

## Carrillo. Former Ramos Staffer, Exits As Rowe's Major Foe in 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> District Race

Chris Carrillo, who was widely considered to be the odds-on favorite to unseat Dawn Rowe in the race for Third District supervisor in 2020, precipitously withdrew as a candidate last month.

Contacted by the *Sentinel*, Carrillo asked not to be quoted but confirmed that he was not going to seek election next year, and indicated



Chris Carrillo

he would be devoting himself and his time to his family.

Carrillo's strength as a candidate was multi-fold. He had previously served as James Ramos's deputy chief of staff when Ramos was Third District supervisor.

Ramos, who was first elected supervisor in 2012 and was reelected in 2016, successfully ran for the California Assembly in the 40<sup>th</sup> District in 2018. With two years yet remaining on

his second term as supervisor when he departed for Sacramento, Ramos had requested his board colleagues consider appointing Carrillo to replace him. Though Supervisor Josie Gonzales was favorably disposed toward Carrillo, supervisors Janice Rutherford, Robert Lovingood and Curt Hagman spurned Ramos in his request. In a particularly pointed

show of disrespect toward Ramos, Rutherford, Lovingood and Hagman did not choose to interview Carrillo when they winnowed the field of 48 applicants to what they considered the 13 most serious contenders for the appointment – former Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, Republican Central Committee Chairwoman See P 3

## Essayli Departs As SB Mayor Valdivia's Chief Of Staff



Bilal Essayli

Bilal Essayli's tenure as San Bernardino Mayor John Valdivia's chief of staff has ended, after six months of a relatively successful but sometimes chaotic power transition.

What, precisely, led to Essayli's departure was unclear, as both he and Valdivia resisted making any public utterances once it became known that Essayli was to leave.

The timing of Essayli's exit added to the confusion, as it comes after a series of advances for Valdivia in terms of his consolidation of power but also shortly after the emergence of what may yet prove to be the most daunting challenge to Valdivia's mayoralty, consisting of a recurrence of the financial crisis that felled San Bernardino's last two mayors.

A child of Lebanese-American immigrants, Essayli was raised in Corona and graduated from Centennial High School there. He obtained his law degree from Chapman University School of Law and passed the California bar in 2010. He obtained a position as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Riverside Branch Office, where he garnered some minor notoriety in trying cases against drug traffickers, the prosecution effort against the associates of the perpetrators See P 5

## County Hit With Order To Disgorge DA's Documents In Vindictive Prosecution Suit

A collection of one-time criminal defendants who have now seized the initiative and become civil plaintiffs against San Bernardino County and its district attorney's office over having been put through the ordeal of being prosecuted recently turned what might prove a crucial corner in making a demonstration that former District

Attorney Mike Ramos and the prosecutors and investigators working for and in conjunction with him were not abiding by the Marquis of Queensbury rules while they were pursuing that ultimately unsuccessful criminal case.

U.S. District Judge Jesus G. Bernal reaffirmed an order by U.S. Magistrate Judge Shashi

H. Kewalramani that the county and the district attorney's office release documents relating to the failed effort to prosecute three former high ranking county officials and a prominent developer on a slew of public corruption charges.

Bernal's order came last week, nearly two months after Kewalramani on May 1 entered

a discovery order in the case calling for the release of hundreds of documents consisting of communication between personnel within the district attorney's office as well as county prosecutors' exchanges with state and federal law enforcement officials including the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the California Attorney

General's Office and county officials. Those emails, text messages, letters and missives relate to the circumstances of the county's dispute with the developers of the Colonies at San Antonio and the Colonies Crossroads residential and commercial subdivisions in Upland and the investigation into graft allegations re- See P 2

## Highest Waterfall In National Forest Closed To Hiking Access

An off-trail area around Big Falls in the San Bernardino National Forest was closed to the public beginning July 4. Visitors are still able to hike the Big Falls Trail to a waterfall overlook, but areas beyond the railing will be closed by a forest order that is to remain in force through May 24, 2020.

"There have been too many search and rescues in this area in the past," said Joe Rechsteiner, the

district ranger for the Front Country Ranger District. "We want to make sure the public enjoys this beautiful spot while staying safe. Some of the rocks in Falls Creek are deceptively slippery."

Search and rescues by the San Bernardino County fire and sheriff's departments are so frequent in this area that one rock in particular is known to locals as "Blood Rock."

## No Mention Of Pomierski Legacy In Grand Jury Report On Upland's Deteriorating Financials

By Mark Gutglueck

The 2018-19 Grand Jury's examination of the financial crisis besetting Upland makes no mention of the involvement of former Upland Mayor John Pomierski or that of his handpicked city manager, Robb Quincey, in creating the City of Gracious Living's dire fiscal circumstance.

According to the grand jury report, which was released on June 28, "A complaint was re-

ceived by the grand jury indicating that the financial status of the City of Upland was in poor condition. The main concerns were the financial health and practices of the city along with unfunded pension liabilities. In addition, the complaint alleged the city manifested a culture of poor management, hostile work environments, and nepotism as well as possible 'Brown Act,' violations. Califor-

nia Penal Code Section 925a provided the grand jury jurisdiction to inquire into these allegations. The grand jury subcommittee for the County of San Bernardino was formed to investigate the City of Upland complaint."

The committee, the report states, obtained additional information and "evidence began to support various aspects of the original complaint, which See P 6

## Indication Given That County Fire Chief Replacement Decision Will Come On Tuesday

It is anticipated that on Tuesday, July 9 the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will fill the nearly five-month-long vacancy in the post of county fire chief.

Former San Bernardino County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig announced in January he had accepted the position of Santa Barbara County Fire Chief. His official

date of departure from San Bernardino County was March 15, but he actually took leave of his assignment on February 16.

In the interim, Don Trapp has replaced Hartwig as the county's fire chief and fire warden.

Though there is speculation that Trapp will be given the appointment on Tuesday, he is nearing

his 30-year anniversary as a firefighter. Within the industry currently, retirement after three decades is not uncommon.

Trapp became a paid-call fireman with the California Department of Forestry in Temecula right out of high school and began his full-time fire service career with San Bernardino County Fire in 1989 with an assignment in Fontana. He

has worked through the ranks and was promoted in March 2012 to division chief, two years later to assistant chief, and promoted to deputy fire chief in 2016.

Kathleen Oplinger, the department's interim deputy chief of operations, is also a potential candidate for fire chief. She began as a paid-call firefighter in 1988 with the Idyllwild Fire Protec-

tion District. In 1989, she went to work for the U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest, where she served for several years, working her way up through each of the ranks from crew firefighter to engine captain. Oplinger temporarily served as a battalion chief in both operations and training. In 2005, Oplinger came to work for the San Bernar- See P 18

## Prosecution Of Developer & County Officials Evaporated With Demise of Postmus's Credibility *from front page*

lating to a \$102 million settlement of a lawsuit brought by the Colonies Partners development consortium against the county relating to those projects.

In May 2011, former San Bernardino County Supervisor Paul Biane; Mark Kirk, who was the chief of staff to former supervisor Gary Ovitt; and Jim Erwin, the one-time president of the union representing the county's sheriff's deputies who also served a short stint as assistant county assessor, were indicted along with Jeff Burum, one of the managing principals in the Colonies Partners. Burum was charged with working in conjunction with Erwin to bribe Biane and Kirk in connection with achieving, in November 2006, the settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Colonies Partners against the county in 2002.

The charges were an outgrowth of the personal and political implosion of Bill Postmus, who a decade-and-a-half ago was the chairman of the board of supervisors and simultaneously serving as the chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee. From those dual perches, Postmus, who had meteorically vaulted to the pinnacle of governmental power and influence in San Bernardino County in 2000 by representing himself as a rock-ribbed conservative Christian-and-family-values Republican, in 2006 successfully vied for county assessor, the primary taxing authority in the county. By 2009 he had crashed to earth in a cascade of scandals in which he was exposed as a drug-addicted homosexual who had installed more than a dozen of his boyfriends/"political associates" into high-paying nonproductive positions in the assessor's office. As a consequence,

Postmus was induced to resign, and he and some of his employees were charged with and prosecuted for misusing the assessor's office for partisan political purposes. Ultimately, Postmus and his associates and boyfriends would be convicted or pleaded guilty to those charges.

In March 2011, Postmus entered into a plea arrangement in which he acknowledged guilt to one misdemeanor drug count and 14 felony charges relating to political corruption, including conspiracy, bribery, misappropriation of public funds, conflict of interest, fraud and perjury. He turned state's evidence and the following month served as the star witness before the grand jury that in May 2011 returned the 29-count indictment of Burum, Biane, Kirk and Erwin.

In the indictment, prosecutors cataloged their allegations that prior to the November 2006 vote to approve the \$102 million settlement, Erwin and Burum had bullied Postmus and Biane with threats to expose their personal vulnerabilities, including Postmus's drug use and homosexuality and Biane's financial difficulties. Prosecutors alleged that Burum and Erwin thus successfully blackmailed Postmus and Biane into supporting the settlement and then provided them both \$100,000 each in kickbacks after the settlement was ratified, and that those bribes had been hidden, or laundered, in the form of political donations. Similarly, the indictment described \$100,000 provided to Kirk's political action committee as a kickback to reward him for helping convince his boss, Supervisor Gary Ovitt, to support the \$102 million settlement. Erwin was also given \$100,000 in the form of a donation to a political action committee he had set up, and prosecutors said that was a reward to him for having assisted the Colonies Partners and Burum in effectuating the settlement.

The eight month-duration criminal trial

before two juries in 2017 included testimony by Postmus in May of that year. In his testimony under direct examination, Postmus replicated the key elements of the prosecution's narrative, including recounting threats made by Erwin, working on behalf of Burum and the Colonies Partners, to expose elements of both his and Biane's personal lives in an effort to persuade them to support the settlement, Burum's promise to support him in either or both future political and business endeavors once the settlement was finalized, and that after the settlement was in place the Colonies Partners had come through with \$100,000 for him in the form of two separate \$50,000 donations to political action committees he had control over.

Thereafter, however, when the defense was given an opportunity to cross examine Postmus, under the withering questioning of one of Burum's attorneys, Jennifer Keller, Postmus went sideways, and he testified that he had been intimidated by the district attorney's office investigators to meet their expectations of what they needed to make the case against the others. Postmus acknowledged that he was in the throes of methamphetamine addiction at the time of the events in question, rendering his memory unreliable and leaving him vulnerable to manipulation by the prosecution.

