be particularly vulnerable to exploitation or as means of delivering money on the sly to politicians or public officials. In the 1990s, then-police chief Phil Genaway was taking money out of the police department canine fund, a charity set up so the police department could be outfitted with police dogs. He was arrested, charged and convicted of pilfering that money, which was alleged to have been laundered bribes. In 2007, then-city councilman Jim Nehmans was arrested, charged and then indicted for having made

off with over \$20,000 in funds and donations to the Adelanto Little League. He and his wife were convicted of embezzlement in 2008. At issue in the FBI probe is what representations the charities in question made about what was to be done with the money they received, what in fact the money was utilized for, the integrity of the accounting by these charities, penultimately the connection these charities had to Adelanto's decision makers, i.e., the city council, and whether a cogent case can be made that those decision makers received any of that money and voted to advance the fortunes of any of the donors.

When Jermaine Wright was arrested, he was charged with attempting to hire what turned out to be a second undercover FBI agent to torch his business, Fat Boyz Grill. The U.S. Attorney's Office alleges that Wright was hoping to collect some \$300,000 in insurance as a consequence of the loss of that building.

Wright had created Fat Boyz Grill at the old Astro Burger at 11619 Rancho Road, an eatery specializing in hamburgers, barbecue, soul food and seafood in partnership with restaurateur Jack Hall, the proprietor of Fat Jack's in Apple Valley, as a silent partner. Wright had been assisted by Guillermo Bermudez, a real estate agent and broker with Cal Capital Realty in Adelanto, in putting the Fat Boyz Grill deal together.

"I helped him secure the lease," Bermudez told the *Sentinel*. Asked about his dealings with Wright and his take on the councilman's arrest, Bermudez said, "I read about it in the newspapers, but as for the rest, I have no clue."

Asked about the impact of marijuana legalization on the real estate market in Adelanto, Bermudez said, "Prices are coming up in real estate." Despite his involvement in securing financing for Fat Boyz Grill, Bermudez said, "I don't deal with industrial or commercial. What I

deal with is residential. I don't manage properties. I help buyers and sellers buy and sell properties."

When the *Sentinel* sought to delve deeper into Bermudez's relationship and dealings with Wright, "Bermudez said, 'I am not dealing with him.'" When he was queried about what collateral Wright had put up to obtain the loan for purchasing the 11619 Rancho Road property and whether the \$300,000 Wright apparently hoped to obtain through the arson matched or exceeded Wright's collateral and the actual value of the property, Bermudez bridled at the question "I am not dealing with him and I am going to stop your phone call right now," he said. "If you want to find things out, get a court order. I helped with lease is all. Beyond that, you'll have to get a court order."

This summer, the FBI's inquiry into the dealings between Adelanto city officials and the marijuana business interests seeking to locate or having already located into the city

was intensifying, with a particularly meaningful focus on the exchange of information between city officials and companies or individuals who had purchased property that was later rezoned to allow cannabis-related activity to take place on it. Under scrutiny was the 31 acres along Air Expressway purchased by Industrial Integrity Solutions and its parent company, Frontier Enterprises, in November 2016, just before that property saw its \$35,500 per acre valuation jump to approximately \$1.2 million per acre by virtue of the zone change granted it.

Naseem Farooqi, vice president of governmental and public affairs for Industrial Integrity Solutions, had been the corporate functionary designated by Frontier Enterprises to deal with Adelanto city officials in making sure that the marijuana farm project to be built on the Air Expressway property was facilitated. Farooqi, speaking on behalf of Industrial Integrity Solutions, stated publicly

and repeatedly assured city officials the project would be one that would create upwards of 500 jobs while fattening the city's coffers by some \$2 million annually through municipal taxes to be paid. Farooqi had succeeded spectacularly, with the city moving ahead with head-spinning rapidity in approving the project. One area of focus by the FBI agents in Adelanto earlier this year was whether Farooqi had paved the way for that success by means of extracurricular generosity toward city officials.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI was making considerable parallel progress with regard to that question by means of contact one of the FBI's informants had with Wright. The informant, whom the U.S. Attorney's Office has designated in court papers as "confidential human source" or CHS for short, put Wright in touch with an undercover FBI agent, identified by the U.S. At-