The trial closed out without the defense calling any witnesses and without testimony from the accused, all of whom stood on their Fifth Amendment rights. The jury which heard the case against Burum, Biane and Kirk returned verdicts of not guilty against all three on all charges against them that had not been earlier dismissed after less than two full days of deliberation. The other jury deadlocked on all of the charges brought against Jim Erwin. Thereafter, on a motion by the prosecution, the charges against Erwin were dismissed.

On March 1, 2018 the Colonies Partners filed a civil rights lawsuit in Riverside Federal Court against San Bernardino County District Attorney Mike Ramos and former state attorneys general Jerry Brown and Kamala Harris, other members of the prosecution team and witnesses involved in the case. That suit, which seeks \$80 million in damages, alleges both prosecutors and investigators in the criminal case disregarded or hid evidence vindicating the defendants and furthermore "fabricated evidence to prop up their case."

On April 2, 2018 Burum followed up with a \$50 million malicious prosecution lawsuit in federal court against San Bernardino County, now former District Attorney Mike Ramos and former state attorneys general Kamala Harris and Jerry Brown, prosecutors Lewis Cope and Melissa Mandel, former Assistant District Attorney Jim Hackleman, district attorney's office investigators Robert Schreiber and Hollis Randles, and County Supervisor Josie Gonzales, asserting overzealousness and retaliatory motives on the part of prosecutors, who, he claimed, used fabricated evidence in accusing him of involvement in an extortion and bribery conspiracy relating to the \$102 million settlement.

At issue in both the suits brought by the Colonies Partners and Burum is that in entering into the settlement agreement in late 2006 and the working out of those arrangements in the months thereafter, the county agreed to indemnify the Colonies Partners over any legal challenges relating to the settlement that might arise and that the county also carried out a validation proceeding through the courts in which the public at large was invited to challenge the settlement, after which, the Colonies Partners claim, the settlement was locked in and could not be overturned for any reason. Part of the damages the company

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and Burum are seeking, aside from the assertion that no criminal prosecution should have taken place at all, are based upon their claims that the county should have paid for Burum's legal defense in keeping with the indemnification agreement.

Charles E. Slyngstad, the lead attorney representing the county, in court papers filed with the U.S. Federal Court in Riverside on March 26 and in subsequent statements, has said neither the Colonies Partners nor Burum have a basis for the legal action they have brought.

In June 2018 Erwin filed a \$25 million federal lawsuit against prosecutors and the county, alleging an "illegal campaign of retaliation, intimidation, and harassment."

In July 2018, Kirk, represented by Peter Scalisi, the defense attorney who represented Kirk during the criminal trial in which he was acquitted, filed a \$40 million suit naming the County of San Bernardino, Ramos, Mandel, Cope, Randles, former District Attorney's Office Investigator Robert Schreiber, prosecution witness Adam Aleman, Supervisor Josie Gonzales, then-Governor and former Attorney General Brown, and former Supervising Deputy California Attorney General Gary Schons as defendants.

Records show that in February 2018 Biane filed a malicious prosecution claim against the county and state, seeking more than \$10 million in

damages.

According to the county's attorneys, the plaintiffs have no grounds for proceeding against the county, as they were arrested and charged in accordance with information available indicating that crimes had been committed and that those charged were responsible for those crimes, multiple judges found the search warrants and arrest warrants issued with regard to the case were supported by adequate probable cause and in extensive pretrial litigation judges Brian McCarville and Michael A. Smith upheld the validity of the charges as stated and allowed the matter to proceed to trial. All of the defendants and now plaintiffs were given their day in court, the county maintains.

Neither the Colonies Partners nor by extension Burum, Erwin, Biane and Kirk can "establish that [they have] been deprived of a constitutional or statutory right," Charles E. Slyngstad of the law firm Burke, Williams & Sorensen, the lead attorney representing the county, stated in court papers filed with the U.S. Federal Court in Riverside.

Despite the exoneration, Slyngstad maintains the prosecution, composed of members of both the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and the California Attorney General's Office, was justified in pursuing a criminal case against Burum, Biane and Kirk. "The fact

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## Carrillo's Decision Against Challenging Rowe In 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Race Lifts GOP, Dampens Democrats from front page

Jan Leja, Loma Linda Councilman Ron Dailey, former San Bernardino Councilman Tobin Brinker, Barstow Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, former Twentynine Palms Mayor James Bagley, former Yucca Valley Councilwoman Dawn Rowe, former Westlake Village Mayor Chris Mann, former Chino Councilman/current Big Bear Councilman William Jahn, then-San Bernardino Mayor Carey Davis, former Assemblyman/State Senator Bill Emmerson, former Congressional Candidate Sean Flynn and Loma Linda Mayor Rhodes Rigsby.

This slighting of Carrillo damaged the once friendly relationship between Lovingood and Ramos. Penultimately, the board reduced the field once more to five, including Rigsby, Jahn, Emmerson, Flynn and Rowe. At that point, at Gonzalez's insistence, the board allowed Car-

rillo to address them, but Lovingood and Rutherford in particular were so committed to Rowe that they would entertain no other possibility for appointment. Shortly thereafter, Hagman joined with them in advocating for the former Yucca Valley councilwoman. Gonzales, seeing the writing on the wall, voted with her colleagues to appoint Rowe, making the vote unanimous.

Rowe's appointment featured a heavy partisan element.

Though local offices in California are defined as being nonpartisan ones, in San Bernardino County in particular, party affiliation is of significance in who holds office at both the municipal and county levels, as well as on the boards of school, fire and water districts. For more than 40 years, San Bernardino County has been a Republican bastion, such that for the last two decades, it has been out of step with the rest of the state, which has grown overwhelmingly Democratic in its orientation, with the Democrats holding a supermajority in both houses of the state legislature, control

of the governorship, the state attorney general's office, and the California Secretary of State's office. Both of California's two U.S. senators are Democrats. Of the 53 members of California's Congressional Delegation, 46 are Democrats and seven are Republicans. In San Bernardino County, however, currently 16 of its 24 incorporated cities/towns have more Republican members on their councils than Democrats. Four of the five members of the board of supervisors are Republicans. The district attorney is a Republican. The sheriff is a Republican. While the number of registered voters registered as Republicans in San Bernardino County in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and into the first decade of the Third Millennium outran the number of those registered to vote as Democrats, in 2009 the number of registered Democrats in the county eclipsed the number of Republicans. Nonetheless, the GOP has continued to dominate San Bernardino County politically, even as the gap in favor of the Democrats in terms of registered voters has grown. As of this week, of the county's 969,473 voters, 386,866 or 39.2 percent, are registered Democrats, while 284,380 or 28.8 percent are registered as Republicans. The number of voters with no political party association whatsoever, 252,738 or 25.6 percent, comes close to the number of Republicans, while voters registered with the more obscure parties such as the Peace and Freedom, Libertarian, Green and American Independent account for 6.4 percent of the total. Despite having a four-to-three advantage over the Republicans in the county number-wise, the Democrats have consistently found themselves outthrustled and outmaneuvered by their Republican Party counterparts in San Bernardino County. The San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee sports highly motivated,

highly coordinated and for the most part cooperative members who make concerted electioneering efforts, appealing to non-affiliated voters and those with the marginalized political parties to persuade them to support Republican candidates. The Republicans have proven more resourceful, energetic and generous in their efforts to raise money and endow the political war chests of Republican candidates than have the Democrats been effective in their support of their party's candidates. Equally as important, registered Republicans consistently turn out to vote at the polls or through mail-in ballots at a clip nearly one-and-one third greater than Democratic Party-aligned voters in the county.

In the county's Fifth Supervisorial District, where Democrat Josie Gonzales holds office, the Democrats hold a voter registration advantage approaching 3-to-1 over the Republicans, as 87,602 or 49.1 percent of the district's 178,293 voters are registered Democrats and 32,744 or 18.4 percent are registered Republicans. In the Fourth District, Republicans, with 47,981 or 25.7 percent of the district's voters, lag significantly behind Democrats, with 78,270 registered voters or 41.9 percent. Despite that, Curt Hagman, a Republican, is supervisor. In the Second District, which a generation ago was at the epicenter of the region's rising tide of Republicanism, Democrats have opened up a significant lead over Republicans in terms of voter registration numbers, with Democrats claiming 82,777 party affiliates, or 38.4 percent, against the 64,448 Republicans, or 30.4 percent. Still the same, Janice Rutherford, a Republican, is county supervisor in the Second District. Only in the county's First District do the Republicans have more voters registered than the Democrats, as the Grand Old Party's 64,448 voters – 33.7 per-

cent – outnumber the 33.3 percent, or 63,734, who are Democrats. Robert Lovingood, a Republican, rules the roost there as county supervisor.

As late as last year, the Republicans yet held a lead – a very slim one – over the Democrats in terms of voter registration in the county's Third District. The Third District is the county's most diverse district, consisting of the heavily urbanized metropolitan area entailing east San Bernardino and Redlands, the foothill community of Highland, while extending into the somewhat unique communities of Grand Terrace and Loma Linda, the rustic communities of Yucaipa, Mentone and Oak Glen, the mountain community of Big Bear and the desert cities of Barstow, Twentynine Palms and the town of Yucca Valley. Redlands was for a century a major cultural and social center and the home of the county's Republican political machine. Within the last nine months, the Democrats have inched ahead of the Republicans in terms of voter registration in the Third District. Those numbers now stand at 74,483 voters or 34.7 percent for the Democrats to the Republicans' 73,759 voters or 34.4 percent.

In 2012, James Ramos, who was at that time the chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, used his personal wealth and that of his tribe's members to promote his candidacy for Third District supervisor. The tribe's San Manuel Casino was by that time, as it remains, one of the most successful economic engines in the area. Ramos's demonstrated willingness to fuel his candidacy with as much money as would be required for him to win, coupled with a rare internecine Republican Party dispute between then-incumbent Third District Supervisor Neil Derry and his predecessor as supervisor, Dennis Hansberger, who was a primary figure in the Redlands Republican

Political Machine, led to a faction of the Republican Party withdrawing its support of Derry. In this way, Ramos, a Democrat with the support of a fragment of the Third District's Republican base, ousted Derry as Third District supervisor in 2012, elevating Ramos to the vaunted position of supervisor. He handily won reelection in 2016 against the poorly-financed Donna Muñoz, a Morongo Valley resident.