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Coroner Cases #701708364 and #701708365 On Thursday, 12/07/2017, at 7:08 PM, a 46-year-old female, from Santa Rosa was driving a 2012 VW Toureg southbound on Highway 395 at mile Marker 44 in Boron and collided with a 59-year-old male from Ridgecrest who was driving a 1998 Chevy Prism northbound. CHP and paramedics responded to the scene and both were pronounced dead at the scene. When next of kin has been notified, their names will be released. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the collision. [12082017 0240 EM]

Coroner's Case #701708151 On Tuesday, 11/28/2017, at 2:32 PM, a single-vehicle collision was reported at the intersection of Central Ave. and Kinglsey St., in Montclair. The driver, Albert Millan, Jr., a 66 year old resident of Claremont, was traveling north on Central Ave., and collided with a tree in the median. Millan was transported to Montclair Hospital Medical Center emergency room, where he was pronounced dead at 2:59 PM. The collision is under investigation by the Montclair Police Department. [11282017 2300 JK]

Coroner's Case #701708091 On 11/26/2017, at 11:38 PM, a 31-year-old, Baldwin Park resident, was driving eastbound on E. 9th Street, east of N. Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino, when his vehicle struck a telephone pole. San Bernardino Police Department and Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and the driver was pronounced dead. San Bernardino Police Department is investigating the accident. The decedents name will be released once identification and notification to his family is complete. [11272017 0300 JK]

Coroner's Case #701708104 A wireless 911 call was received by the California Highway Patrol at 6:08 PM on 11/26/2017, reporting a single vehicle rollover in the center divider of Interstate 40 east of Ludlow. Emergency crews found the driver, Garrett Dean, a 49-year-old resident of Kingman, had been ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Barstow office of the California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [11272017 0300 JK]

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torney's Office in court papers as UC-1, who represented himself to Wright as someone who wanted to move his marijuana cultivation business to Adelanto and locate it in a property outside of the zone designated by the city for marijuana cultivation. UC-1 requested Wright's assistance in expanding the area where marijuana cultivation was permitted. During a meeting in June, Wright said that "to obtain the necessary votes from the Adelanto City Council for the expansion of the area zoned for marijuana cultivation, UC-1 would have to purchase Wright's vote," according to court papers. Wright indicated he would endeavor to effectuate the zone change for \$20,000 and a "donation" to a third party. In mid-July, the Adelanto City Council approved the expansion of the marijuana zone, with Wright voting in favor of the expansion. At that point, however, Wright did not receive the \$20,000 for his vote because the city council's action occurred sooner than anticipated and the funds to pay the bribe were not available to the FBI at the time of the city council action. UC-1 then sought Wright's assistance in fast-tracking

an approval for the purported marijuana business, which Wright agreed to do in exchange for \$15,000, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Again, no payoff was delivered to Wright, but discussions between Wright and UC-1 progressed relating to UC-1 being granted through Wright's action an "exemption" that would allow the undercover operative to operate a marijuana transportation business. On October 6 UC-1 provided Wright with \$10,000 consisting of two stacks of \$50 bills, and Wright assured UC-1 he could curtail code enforcement activities against the marijuana transportation business on an as-needed basis for \$2,000 each time his intercession was required.

CHS had also put Wright in contact with another undercover FBI agent, designated by the U.S. Attorney's Office in court papers as UC-2, after Wright sought the informant's assistance in setting fire to Fat Boyz Grill. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Wright solicited UC-2 to assist him in burning down his restaurant so he could collect \$300,000 in insurance proceeds, and Wright eventually paid the second undercover agent \$1,500, gave the agent a tour of the restaurant, and assisted in the planning of the arson by providing a ladder for the undercover agent

and discussing various tactics to maximize the damage, and arranged to have the restaurant's fire control sprinkler system turned off at the time the arson was supposed to take place.

On October 17, FBI agents executed a federal search warrant at the restaurant and interviewed Wright, at which point he confessed to paying the undercover agent to burn down Fat Boyz Grill. Wright agreed to cooperate with the FBI's investigation into corruption in the City of Adelanto, which included agreeing to surreptitiously use a recording device if requested by the FBI. He further committed to telling the truth and maintaining the confidentiality of the investigation.

The very next day, October 18, CHS reported to the FBI that Wright had approached the informant, disclosed the FBI search warrant on the restaurant, and referred to UC-2 as a "snitch." Wright requested the CHS's assistance in making UC-2 "go away," i.e., according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, "soliciting CHS's assistance to have UC-2 murdered."

By the time summer had turned to fall, with the FBI's presence and activities in Adelanto intensifying to a fever pitch, things appear to have grown far too hot for those who had earlier hoped to profiteer,

and profiteer heavily, by inducing Adelanto city officials to rezone the property they had purchased at bargain basement prices in such a way that its value would increase by a factor of ten or more.

In late September or very early October, Farooqi took his leave of Industrial Integrity Solutions and its parent company, Frontier Enterprises. He vacated the High Desert and is believed to have left the country.

On October 6, David Serrano and his wife, Julia Orama Serrano, gift deeded the Jet Room property to Lisa Marie Guerra, signing a document that gave Guerra the property for no consideration other than that "of love and affection." That gift deed was recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office on October 11. Guerra is an employee within Serrano's law office.

Farooqi's making himself inaccessible to the FBI and Serrano's gifting of the Jet Room property without realizing a profit on it is likely to make it far more difficult for the U.S. Attorney's Office to prove or even allege that in the cases involving zone changes to the properties purchased by Industrial Integrity Solutions and David Serrano illegal activity took place.

Wright's failure to live up to his October 17 commitment to FBI

agents to assist them in their further investigation threw a kink into the federal government's operation in Adelanto. It is not known, precisely, whether in the aftermath of his being confronted by FBI agents on October 17 Wright confided to his council colleagues or others in Adelanto what he had just experienced. If he made such a revelation, it likely greatly limited the effectiveness of what the FBI was able to accomplish with further undercover operations. That issue became moot when on November 7 Wright was arrested by federal agents based on an arrest warrant that had been obtained by the U.S. Attorney's office on November 6. The cat at that point was fully out of the bag and instantaneously everyone in the Adelanto community recognized that the com-

plexion of the game had changed.

Nevertheless, the advocates for maximizing the profit local entrepreneurs can make from the production and marketing of cannabis and the tax revenue Adelanto can generate by allowing that to happen, remain bold. An illustration of that came last week, on November 30, when San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputies and narcotics investigators descended on the not yet fully completed quarters of Lifestyle Delivery Systems, located at 9501 Commerce Way, armed with a hastily issued search warrant in response to a report that someone was manufacturing methamphetamine there. That initial report was determined to be in error. Nevertheless, a narcotics

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Past And Upcoming Bald Eagle Counts



Tomorrow morning the first bald eagle count for the San Bernardino National Forest in the 2017-18 winter season will be held. The annual winter bald eagle counts take place on the second Saturday of December, January, February and March.

Several dozen bald eagles typically spend their winters around Southern California's lakes, adding to a few resident nesting bald eagles that stay year-round. The *Sentinel* has the figures on last winter's counts, with the exception of February, for which the numbers were not available.

On Saturday December 10, 2016, a total of eleven bald eagles, consisting of seven adults and four juveniles were spotted by observers during a one-hour period that morning. Two adult bald eagles were observed by 28 people at Lake Perris State Recreation Area. Fifteen participants spotted a

pair of adults at Lake Hemet. No eagles were seen at the Silverwood State Recreation Area. Six participants at Lake Arrowhead spotted two adult bald eagles. Forty participants at Big Bear Lake tallied one adult and four juveniles.

On January 14, 2017, the count was conducted



at Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area, Lake Hemet and Lake Perris State Recreation Area, but did not take place at Big Bear Lake and Lake Arrowhead/Lake Gregory because of heavy snowfall there just prior to the weekend. Local federal and state biologists said citizen volunteers spotted a total of four bald eagles, all adults, during the one-hour count period. At Lake Perris State Recreation Area, one adult bald eagle was observed by 33 people. Seven participants watched a pair of adult eagles at Lake Hemet. At Lake Silverwood, 22 eagle counters

were thrilled to see a single adult bald eagle.

Count numbers from the February 2017 count were not available to the *Sentinel*.

On Saturday March 11, 2017, clear skies and lack of wind made excellent observation conditions for over 200 participants scanning the sky,

tree tops, and shorelines. Twelve bald eagles, seven adults and five subadults, were counted during the one-hour count period at four lakes within the San Bernardino National Forest jurisdiction. Two juveniles were observed at Lake Silverwood; two adults and a single juvenile at Lake Arrowhead; two adults at Lake Hemet, and three adults and two juveniles at Big Bear Lake.