It appears that Ramos felt that the mandates he had as a result of his elections in the Third District in 2012 and 2016 gave him, if not outright appointive power to choose his replacement to fill out that last two years of his term as supervisor when he departed to Sacramento to take up his newly elected post in the Assembly, then at least a voice in the selection process that should have been given careful consideration. When the board of supervisors undertook to carry out a recruitment effort to replace Ramos late last year – a process that was rigged from the outset in that both Lovingood and Rutherford were committed ahead of time to ensuring Rowe's selection and Hagman, as a Republican, was fated toward supporting the consensus of his party colleagues on the board – what was essentially a sham examination process was carried out in which the 48 applicants were reduced to 13, only one of whom – Dailey – was a Democrat, despite the consideration that 22 of those who applied were Democrats.

Ultimately, after Rowe was selected, it was suggested that Rowe might be able to ameliorate the affront to Ramos by reaching across aisle and naming Carrillo as her chief of staff. She did not do so, for among other reasons that she considers his Democratic Party-affiliation to be antithetical to her governance formula.

Carrillo, a member of the East Valley Wa-

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## **County Maintains Conflicts Of Interest In Colonies Partners Lawsuit Settlement Renders Malicious Prosecution Allegations Inoperative** *from page 2*

that Mr. Burum and others were found not guilty is not a vindication of their conduct and does not make the county and the [county flood control] district responsible for the cost of a criminal defense or other costs allegedly paid for by Colonies Partners," Slyngstad stated publicly. Slyngstad pointed out that Erwin was not acquitted.

According to the Colonies Partners' lawsuit, the prosecutors and their investigators "refused to accept Mr. Postmus's repeated denials of a corrupt quid pro quo agreement to exchange his vote for the 2007 campaign contributions. Mr. Postmus explicitly and repeatedly denied that he had ever accepted a bribe in exchange for his pro-settlement vote. Defendants refused to accept this truth because it did not further their retribution campaign against [the] Colonies [Partners]. So, over the course of several interviews, defendants Randles and Schreiber, supervised by defendants Ramos, Cope, Hackleman, Harris, Mandel, and/or Schons convinced Mr. Postmus that he had committed various felony offenses related to the settlement, and coerced him into pleading guilty

and testifying to those supposed offenses before the indicting grand jury."

In the county's answer to the lawsuit brought by the Colonies Partners, Slyngstad wrote, "Defendants deny the allegations." In fact, according to the county, Postmus acknowledged the quid pro quos and bribery when he entered guilty pleas to 14 felony political corruption counts in March 2011, several of which involved Burum, Biane, Erwin and Kirk.

Similarly, Slyngstad also dismissed the lawsuit's allegation that district attorney's office investigators Schreiber and Randles "planted smaller deceptions for the purpose of manipulating Mr. Postmus into telling larger lies. Mr. Postmus later recognized and admitted that his contradictory and nonsensical 'memories' of these events had been planted by an unscrupulous and coercive prosecution team."

"Defendants deny the allegations," Slyngstad wrote.

The county has dismissed the suggestion in the lawsuit that the county engaged in breach of contract by not funding Burum's legal defense in the face of the criminal charges lodged against him.

According to the lawsuit, "in their zeal to exact this punishment, defendants county and [the county flood control] district ignored their contractual obligations under the settlement agreement, as fulfilling them would have undermined the multi-

pronged strategy of retaliation. The county and district were undoubtedly thrilled that [the] Colonies [Partners] was being forced to spend millions of dollars defending itself from the bogus investigation and prosecution, which various county and district employees vigorously encouraged and assisted. Defendants county and district thus breached the settlement agreement and violated the covenant of good faith and fair dealing by failing to defend and indemnify [the] Colonies [Partners] in two subsequent legal actions, failing to defend the validity of the settlement agreement, and assisting the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and California Attorney General's Office in their efforts to invalidate the settlement agreement through the criminal prosecution of Mr. Burum."

According to Slyngstad, however, any governmental contract tainted by a conflict of interest is rendered null and void and is not enforceable. California Government Code Section 1090 applies to conflicts of interest involving public officials. Thus, Postmus' guilty plea to a violation of Government Code Section 1090 as pertained to his approval of the \$102 million lawsuit settlement excused the county from having to abide by its indemnity guarantee, Slyngstad maintained.

"Plaintiff is not entitled to indemnity and/or defense for any mat-

ters that relate to plaintiff's and/or its agents', confederates', or alleged indemnitees' actions in violation of Government Code Section 1090 and other provisions of California law pertaining to conflicts of interest," the answer reads. "Defendants allege that they have fully performed all terms, conditions and obligations that were theirs to perform under the agreement that is the subject of those claims. [W]ithout admitting that defendants engaged in any of the acts or conduct attributed to them in the complaint, any breach of the agreement sued upon was excused by plaintiff's prior breach."

Slyngstad publicly stated, "The county and the district deny they are liable to [the] Colonies [Partners] in any amount whatsoever."

As the suits have been consolidated and are proceeded toward trial, the plaintiffs have pursued discovery, a process by which both sides, plaintiffs and defendants, are obliged to reveal to the opposing side information in their respective possession relevant to the matter being litigated and are subject to depositions, that is, questioning of plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses under oath. At some point in the discovery process, an attorney with the county who had access to a wide cross section of county material relating to ongoing litigation approached the attorneys for the plaintiffs and in a sub rosa arrangement provided what was described to the *Sentinel*

as in excess of 300 separate documents. Burke, Williams & Sorensen had made several assertions during the discovery process which were credibly contradicted when county documents were marshaled that contained communications and information at a factual variance with positions the county had taken during ongoing litigation. Included in a batch of documents examined by Bernal, the *Sentinel* is informed, were communications in which county officials openly discussed what appeared to be suborning perjury. In another, county officials make reference to withholding evidence from the defense in a criminal case. In one communication, a former high ranking county official discussed employing physical violence against a former federal judge.

The *Sentinel* is informed that the office of county counsel had the materials in question in a file, which had not been turned over to Burke, Williams & Sorensen. Lawyers with Burke, Williams & Sorensen during the course of litigation made repeated representations based on the incomplete information at their disposal, and were ultimately blindsided because County Counsel Michelle Blake-more had not passed the more complete record along to Burke, Williams & Sorensen because she had banked on the documentation never seeing the light of day.

Kewalramani, who was provided with infor-

mation to indicate that even after the August 2017 acquittals of Burum, Biane and Kirk and the September 2017 hung jury in the case against Erwin, the district attorney's office, at the direction of then-District Attorney Mike Ramos, was casting about for a way in which to perpetuate the criminal case against Burum. One element of such a case, which never came to fruition, had been to ascertain if Burum, who had suspended making any form of political contributions at the time of his 2011 indictment, could be criminally charged with resuming that political activity. It is of some note that Burum, the Colonies Partners and the other defendants in the failed criminal case emerged in 2018 as the major backers of Jason Anderson, who vied against Mike Ramos in the latter's fourth re-elective effort following his 2002 election as district attorney. They supported Anderson both through direct donations to his campaign as well as by endowing an independent expenditure committee that was devoted in the main to removing Ramos from office and promoting Anderson.

The Anderson campaign spent \$259,055.70.

Pierre Biane, Paul Biane's father, donated \$2,750 to Anderson's electoral effort, and the entity known as Biane Family Properties chipped in another \$250.

John Bunkers, one of the Colonies Partners,

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## Essayli's Six-Month Effort To Fasten Valdivia's Grip On SB's Political Reins Ends *from front page*

of the December 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack and led the prosecution of a Santa Barbara doctor unlawfully prescribing opiates. Restricted by the Hatch Act, Essayli left the U.S. Attorney's Office to vie in 2018 for the Assembly in California's 60th District, which encompasses the northwestern corner of Riverside County, including Corona, Coronita, Eastvale, El Cerrito, Home Gardens, Jurupa Valley, Norco and a portion of Riverside. Essayli, a Republican, used rhetoric that was sharply critical of Democrats to advance to the general election on November 6, 2018 with a second-place finish in the June primary, but was handily defeated by Democrat Sabrina Cervantes 67,950 votes or 54.1 percent to 57,710 votes or 45.9 percent in a district in which voter registration is 39.51 percent Democratic to 31.58 percent Republican.

Essayli took a position with the Irvine-based law firm Pacheco & Neach, where he was considered of counsel, a status usually reserved for attorneys with decades of experience who are in a near-retired or retired state.

While in that status, Essayli was free to serve as Valdivia's chief of staff.

Valdivia represents a noteworthy political paradox. Elected to the position of Third Ward councilman in 2011 largely on the strength of the support of the city's firefighters union that was in opposition to then-incumbent Tobin Brinker because of Brinker's assessment that overly generous salaries and pensions to the city's employees were threatening the city's financial viability, Valdivia was in office for only five months when the city filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protec-

tion. The city remained in bankruptcy for just short of five years, stiffing its creditors, vendors and those to whom it was in arrears for \$350 million over that time-frame. In the meantime, Patrick Morris, who was the mayor in 2012, was replaced by a certified public accountant, Carey Davis, as mayor. While many had hopes that Davis would infuse the city with the fiscal discipline needed to right the city's listing financial ship, that did not come about as the city continued its profligate spending, largely because of a failure to rein in high salaries and extravagant pension benefits to city employees. One reform Davis managed to push through, against Valdivia's wishes, was a redrafting of the city's original 1905 charter. The previous charter had instilled in the mayor relatively broad political control which did not feature an ability to routinely vote but did give him veto power on 4-to-3 and 3-to-2 votes of the council, which was tantamount to two actual votes on the seven-council member panel. In addition, the mayor under the 1905 charter had the ability to hire and fire personnel, which made the mayor along with the city manager a co-regent of the city. In 2016, Davis, in conjunction with a wide range of others, pushed for the charter redraft, which took from the mayor the administrative clout the position once possessed, in the main the ability to hire and fire employees. Valdivia, who at that point already had designs on the mayoralty for himself, opposed the change. The city's voters, however, endorsed the charter rewrite.

The new charter also pushed the city's municipal elections from odd-numbered to even-numbered years. Valdivia was elected mayor in the city's first even-numbered year election cycle last year in large measure based upon his identity as a Hispanic candidate in a city where 72 percent of the popu-

lation and 57 percent of those voting are Latino. Some Valdivia campaign literature sent to Democratic voters dwelt on the consideration that Davis was a Republican, which proved effective, since 47.9 percent of the city's voters are Democrats and 22.5 percent are Republicans. Conveniently sidestepped was that Valdivia was himself a Republican.

Valdivia came into office holding a grudge against then-City Manager Andrea Travis-Miller, who had maneuvered behind the scenes during the 2018 election to support Davis. As early as the day the new members of the council were sworn into office, December 19, an effort was afoot to fire Travis-Miller. Valdivia had the support of the two newly elected members of the council in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> wards, Ted Sanchez and Sandra Ibarra, both of whom were elected with the assistance Valdivia's political machine. Valdivia had two other presumed allies on the council, Councilman Henry Nickel and councilwoman Bessine Richard. The move to jettison Travis-Miller that early, however, was complicated by a section of the city code and contractual requirements that mandated a 60-day lag between the election or seating in of a new council member and the firing of the city manager. Moreover, Nickel and Richard were reluctant to rush toward such an eventuality.

There ensued an awkward four-month duration during which Valdivia and those in his camp were pressing ever harder to undo those elements of the new city charter which reduced the mayor's authority. This entailed beefing up the division of staff employees assigned to serve as liaisons to the city council and mayor. Valdivia, at one point was seeking to have his staff expanded to as many as 14. There was inevitable pushback on this from the two members of the council most at odds with Valdivia, Councilman James Mul-

vihill and Councilman Fred Shorett. On a number of occasions, Shorett had raucous public run-ins and Essayli and Valdivia with regard to fleshing out the mayor's staff.

When Nickel expressed reluctance to endow the mayor with the substantial staff Valdivia was seeking, Valdivia's effort to consolidate his control over the council was temporarily suspended, as it appeared the alliance between Valdivia and Nickel might end.

With Essayli playing a key role behind the scenes, three votes to suspend Travis Miller materialized – those of Richard, Ibarra and Sanchez. When Shorett, Mulvihill and Nickel opposed that, Valdivia used his tie-breaking authority to put Travis-Miller on paid administrative leave. In May, the vacant Ward 3 council position was filled with a candidate backed by the Valdivia political machine, Juan Figueroa. At that point the council featured four candidates it was believed to be solidly behind Valdivia – Ibarra, Richard, Sanchez and Figueroa – giving the mayor a virtual lock on policy decisions going forward. Nickel, faced with political irrelevancy by remaining in opposition to Valdivia, returned to the fold, giving Valdivia unquestioned dominion over the city.

The most immediate manifestation of Valdivia's newfound grip on the political situation in San Bernardino was a vote by the council majority – Ibarra, Sanchez, Richard, Nickel and Figueroa – to cashier Travis-Miller. The ostensible reason for unloading Travis-Miller was her ineffectual handling of the city's finances. She had been hired into the city manager's position in 2017, just two months after the city had emerged from bankruptcy. A year-and-a-half later, the city was in a circumstance in which expenditures on an annual basis were outrunning revenue by more than \$11 million.

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While that figure was significantly less than the \$49 million operating deficit the city was faced with in 2012 just prior to its Chapter 9 filing, Travis-Miller had been less than forthcoming in presenting the dreary financial picture to the council, partially in hope of a turnaround manifesting prior to the close of fiscal year 2018-19.

Yet, in relieving Travis-Miller of her command over city staff, the city council had not taken any action toward confronting in a practical way the financial wolves bayed at the city's door. Prognostications, based on the best figures available, indicated that the city was again on a slippery slope moving headlong toward, in the best scenario, a second bankruptcy, and in a more dire reading of the circumstance, toward disincorporation of the city altogether if the bankruptcy court should come to a determination that the city has demonstrated, after skipping out on more than \$350 million in debt once, an inability to make the necessary financial reforms to maintain itself as a going concern. Without a drastic shift in the city's focus and approach, the best Valdivia might hope to achieve is staving off a second bankruptcy until after his term ends in 2023. In any case, he recognized, bankruptcy would not only ruin his mayoralty as had happened to Morris and Davis before him, but dash any hope of his political future. The reality facing Valdivia, however, was that personnel costs in the city entailed in excess of 91 percent of the city's budget. Moreover, the prospect for a significant enough enhancement in revenue coming into the city to fill the void between money available to pay the city's bills and the city's actual expenditures was, based

on all past performance, so dim as to be non-existent. The only hope Valdivia has for political survival at this point is to absolutely reverse the wave he first rode into office on in 2011 when he pledged to the city's firefighters that he would ensure that their high salaries and benefits would not be touched, and either convince the city's current workforce to voluntarily take pay cuts in the 20 percent to 30 percent range or show the requisite mettle to have the city impose those salary and benefit reductions unilaterally or otherwise effectuate cost savings by massive layoffs.

Valdivia, Essayli and the rest of his political team then hatched a bold move which was intended to set the stage for across-the-board 25 percent pay cuts within the San Bernardino municipal workforce. The charter revision passed in 2016 had transformed the city attorney and city clerk positions from elected to appointed ones. Last year, the bulk of City Attorney Gary Saenz's staff, including four assistant or deputy city attorneys, had been displaced in favor of a contractual arrangement with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger for the provision of legal services. Ultimately, upon the expiration of Saenz's elected term as city attorney at the end of March 2020, Best Best & Krieger will move into the role of city attorney. Similarly, City Clerk Georgeann Hanna's tenure in her elected post is to end at the close of March 2020, at which point it is anticipated an appointed city clerk will take command of that office. As an object demonstration of the current regime's intent to bring municipal personnel costs into line with the city's revenues,

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## Pomierski Gave City Workers Pay Raises & Generous Benefits In Exchange For Their Silence About The Bribes He Took

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also expanded to other functions and levels within the operation of the city that had been an issue for some time. The grand jury did not discover sufficient evidence of poor management, hostile work environments and nepotism to make findings and recommendations at this time. The committee found no evidence of "Brown Act" violations. The committee in its efforts to understand the city's financial situation, contracted with a San Bernardino County-approved auditing firm to conduct an independent audit of the city's financial health. Upon conclusion of said audit, the committee learned that the City of Upland, while not in great financial shape, was no different from other California cities of like size. The City of Upland did

however, have future financial issues related to employee pension payments."

According to the grand jury, "[T]he City of Upland's revenue is relatively flat in nature and expenditures are rising at an exponentially higher rate. The City of Upland's current overall financial status, although recently improved, still does not resolve future financial pension related issues associated with payments to other post-employment benefits and the California Public Employees Retirement System and the impact these payments have on the financial health to the City of Upland."

The report presented figures to show that in Upland, over the last four years revenue has in general trended down while spending has trended up.

In fiscal year 2013-14, the report said city had revenue of \$52,999,442 and expenditures of \$46,156,242. In 2014-15, the city had revenue of \$59,292,159 and expenditures of \$50,605,012. In 2015-16, the city had revenue of \$56,284,601 and expenditures of \$53,658,982. In 2016-17, the city had revenue of \$58,277,968 and expen-

ditures of \$54,532,470. In 2017-18, the city had revenue of \$53,864,481 and expenditures of \$54,646,392, according to the report.

The city had pension costs of 5,261,392 in 2013-14. Its pension costs will jump to a projected \$15,661,000 in fiscal year 2027-28, the report stated.

According to the grand jury, "The City of Upland's revenue grew at a flat rate of 1.5% from fiscal year 2013/14 through fiscal year 2017/18, which equates to an average annual growth rate of 0.3%. The City of Upland's expenditures increased 18.2% from fiscal year 2013/14 through fiscal year 2017/18, which equates to an average annual growth rate of 3.64%.

The City of Upland's annual payments for retiree pension payments from fiscal year 2017/18 to fiscal year 2027/28 are projected to grow at an average annual mean rate of 7.47%, in plain terms from \$8,963,000 in fiscal year 2017/18 to \$15,661,000 in fiscal year 2027/28. Based upon the San Bernardino County contracted audit team and two grand jury interviews with the City

of Upland's management [it was] determined that the City of Upland does not have a formal plan in place to fund future payments to the employee pension plan."

While the grand jury gave an overview of the City of Upland's deteriorating financial circumstance, it did not offer any trenchant analysis of what put the city behind the eight ball monetarily beyond saying, "The vast majority of the growth in current and future expenditures are associated with the increase in employee pension costs."

According to the report, the methodology for the investigation was limited to interviewing the complainant and receiving additional documentation and information, interviewing management personnel from the City of Upland as well as a union employee representative, researching numerous documents online and in various periodicals, as well as reviewing sister cities' reports and financials, and contracting with an independent auditing firm to conduct what the grand jury report characterized as "an in-depth audit of the City of Upland's fiscal situa-

tion."

No review of historical factors relating to how Upland was maneuvered by its various employee unions into providing its employees with salaries and benefits, including pensions, the city could not afford was made.

In 2000, John Pomierski was elected mayor. He was reelected in 2004 and again in 2008. By late 2001 Pomierski had formed political alliances with his fellow council members Tom Thomas, Ken Willis and Michael Libutti. In May 2002, Libutti was appointed by then-Governor Gray Davis to a position on the Superior Court Bench to replace Judge Lou Glazier after his retirement. Libutti was thereafter replaced by Brendan Brandt on the city council. Pomierski thereupon formed a political alliance with Brandt.

Relatively early on in his tenure, Pomierski used the power of his position at City Hall to shake down individuals and companies with business pending before the city. In particular, Pomierski preyed upon applicants for project approval with the city's

planning division and community development department. Pomierski arranged for these kickbacks and bribes to be filtered to him in multiple ways. He owned a construction company, and those seeking approval of projects had the option of hiring his firm, JP Construction, as a subcontractor on those projects. To get money to Pomierski, project applicants could also provide work to a construction business owned by one of the mayor's associates, John Hennes, who was also Pomierski's designated appointee to the Upland Municipal Housing Authority. Another money conveyance and laundering mechanism Pomierski used was to have the project proponents hire him as a "consultant." Additionally, Pomierski used the ruse of having those seeking the city's approval of their projects use the consulting services of two of his "associates," Jason Crebs and Anthony Orlando Sanchez, in perpetrating his extortion and pay-off schemes.

In time, a number of city employees became

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## Former DA Wanted To Criminally Charge Burum For Making Donations To His Opponent

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donated \$4,400 to Anderson. Andrew Wright, another of the Colonies Partners, ponied up \$5,500. The Andrew

Wright Living Trust gave Anderson another \$3,000. One of Burum's many development entities provided \$2,000.