The highest number of bald eagles in southern California occurs between December and March when eagles migrate here for the winter. By the end of March, most of the migrant bald eagles have headed back north to their nesting areas. After decades of no bald eagles nesting in Southern California, there are now some nesting pairs that stay year-round.

This winter season, the counts will be held tomorrow, December 9, as well as on January 13, February 10 and March 10. No reservations are needed; just show up at a designated location at the start time with binoculars and a way to keep time. And don't forget to dress for winter weather! Location details are as follows:

Big Bear Lake area volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at the Big Bear Discovery Center on North Shore Drive for orientation. Contact Robin Eliason (reliason@fs.fed.us) or 909-382-2832 for more information. Please call 909-382-2832 for cancellation due to

winter weather conditions—an outgoing message will be left by 6:30 a.m. the day of the count. After the count at 11 a.m., Eliason will present a free program about bald eagles.

Lake Arrowhead and Lake Gregory volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at the Skyforest Ranger Station for orientation. Contact Robin Eliason (reliason@fs.fed.us) or 909-382-2832 for more information. Please call 909-382-2832 for cancellation due to winter weather conditions—an



outgoing message will be left by 6:30 a.m. the day of the count.

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area volunteers should plan to meet at the visitor center at 8 a.m. for orientation. Contact Mark Wright of California State Parks for more information about volunteering or taking an eagle tour.



Wright can be reached at 760-389-2303 or mark.wright@parks.ca.gov.

Lake Hemet volunteers should plan on meeting at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. For more information, contact Ann Bowers at annbowers@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area volunteers should plan to meet at the Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum at 8 a.m. for orientation. For more information, call California State Parks at 951-940-5600 or the museum at 951-940-5657.

Those who can't make the counts can still try to see bald eagles around our local lakes this winter. Contact the Big Bear Discovery Center (909-382-2790) or the Idyllwild Ranger Station (909-382-2921) for eagle watching tips and etiquette on the San Bernardino National Forest.

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lab of some sort was discovered on the premises, and upon closer examination it was determined to be one intended for cannabis extraction.

The property is the location of a not-yet-fully completed facility intended to house a state-of-the-art commercial marijuana cultivation and processing facility to be jointly operated by Lifestyle Delivery Systems Inc., headed by its CEO, Brad Eckenweiler, and Jerry Davis's CSPA Group. There are potential medical or clinical applications for cannabis extracts. One product

derived from cannabis extraction is cannabinal, a non-psychoactive cannabinoid found in cannabis which has shown potential immunosuppressive and anti-inflammatory properties that make it medically applicable. However, extraction is more commonly used in the production of hash oil, which contains a concentrated form of the active psychotropic ingredient in marijuana. Under existing law, the extraction of hash oil, as well as the use of volatile or toxic chemicals in doing so, remains a felony under California law. The yet-existing laws on the books specify the punishment for extracting marijuana hash oil as a minimum of three years to a maximum of seven years in state prison.

Based on the sheriff's department report of the November 30 incident, it appears that the Lifestyle Delivery Systems/CSPA Group activity was not only unlicensed and unpermitted, volatile chemicals were being used in the extraction process rather than the standard non-volatile means, which entail the use of CO₂ (i.e., carbon dioxide).

Propane, ethanol and butane, used to "cook," i.e., process the marijuana to the point where its derivatives can be extracted, were present at the location, as was a significant quantity of concentrated cannabis, believed to be hashish or hash oil, together with lab equipment. All of those items were seized, either by law enforcement personnel or a San

Bernardino County Fire Department hazardous materials handling team.

In the midst of the raid, Kerr and Flores arrived at the Commerce Way location. They had a limited exchange with the public safety personnel and left shortly thereafter.