Burum donated \$4,400 to Anderson, and Burum's wife, Kelly, donated another \$4,400. Burum's brother donated \$1,000 to Anderson's electioneering fund and Burum's sister-in-

law donated \$500. Ray Crebs, one of the Colonies Partners, donated \$100. Stephen Larson, Burum's attorney, and Larson's father provided Anderson with \$8,800. Mark McDonald, Paul Biane's attorney, gave Anderson \$1,000. Rajan Maline, Erwin's attorney, threw another \$1,000 toward Anderson's electoral effort.

Chris Leggio, one of Burum's closest friends, and Leggio's wife put up \$7,700 toward getting Anderson into office. James Sheridan, another close Burum associate, tossed in \$500.

Jeff Burum provided \$135,550 to an independent expenditure committee, Business Owners For Fair and Ethical Government, which was devoted in large measure to supporting Anderson and opposing Ramos. Burum's wife, Kelly, handed another \$135,550 over to Business Own-

ers For Fair And Ethical Government. Chris Leggio and his wife provided the committee another \$32,500. Andrew Wright endowed Business Owners For Fair And Ethical Government with \$30,000.

Mark Kirk was a principal officer in Business Leaders For Fair And Ethical Government. Jim Erwin was another of the committee's officers.

Anderson was Ramos' only challenger in 2018, and in the contest held on June 5, corresponding with the 2018 California Primary, Anderson outpolled Ramos 128,127 votes or 52.16 percent to 117,501 votes or 47.84 percent.

Based on the substance of the internal district attorney's office communications, Kewalramani took exception to the characterization of the political support vectored toward Anderson

as criminal activity.

U.S. District Judge Jesus G. Bernal concurred in that conclusion. In a number of cases over the last several decades federal courts have held that monetary support provided to political candidates are tantamount to free speech. The county's difficulties were compounded by misrepresentations made earlier in the process by its legal representatives, when County Counsel Michelle Blakemore, Slyngstad and other lawyers with Burke, Williams and Sorensen were unaware of the district attorney's office's internal communications having fallen into the hands of the plaintiff's legal teams.

Slyngstad had asserted that Kewalramani's had based his order "on clearly erroneous factual findings." Bernal came to the diametrically opposite conclusion, and

cited "credible allegations" and "evidence," which he said supported the motion to compel the disgorging of the documents.

Bernal granted the Colonies Partners' motion to recover the fees it expended in contesting the appeal of Kewalramani's order, to be quantified by the Colonies Partners' submission, by July 8, of a declaration or a showing of legal billings for the work.

"The former DA has long demonstrated a clear bias against Jeff Burum and the other plaintiffs in this lawsuit," Burum's attorney, Stephen Larson said. "I am confident that these documents will continue to demonstrate the pattern of deceit, fraud, and misconduct by county officials that has already been revealed, all of which will only further strengthen our case."

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## Essayli Experienced Rough Go In Trying To Keep All Of Council's Horses Hitched Up To The Same Side Of Valdivia's Wagon *from page 5*

Valdivia and Essayli last month placed before the city council a proposal to reduce by 45.8 percent the compensation Saenz is to receive during the nine months of 2019-2020 that he will remain in office and to further reduce the compensation Hanna is to receive during the remaining duration of her tenure by 59.2 percent. Ultimately, at a specially-called city council meeting on June 11, the council voted 4-to-2, with Councilman Jim Mulvihill absent, to ratify the compensation reductions as proposed. Thus, Saenz, who was being provided with \$246,266 in total annual compensation as city attorney, including salary, benefits and add-ons, has seen the amount of pay he is to receive between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 reduced from \$184,700 to \$100,000. Hanna, who was receiving \$171,466 in total annual compensation as city clerk, including salary, benefits and add-ons, is now seeing her compensation over the same nine-month span reduced from \$128,600 to \$52,500.

Downsizing Saenz' and Hanna's pay was intended as a prelude to an effort that will call upon city employees to

voluntarily reduce their paychecks by 25 percent. The gameplan is to start with San Bernardino municipal employees whose functions are not deemed critical who refuse to voluntarily accept reductions in pay and either lay them off or eliminate their positions entirely. Those employees who hold positions that are indispensable to the city's operations will be kept in place if they willingly take the pay reductions asked of them. Those who do not will remain in place only long enough for contract employees to be substituted into their places. A critical element of the plan is to get Teri Ledoux, who had been the assistant city manager under Travis-Miller and who was elevated to the post of acting city manager when Travis-Miller was suspended, to agree to accept a salary and benefit package that is roughly two-thirds of what Travis-Miller was provided.

Miller pulled down \$307,941.56 in total compensation on a yearly basis, consisting of her \$262,542.50 annual salary and \$45,399.06 in annual benefits. Thus, it is surmised, the council will offer Ledoux \$175,028.34 in annual salary, coupled with \$30,770.61 in benefits. If Ledoux, who is currently being paid \$172,000 per year in total compensation, were to accept this arrangement, it would leave her with the situational and moral authority to ask the rest of the city's workforce to voluntarily take 25 percent pay cuts. On July 17, a closed-door negotiat-

ing session between the council and Ledoux is scheduled to take place. If during that exchange she expresses a willingness to accept a total annual compensation package in the \$205,000 range and take on the assignment of reducing city employee salaries by 25 percent, the city manager's job is hers. If she balks at those terms, Valdivia will seek to have the council undertake a search for a city manager willing to accept that assignment at the reduced paygrade.

A perhaps inadvertent and certainly unanticipated offshoot of the June 11 specially-called meeting to kickoff the salary reduction effort with the clipping of Saenz's and Hanna's pay was that Ibarra, who was widely seen as a steadfastly reliable member of the Valdivia team, parted company from Valdivia over the pay reduction issue. During the debate on the matter, Ibarra offered a contrary motion which called for keeping Saenz's and Hanna's remuneration intact and instead eliminating Essayli's chief-of-staff position. Ibarra's defection is of larger significance than her single vote on the seven-member council. Should her move toward the positions held by Shorett and Mulvihill persist, the dynamics would return to the circumstance that existed before Figueroa's election to the council in May, when Nickel sided with Shorett and Mulvihill to block several of Valdivia's and Essayli's initiatives. With Richard, Sanchez and Figueroa on one side

and Shorett, Mulvihill and Ibarra on the other, Nickel's vote becomes a potential deciding factor in how many items to be considered by the council will play out. In numerous such circumstances in the past, Nickel has defied expectations to exercise power that under normal conditions his role of casting one vote among seven does not afford him.

Whether Ibarra's show of independence and her move to essentially fire Essayli had an impact on Essayli's decision to move on is unknown, as neither he nor Valdivia have deigned to address that specifically or Essayli's departure in general.

Of Essayli's leaving, Councilman Shorett said, "My belief is he was not the right fit for San Bernardino from the beginning. I wish him well in whatever he is going to do now. My understanding was the relationship between him and John [Valdivia] was something that grew out of their both vying for election at the same time last year, and the Republican money that was involved in both of their campaigns. He lost in the 60<sup>th</sup> [Assembly District] and they were introduced through a common fundraiser who worked on both of their campaigns. I don't know the details, but their connection had a lot to do with the Republican Party."

Shorett said that Valdivia indicated he and Essayli had "parted on good terms, but I don't accept that. He left because he wanted to. I believe, and it's just my belief, that Essayli may have been seeing things about John he didn't like. He's a lawyer with maybe a political future and he's being cautious by disengaging from Valdivia while he can."

Shorett said, "John has put out he is in the course of interviewing four people to replace him [Essayli]. It was John's initiative to create this chief-of-staff position under the new charter. Well, I'm going to take it as my initiative to

eliminate that position. We don't need a chief of staff. I can tell you I will be working hard to eliminate that out of our budget and not support it financially."

Continuing, Shorett said, "As a group, the council and the mayor, we are a legislative body. John talked about and Essayli talked about being an executive. Well, the mayor is not an executive, not under the new charter. The new charter does not require the mayor to have a lot of impact on or responsibility for day-to-day operations. He is, and I accept that he is, the spokesman for the city council. But he is not the spokesman for the city. He should be part of the legislative body working together to set policy for the city. He doesn't need an entourage to do that. In addition to the chief of staff he has these three bogus field reps. I don't need any field reps. That's why I'm elected. I'm the field rep for the Fourth Ward. I don't need a field rep to go to meetings for me. I'll go to the meetings myself. If somehow I can't make it, I'll have one of my council colleagues go for me."

Nickel said of Essayli's departure, "It wasn't a surprise. He has been talking about moving on for a while, over the last couple of weeks. I know it has just become public now. People move on, obviously. He was a prosecutor who ran for office. He left his post as a government employee when he ran for office. I have been there and done that. Running for office is disruptive to your life in general and your career. Immediately after going through the process it takes a while to get recalibrated. At this point he may have opportunities in terms of offers from a law firm."

Asked if Essayli's leaving would disrupt the function at City Hall, Nickel said "I don't think so. He was part of our building process. He is a former prosecutor who knows how to ask tough questions. He was investigating things that quite honestly needed to be

investigated and he did a decent job. There were a lot of things brought to light I suspect we never would have known about that we learned of because of his work. The council recently has made decisions based by and large on the work he did, bringing to light things we weren't aware of."

Councilman Ted Sanchez said of Essayli, "He left on good terms. When he started we did not expect he would stay very long. He came here just after the new council was in place. We and the mayor understood what he was being asked to do was make sure the mayor could do what he was trying to do, which was to get the train on the right track. Once the heavy lifting was done, he was going to be gone. We knew after the election we would have some serious opposition. We finally had a mayor from the south side. We had two people on the council who would not appreciate the new mayor or the people in the mayor's circle. We knew his [Essayli's] time would be limited. He managed to get us through the first budget."

Moreover, Essayli "found a way to make city staff accountable for the decisions they are making," Sanchez said. "He was able to get a budget passed. Staff was well aware there was an \$11 million deficit. We ran into that much later than we should have basically because the staff was actively hiding it. They had made policy decisions that pertain to our budget and fiscal integrity, and lots of things were kept from us. This was my first time on the council, my first term in office, and when I came in, I was stunned. The atmosphere was 'Okay, you just sit back and approve everything put in front of you.' When the council started to assert itself, we were accused of micromanaging. That was because all of the authority had been taken away from the council. The staff had taken over. Bilal Essayli

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Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratis 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 exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación da \$10,000 o mas 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.

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)

To : Blake Burns  
 Plaintiff : Guadalupe Ortiz seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows :

1. General damages
  - a. Pain, suffering, and inconvenience... \$1,000,000.00
  - b. Emotional distress...\$500,000.00
2. Special damages
  - a. Medical expenses (to date)... \$200,000.00
  - b. Future medical expenses (present value)... \$100,000.00

Date : April 08, 2019  
 The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la direccion de la corte es):

Riverside Historic Courthouse

4050 Main Street  
 Riverside, CA 92501  
 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

John Arends, Esq.; 4700 Teller Ave., Second Floor, Newport Beach, CA 92600;  
 Telephone: (949) 660-8753  
 DATE (Fecha): August 01, 2018

Clerk (Secretario), by B. Votruba, Deputy (Adjunto)

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/29/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/SH

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Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 & 7/05, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190006992

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Unique Interpreting, 25847 Van Leuven St 189, Loma Linda, CA 92354, Luis Gil, 25847 Van Leuven St 189, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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

s/Luis Gil  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/10/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/AJ

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6/14/2019, 6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190007066

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Stones of Transformation, 457 N Central Ave, Upland, CA 91786, YKM Corp, 7162 Turning Leaf Pl., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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

s/Yolanda Hurtado  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/12/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/AG

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6/14/2019, 6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20190006468

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Becasdragonflybikinis, 508 W. F Street, Ontario, CA 91762, Enrique Camberos Jr, 508 W. F Street, Ontario, CA 91762, Claudia R Gudino, 508 W. F Street, Ontario, CA 91762

Business is Conducted By: A Married Couple

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

s/ Enrique Camberos

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formation, 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/Enrique Camberos Jr  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/29/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/HDC

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6/14/2019, 6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019

AMEND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1912276

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Peter Barry Strubel filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Peter Barry Strubel to Barry P. Strubel

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: 08/05/2019

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: June 03, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1916769

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Suzanne Lynn Bozich filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Suzanne Lynn Bozich to Suzanne Lynn Mckinnon

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: 07/19/2019

Time: 8:30 a.m.  
 Department: S16

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 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: June 07, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1916656

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Shawnte Rochelle Cruz filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kristen Andrew Dockery to Kristen Andrew Cruz

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: 07/16/2019

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: May 31, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1917052

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Nicholas Cheh-tian Chien / Dwina Samir Attaalla Ibrahim filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Adam Ibrahim-Chien to Adam Chien

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Date: 07/16/2019  
 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: May 31, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1917052

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Nicholas Cheh-tian Chien / Dwina Samir Attaalla Ibrahim filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Adam Ibrahim-Chien to Adam Chien

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: 07/19/2019

Time: 8:30 a.m.  
 Department: S16

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 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: June 07, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1916656

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Shawnte Rochelle Cruz filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kristen Andrew Dockery to Kristen Andrew Cruz

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: 07/16/2019

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 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: June 07, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1916656

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Shawnte Rochelle Cruz filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kristen Andrew Dockery to Kristen Andrew Cruz

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: 07/16/2019

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 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: June 10, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1917984

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Tuyba Bejjhat Wahla filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Tuyba Bejjhat Wahla to Tuyba Bejjhat Karim

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court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
 Notice of Hearing: Date: 07/22/2019  
 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 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: June 10, 2019  
 Michael A. Sachs  
 Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/14/19, 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19

A.P.N.: 1087-151-46-0-000  
 Trustee Sale No.: 2012-2625  
 Title Order No: 1173833  
 Reference No: RA-ETI 0294-01  
 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 10/24/2011 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 7/15/2019 at 1:00 PM, S.B.S. Lien Services, As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 11/28/2011, as Document No. 2011-0502977, Book , Page , of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, The original owner: NIK PHENG AND MARIA RAMOS-PHENG The purported new owner: NIK PHENG AND MARIA RAMOS-PHENG WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or a savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.: NEAR THE FRONT STEPS LEADING UP TO THE CITY OF CHINO CIVIC CENTER, 13220 CENTRAL AVENUE, CHINO, CA 91710 All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in said County, as more fully described on the above referenced assessment lien. The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 5225 COOPER COURT RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91739. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to wit: \$6,861.92 accrued interest

and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant: RANCHO ETIWANDA ESTATES MAINTENANCE CORPORATION under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855)986-9342, or visit this Internet Web site www.superiordefault.com using the file number assigned to this case 2012-2625. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE NINETY DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION CONTAINED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(b). PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 6/4/2019. S.B.S LIEN SERVICES, 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362. By: Annissa Young, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer (06/21/19, 06/28/19, 07/05/19 | TS#2012-2625 SDI-15248)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1917984

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Tuyba Bejjhat Wahla filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Tuyba Bejjhat Wahla to Tuyba Bejjhat Karim

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: 07/22/2019

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 THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

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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: 07/31/2019  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S16  
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: June 19, 2019  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/21/19, 6/28/19, 7/5/19, 7/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190006366

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Mike's Bike Services, 7154 Palm Ave, Yucca Valley, CA 92284,

Mailing Address: 7654 Conalia Ave, Yucca Valley, CA 92284, Michael R Hayner Jr, 7154 Palm Ave, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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/Michael Hayner Jr  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/24/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 5/22/2019

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

6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190006935

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ideal Living Psychology Center Inc., 9220 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, Ideal Living Psychology Center Inc., 9220 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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

s/Rakeshia Morgan  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/7/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 6/6/2018

County Clerk, s/AJ

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6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190006845

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: R and A Trucking, 24208 5th St., San Bernardino, CA 92410,

Mailing Address: PO Box 30355, San Bernardino, CA 92410 Roberto V. Aguilar, 24208 5th St., San Bernardino, CA 92410

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/Roberto V. Aguilar  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/6/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/KNH

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190006366

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Mike's Bike Services, 7154 Palm Ave, Yucca Valley, CA 92284,

Mailing Address: 7654 Conalia Ave, Yucca Valley, CA 92284, Michael R Hayner Jr, 7154 Palm Ave, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Michael Hayner Jr  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/24/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 5/22/2019

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

6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190006935

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ideal Living Psychology Center Inc., 9220 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, Ideal Living Psychology Center Inc., 9220 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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s/Rakeshia Morgan  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/7/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 6/6/2018

County Clerk, s/AJ

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/26/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/SH

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Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 5/24, 5/31, 6/07 & 6/14, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190006708

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Inspector Spy, Scarf Time, Children City, 14071 Peyton Dr. #682, Chino Hills, CA 91709, Always Management Group Inc., 4019 Willow Lane, Chino Hills, CA 91709

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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s/Alexander Parker  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/04/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/DOM

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6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019, 7/19/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190007455

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Macarons Amour, 12250 Casper Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, Mailing Address: 12250 Casper Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, Raina M. Artega, 12250 Casper Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

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/Raina M. Artega  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/24/2019

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Began Transacting Business: 01/01/2019

County Clerk, s/GM

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6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019, 7/19/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190007085

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ayres Self Storage of Montclair, 10625 Central Avenue, Montclair, CA 91763, Mailing Address: 355 Bristol Street, Suite A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Ayres Group, 355 Bristol Street, Suite A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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s/Bruce Ayres  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/13/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 1/29/1988

County Clerk, s/DTH

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6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019, 7/19/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190004621

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: American Focus Telecom, 516 N. Imperial Ave #D, Ontario, CA 91764, Jihyang Fang, 516 N. Imperial Ave #D, Ontario, CA 91764

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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

s/Jihyang Fang  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/12/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/EF

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4/26/19, 5/3/19, 5/10/19, 5/17/19  
Corrected: 6/28/19, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019, 7/19/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190005245

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: South Pacific Truck and Trailer Repair, 9135 Tangelo Ave, Fontana, CA 92335, Mailing Address: 1313 Kingsmill Ave, Rowland Heights, CA 91748, Epifanio D Rodriguez, 9135 Tangelo Ave, Fontana, CA 92335

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Epifanio D Rodriguez  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/29/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 2/28/2014

County Clerk, s/GM

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5/3/19, 5/10/19, 5/17/19, 5/24/19  
Corrected: 6/28/19, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019, 7/19/2019

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1918577

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Kathy Lee filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Kathy Lee to Kay Lee

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: 08/02/2019  
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: June 21, 2019  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/28/19, 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1918521

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: In Re: Kabuwa Lashon Weusi filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

In Re: Kabuwa Lashon Weusi to Shawn Warner

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: 08/05/2019  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S16

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: June 24, 2019  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/28/19, 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS 1918316

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: KENIA VICTORIA HOLANDA ANZUETO filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KENIA VICTORIA HOLANDA ANZUETO to KENIA VICTORIA MARTIN HOLANDA

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: 07/31/2019  
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: June 19, 2019  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 6/28/19, 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19

FBN 20190004500

The following entity is doing business as: GameStop 3971 1100 S. Mount Vernon Avenue, Suite E Colton, CA 92324

GameStop, Inc. 625 Westport Parkway Grapevine, TX 76051  
Mailing Address: 625 Westport Parkway Attn: License Dept. Grapevine, TX 76051

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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

s/Troy Crawford  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/10/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: October 16, 2008

County Clerk, deputy

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6/21/2019, 6/28/2019, 7/5/2019, 7/12/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190004743

The following entity is doing business as: BOYER DESIGN ENGINEERING 23504 CREST FOREST DRIVE CRESTLINE, CA 92325

Mailing Address: PO BOX 3258 CRESTLINE, CA 92325  
DANY D KINSLAW 180 DELLE DRIVE CRESTLINE, CA 92325

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

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be \$369,038.26 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000360-14-2. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: June 19, 2019 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000360-14-2 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AU-

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TOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Order Number 61296, Pub Dates: 07/05/2019, 07/12/2019, 07/19/2019, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Ronnie Phelps CASE NO. PROPS1900612

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Ronnie Phelps

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Bradley Erickson the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Bradley Erickson be appointed executor of 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: Date: August 12, 2019 at 8:30 am in Dept.: S35 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.