There were reports that four days later, on December 4, while authorities had yet to make any arrests of Eckenweiler, Davis or their employees relating to what the search warrant affidavit described as an illicit narcotics manufacturing operation, Kerr and Flores, accompanied by Eckenweiler and Davis, had sojourned to meet with California Bureau of Cannabis Control officials. It was also reported that Kerr and

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California Style Dazzling

By Grace Bernal



After six o' clock? That's right, dress up nights are back and they're dazzling. It's



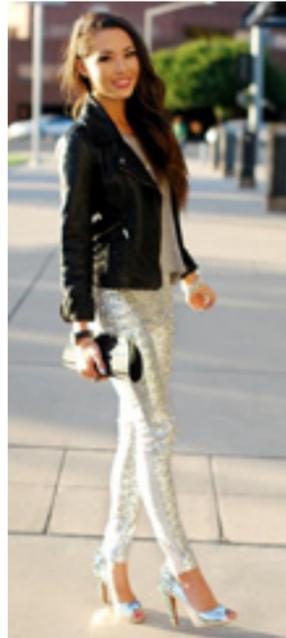
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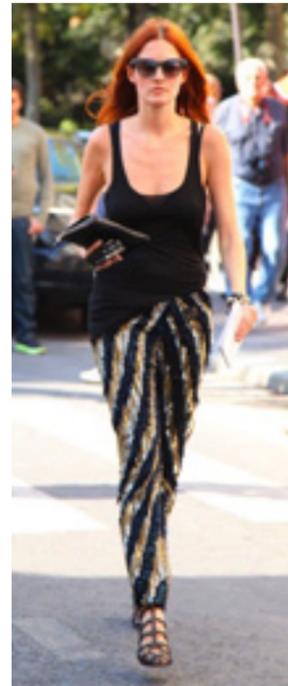
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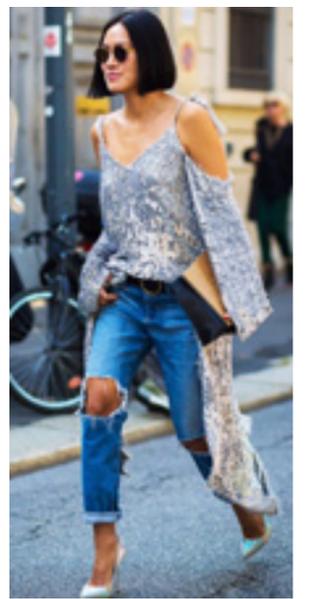
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and my standby: jeans. And, if you want to take it up a notch, wear dazzle during the day. You will look stunning, no matter how you pair your dazzle. This season, the point is to try it and make it fun. Hope your



holiday season is off to a right start!



If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with bull. -W. C. Fields



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Flores had attempted to intercede with high ranking members of the San Bernardino County

Sheriff's Department and district attorney's office in an effort to ameliorate the situation and head off any possible enforcement action or prosecution that might proceed from the November 30 raid. Kerr was publicly offering assurances that any further cannabis extraction ac-

tivity, either at the facility run by Eckenweiler and Davis or any of a dozen others in the city, would cease until January 1. Kerr suggested that extraction activity will be unequivocally legal by that point at designated and licensed cannabis-related businesses. Kerr's statement was also taken as an indication that he has nearly universal access to the marijuana-related

operations in the city, and the power to control their activities.

While several individuals said Kerr, Flores, Eckenweiler and Davis had earnestly sought to engage with law enforcement and California Bureau of Cannabis Control officials, the city's spokesman said the quartet were stood up.

Michael Stevens, who is officially authorized to speak on the city's

behalf, on Wednesday told the *Sentinel*, "There was no meeting in Sacramento It didn't take place. I don't know the reason(s) why it didn't, but it didn't."

As for criticism leveled at Kerr and Flores for associating with Davis and Eckenweiler in the aftermath of the raid on their facility last week, and potentially interfering with the en-

forcement of the law relating to existing state regulation of cannabis and cannabis products, Stevens said, "People can speculate all they want and theorize what 'city officials' should or shouldn't be doing, but we will continue to serve our constituents and clients to the best of our abilities."

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intensity, energy, attention and focus coming up as a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission against the City of Victorville in which Metzler is named as a defendant is set to go to trial on January 23, 2018. In that suit, the city is accused of overvaluing hangars

at Southern California Logistics Airport in marketing airport bonds. Metzler oversees airport operations in his capacity as assistant city manager.

In closed session on Tuesday, the city council voted to appoint Metzler acting city manager as of January 1 and detailed city attorney Andre de Bortnowsky to negotiate a contract with him.

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