Petitioner: Mark Abell (SBN 265499)

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1461 Ford Street, #203 Redlands, CA 92373 Telephone: (310) 953-8191 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel On 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190007717

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PKC Consulting, 12698 Witherspoon Rd., Chino, CA 91710, Pyung K Choi, 12698 Witherspoon Rd., Chino, CA 91710 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/Pyung Choi

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/28/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/AG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190007774

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Sign Write Here Mobile Notary Service, 9600 19th., Unit#106, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 8413, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701, Diedre L Lesley, 9600 19th., Unit#106, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

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/Diedre L. Lesley

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 7/01/19

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

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/HDC

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1916967

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Frank Paul Lipa filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Frank Paul Lipa to Frank Paul Valenti

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

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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: 07/31/2019 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: June 05, 2019 Michael A. Sachs Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19, 7/26/19

SUMMONS - (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) CIVDS1915746

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO DEMANDANDO): Jesus Jaso, Magdalia Pereyda, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud on Plaintiff's title thereto; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Juan M. Alvarez

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 is served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. 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

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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 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una repuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no le protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar on formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas 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 mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida si secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion 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 mas 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 referencia a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratis 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 poniendoso 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 exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación da \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corta antes de que la corta pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la direccion de la corte es): County of San Bernardino - Civil Division 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Juan M. Alvarez PO Box 828, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 Telephone: (760) 275- 6161 DATE (Fecha): May 23, 2019

Clerk (Secretario), by Melissa White, Deputy (Adjunto) Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19 & 7/26/19.

SUMMONS - (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) PSC1901709

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO DEMANDANDO): Legend Gardens, Inc.; Jay Emery, an individual, Prospect LG, LLC; and DOES 1-20 inclusive

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MANDANTE): Saskia Racke, an individual and as Administrator of the Estate of Yvette Racke

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. 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

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, Riverside County, Palm Springs Courthouse 3255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Julia M. Williams, 5080 Shoreham Pl., Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92122 Telephone: (858) 371-4995 DATE (Fecha): March 12, 2019

Clerk (Secretario), by A. Garcia, Deputy (Adjunto) Published in San Bernardino County Sentinel on 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19, 7/26/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1919087

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Rania Bishay filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Andrea Usama Girges to Andreas Usama Girges

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.

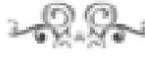
Notice of Hearing: Date: 08/14/2019 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

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: June 28, 2019 Michael A. Sachs Judge of the Superior Court.

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ter District Governing Board, almost at once began preparations for the 2020 Third District supervisor contest. An attorney, his father is a wealthy licensed contractor/developer associated with the San Manuel Indian Tribe. With James Ramos in Sacramento, a Democratic town in the heartland of the Democratic Party, it was assumed that massive amounts of money would be coming Carrillo's way, if not directly into his campaign fund, then to independent expenditure committees supporting him, which could sidestep the \$4,400 individual contribution limit members of

the board of supervisors several years ago imposed on themselves.

It thus appeared that Carrillo was cruising toward a showdown with Rowe in 2020 that he would have in all likelihood win.

As word spread last month that Carrillo was opting out of the race, suspicion at once fell upon the bevy of dirty tricksters who surround Rowe.

Before her appointment, Rowe had reportedly acceded to the position of chief of staff with Congressman Paul Cook, after serving on Cook's Congressional staff and his staff while he was a member of the California Legislature. Upon her appointment as supervisor, Rowe hired as staffers two Republican Party political operatives – Matt Knox and Dillon Lesovsky – whose reputations as political hitmen proceed them. The most recent high profile example of their

work is the “Dirty Donnelly” website that was utilized to blast a hole below one-time Assemblyman Tim Donnelly's waterline after he placed second in the 2018 primary race in California's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, qualifying him for a runoff against Cook in November 2018.

The website, Dirty Donnelly.com, utilized doctored photos to paint Donnelly in the most negative of light, and alleging that he had a criminal record, was scamming senior citizens, had deserted his family, had engaged in “political fraud,” stole from his own wife and was unemployed. In violation of state law, the website had no identifying California Fair Political Practices registration number, a circumstance which was paralleled by signs attacking Donnelly which did not bear the indicia required under California law for cam-

paign signs and materials to show what entity, organization, committee or campaign paid for the materials. The anti-Donnelly campaign carried out by Knox and Lesovsky, which involved threads of fact interwoven into a tapestry of misstatements, exaggeration and overstatement, proved highly effective, as Cook trounced Donnelly in the November 6 election 108,414 votes or 60 percent to 68,370 votes or 40 percent.

After reports surfaced to indicate that Rowe had hired Knox and Lesovsky as members of her supervisorial staff and had given them license to engineer her 2020 election campaign from their county offices, Rowe, pointedly, did not move to squelch those reports. This was widely perceived as an effort to ward off opposition next year. Suggestions were that messages had been conveyed to Carrillo, threatening him with treatment similar to that accorded to Donnelly last year, inducing him to discontinue his pursuit of the Third District supervisorial seat.

Carrillo's departure from the race may have a wider implication.

Last year, prior to Rowe's ascension to the board, the county board of supervisors in a controversial 3-to-2 vote, with supervisors Lovingood and Rutherford dissenting, placed the entirety of the county's unincorporated areas into a fire service assessment zone that was initially formed more than a decade ago to fund the provision of fire service

in the county's Silverlakes and Helendale districts. That action, which impacted more than 94 percent of the county's 20,105-square mile expanse, involved the imposition of \$157 per parcel yearly assessments on all property owners in that 19,000-square mile area. Those now hit with the assessments were not given an opportunity to approve the new tax being levied upon them, which triggered widespread anger and legal challenges. Mindful of the approaching 2020 election, Rowe has signaled what she represents as her disapproval of the expansion of the assessment district, known as FS-5. Given that both Rutherford and Lovingood are on record against the assessments being layered onto property owners without their approval, the inference has been drawn by many that the expansion of FS-5 might be rescinded and that the county will seek some other funding mechanism for the county fire district. That has not been fully committed to, however. Nevertheless, the Third District is host to the second largest, after the First District, expanse of unincorporated county land. Rowe appears to be courting the voters in those areas by tantalizing them with the suggestion that she might give them a reprieve from the FS-5 assessment.

Now, however, with Carrillo no longer running and Rowe unlikely to face a stiff challenge in 2020, her need to appeal to those landowners in

her district's unincorporated areas has subsided somewhat, meaning she is now much less likely to push for the rescission of the FS-5 assessments.

Two prospects for removing Rowe as Third District supervisor yet exist, consisting of legal challenges filed in the aftermath of Rowe's appointment by the board of supervisors. One of those was filed by Ruth Musser-Lopez and the other by Inland Empire United. Both of those lawsuits maintain that the board of supervisors did not follow the proper protocol in appointing Rowe and had violated the Ralph M. Brown Act, California's open public meeting law, in making its choice. The Musser-Lopez and Inland Empire United challenges are based on the same set of facts and make the same legal arguments. Both assert that the board violated the Ralph M. Brown Act by voting in secret on December 10, 2018, when each supervisor lodged his or her individual choices with the clerk of the board instead of taking a public vote to winnow a field of 48 eligible candidates down to 13 candidates, thus failing to properly agendize that action. It was on the following day that the board interviewed the 13 candidates and narrowed the list further to five “finalists” but not before Musser-Lopez publicly accused them of violating the Brown Act in doing so. Two days later a special meeting to appoint the winner was postponed as a result of

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came in and asked some very tough questions. He then asked us if we knew about this \$11 million deficit. He brought it to our attention. Staff would have continued to move numbers around in such a way that without him, this would not have come to light.”

Sanchez said, “With this new mayor we now know what staff is do-

ing. We have a new city manager in place. I think we are seeing a new trend. We have to remain aware of everything that is going on in the city. The previous city manager was selectively providing information and large elements of the budget were actively hidden from us. Keeping us, the council, in the dark no longer works in our city. Before, too many decisions were made by staff and the council was expected to just rubberstamp everything put in front of us. The new mayor and the new council did not believe that was how

things were supposed to work. We have in place staff members who are willing to work with the council in executing its vision of what is best for the city. Those that don't believe that is how the city should be run are no longer with us. The city council is again in charge. In the past the role of the mayor and the city council was abdicated to the staff. The policy of the city was being dictated by staff. There has been a giant reset in the first six months that we have been here. You can credit much of that to Bilal Essayli.”

-Mark Gutglueck

## San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner's Report #701903693 On Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 11:26 am, officers with the California Highway Patrol responded to a call for a pedestrian struck by a semi-trailer truck on the eastbound SR-210 freeway Highland Avenue off ramp in San Bernardino. The pedestrian, 57-year-old Kevin Alan Clancy of Pasadena, California, was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:45 am. California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [05302019 1255 GB]

Coroner's Report #701903673 On Wednesday, May 28, 2019, at 1:06 PM, a vehicle was reported in the California Aqueduct at Main Street overcrossing in Hesperia. Emergency personnel entered the water and confirmed the death of a male inside of the vehicle at 1:15 PM. The decedent was identified as John Masin, age 36, a resident of Newbury Park California. California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [05292019 1220 GB]

Coroner's Report #701903677 On Wednesday, May 28, 2019, at approximately 12:15 pm, deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Rancho Cucamonga Station responded to a traffic collision on Day Creek Blvd. and Victoria Gardens Ln., in Rancho Cucamonga. Alicia Hejdkuk, a 65-year-old resident of Rancho Cucamonga was a passenger in a 2007 Toyota Tacoma that had been traveling southbound on Day Creek Blvd. The driver of the Toyota lost control of the vehicle and struck a light pole. Hejdkuk was transported to San Antonio Regional Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 1:35 PM. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Rancho Cucamonga is investigating the collision. [05292019 1220 GB]

Coroner's Report #701903665 On Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM, a 911 call was received reporting a single vehicle collision on Highway 62 near mile marker 100, Rice, CA. Emergency crews responded to find Susan Lewis, a 49-year-old resident of Garden Grove, deceased at the scene. The Needles office of the California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [05282019 1000 JK]

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dino County Fire Department as a battalion chief, serving in the Valley and South Desert divisions.

Mike Antonucci, currently the county fire division's emergency services manager and a former fire chief in Upland, is considered a longshot for the job,

primarily because of his age. He has over 40 years of fire service experience. He has been with the county since 2012. He has a bachelor of arts and master of science in public administration.

Another dark horse for the top post is Mike Horton, the fire marshal in the county's Division 12. He began his fire service career as a firefighter with the City of Norco Fire Department in 1980, promoting to

the position of captain in 1985 with the State of California and eventually to chief officer in 1999 after relocating to San Jose. In 2001 Horton returned to the Riverside County Fire Department in Temecula. In 2006, he became a deputy fire marshal with the San Bernardino County Fire Department. He is a lead fire service ladder instructor for the Crafton Hills Fire Academy.

It was previously

thought that County Fire Deputy Chief of Administration John Chamberlin, who had been Hartwig's right hand man, had the inside track on the county fire chief position. However, on May 1, he was placed on paid administrative leave. He has remained in that status ever since.

Chamberlin started full-time with the San Bernardino County Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic

in Adelanto in September 1999, having previously worked as a fire dispatcher and paid-call firefighter for both the county and the City of Victorville. He promoted to captain in 2004, battalion chief in 2013, division chief in 2015 and made assistant chief in 2016.

He was promoted to deputy chief of administration by Hartwig in February 2017. He oversaw the fire department's

personnel, daily financial operations and special projects.

Chamberlin has a bachelor of science degree in healthcare administration and two associate of science degrees, one in fire technology and another in paramedic science. He has attended the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

-Mark Gutglueck

### Upland Municipal Employees Demand Raises Despite City's Precarious Financial Circumstance from page 4

aware of Pomierski's depredations. To buy their silence, Pomierski arranged for them to obtain raises. Yet raises being provided to a select group of city employees in itself raised suspicions, not to mention the hackles of city employees who did not receive increases in their pay and accompanying benefits. To smooth over ruffled feathers, Pomierski prompted his fellow councilmen to raise employee salaries across the board. Ingratiating himself even further with the city's employees, he and the council consented to having City Hall transition to a four-day workweek. When a pattern of the city's employees failing to show up for work

at 7 am and remaining in place until 6 pm in keeping with their Monday through Thursday work schedule manifested shortly after that transition, Pomierski and his fellow council members chose to ignore those transgressions.

In 2005, Pomierski forced then-City Manager Michael Milhiser to leave, followed by then-Police Chief Martin Thouvenell, both of whom were nearing the outer margin of their tolerance for Pomierski's antics. Pomierski replaced Milhiser with Robb Quincey and promoted Steve Adams to police chief, considering the installation of both to be a hedge against any interference in his illicit maneuverings and exploitation of this mayoral authority.

After Quincey was in place, Pomierski persuaded his council colleagues to grant Quincey the perquisite of granting him the same level of pay and benefit in-

creases to be provided to the city's police officers. The Pomierski-led council then designated Quincey to carry out the city's collective bargaining with the city's police union, the Upland Police Officers Association. During the course of his slightly more than five-and-a-half years as city manager, Quincey was provided with eight salary enhancements, which zoomed his total annual compensation package from \$269,000 per year to \$429,000 annually.

The unions representing the city's work force – the San Bernardino Public Employees Association, the Upland Police Officers Association and the Upland Professional Firefighters Association – uniformly endorsed Pomierski in his campaigns for reelection. Though the city was rife with reports of Pomierski being on the take, the police department under Adams undertook no investigation into the plethora of

bribery schemes he was involved in.

In 2010, after years of inaction by the Upland Police Department, Pomierski was locked onto by the FBI, which in June of that year carried out raids at Upland City Hall, Pomierski's home and office, as well as the offices and homes of Hennes, Crebs and Sanchez. In 2011, Pomierski, Hennes, Crebs and Sanchez were indicted and charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office with engaging in extortion and bribery. Pomierski pleaded guilty to bribery charges in 2012. Quincey followed Pomierski into infamy, being unceremoniously shown the door by the Upland City Council two months after Pomierski's indictment. Quincey was subsequently criminally charged by the district attorney's office with several felonies, including unlawful misappropriation of public money, gaining personal benefit from an official contract,

and giving false testimony under oath. In September 2014 three of those charges against Quincey were dismissed and a felony conviction on a single count of conflict of interest by a public officer was entered against him.

After Pomierski's fall, subsequent administrations shied away from asking the city's employees or its unions to make any givebacks of what they had been provided as part of their corrupt bargain with the former mayor to let him continue with his exploitation of his political office, though in June 2011, Quincey's successor as city manager, Stephen Dunn, did roll out a massive lay off/termination of 27 city workers, among whom were some but not all of those suspected of having, or known to have, assisted Pomierski and Quincey in their despoiling of the city.

By 2012, the degree to which the Pomierski-

orchestrated giveaways to city employees had compromised the city's financials was becoming apparent. The following year, an auditor's opinion from the certified public accounting firm Mayer Hoffman and McCann that accompanied an audit of the city's books through June 2012 stated that there were such serious questions with regard to the city's solvency to the point that it was on a trajectory toward being "unable to continue as a going concern."

Now, more than eight years after the end of the Pomierski era, city employees and their unions are lodging complaints about having gone seven years without raises, and they are pressuring the current council and its acting city manager, Rosemary Hoerning, to provide them with 10.5 percent raises.



## County Wildlife Corner

# The Northern Goshawk



The northern goshawk, known by its scientific name *accipiter gentilis*, is a medium-to-large raptor in the family accipitridae, which are raptors active in the daytime, such as eagles, buzzards and harriers.

Considered a “true hawk,” the northern goshawk has relatively short, broad wings and a long tail, common to raptors that require maneuverability within forest habitats. For an accipiter, it has a relatively sizable bill, relatively long wings, a relatively short tail, robust and fairly short legs and particularly thick toes. Those found in California are blue-grey above or brownish-grey with dark barring or streaking over a grey or white base color below. These birds usually become paler as they age, manifesting in mottling and a lightening of the back from a darker shade to a bluer pale color. In North America, juveniles have pale-yellow eyes, and adults develop dark red eyes usually after their second year, although nutrition and genetics may affect eye color as well.

Molting starts between late March and late May.

The male tends to molt later and faster than the female. Molting results in the female being especially likely to have a gap in its wing feathers while incubating, and this may cause some risk, especially if the male is lost, as it inhibits her hunting abilities and may hamper her defensive capabilities, putting both herself and the nestlings in potential danger of predation. The molt takes a total of four-to-six months, with tail feathers following the wings, then lastly the

contour and body feathers, which may not be completely molted even as late as October.

The northern goshawk is on average the largest member of the genus accipiter. The northern goshawk, like all accipiters, exhibits sexual dimorphism, where females are significantly larger than males, with the dimorphism notably greater in most parts of Eurasia. Linearly, males average about 8 percent smaller in North America and 13 percent smaller than females in Eurasia, but in the latter landmass can range up to a very noticeable 28 percent difference in extreme cases. Male northern goshawks are 18 inches to 24 inches long and have a 35-inch to 41-inch wingspan. The female is much larger, 23 inches



to 27 inches long, with a 43-inch to 50-inch wingspan. In a study of North American goshawks, males were found to average 22 inches in total length, against females which averaged 24 inches. Males from six subspecies average around 1.680 pounds in body mass, with a range from all races of 0.787 pounds to 2.646 pounds. The female can be up to more than twice as heavy, averaging from the same races 2.54 pounds with an overall range of 1.671 pounds to 4.850 pounds. Among standard measurements, the most oft-measured is wing chord which can range from 11.3 inches to 13.9 inches in males and from 12.8 inches to 15.4 inches in females.



Northern goshawks generally vocalize only during courtship or the nesting season. Adult goshawks may chatter a repeated note, varying in speed and volume based on the context. When calling from a perch, birds often turn their heads slowly from side to side, producing a ventriloquial effect. The male calls a fast, high-pitched kew-kew-kew when delivering food or else a very different croaking guck or chup. The males produce it by holding the beak wide open, thrusting the head up and forward, then bringing it down as the sound is emitted, repeated at intervals of five seconds. This call is uttered when the male encounters a female. Two calls from brooding females are known, a recognition scream of short, intense notes - whee-o or hee-ya - which ends in a harsh, falsetto tone; then a dismissal call given when the male lingers after delivering food, consisting of a choked, cut-off scream. Meanwhile, the adult female's rapid strident kek-kek-kek expresses alarm or intent to mob towards threatening intruders. This is often done when mobbing a predator such as a great horned owl (*bubo virginianus*) and as it progresses the female's voice may lower slightly in pitch and becomes harsh and rasping. As the intensity of her attacks increases, her kaking becomes more rapid and can attain a constant screaming quality. Females often withdraw

into the treetops when fatigued, and their calls are then spaced at longer intervals. Males respond to interlopers or predators with a quieter, slower gek gek gek or ep ep ep. A call consisting of kek...kek.kekk kek kek-kek-kek is used mainly by females in advertisement and during pre-laying mutual calling. Both genders may also engage in kaking during copulation. Vocalizations mainly peak in late courtship/early nesting around late March to April, can begin up to 45 minutes before sunrise, and are more than twice as frequent in the first three hours of daylight as in the rest of the day. Occasionally hunting northern goshawks may make shrill screams when pursuing prey, especially if a lengthy chase is undertaken and the prey is already aware of its intended predator.

The northern goshawk is always found solitary or in pairs. This species is highly territorial, as are most raptorial birds, maintaining regularly spaced home ranges that constitute their territory. Territories are maintained by adults via display flights. During nesting, the home ranges of goshawk pairs are from 1,500 to 9,900 acres and these vicinities tend to be vigorously defended both to maintain rights to their nests and mates as well as the ranges' prey base. Each gender tends to defend the territory from others of their own gender.

Though somewhat sedentary for a northern

raptor species, the northern goshawk is a partial migrant. Migratory movements generally occur between September and early December and February to April. Spring migration is less extensive, peaking in late March to early April.

Northern goshawks are opportunistic predators, targeting insects, fish, small to medium-sized mammals such as reptiles and amphibians, tree squirrels and ground squirrels, rabbits and hares among mammals and birds found in forests, edge and scrub habitats, extending to corvids, pigeons, doves, woodpeckers, ducks, grouse and cormorants.

Males construct most new nests but females may assist somewhat if reinforcing old nests. Trees used for nesting include spruce, fir, larch, pine and hemlock. Broadleaf trees used include ash, alder, aspen, beech, birch, elm, hickory, hornbeam, lime, maple, sycamore, oak, poplar, tamarack, wild cherry and willow. While the male is building, the female perches in the vicinity, occasion-



ally screaming, sometimes flying to inspect the nest.

Eggs are laid at 2-to-3-day intervals on average between April and June, most usually May, taking up to 9 days for a clutch of 3-4 and 11 days for a clutch of 5. The eggs are rough, unmarked pale bluish or dirty white. During incubation, females tend to become quieter and more inconspicuous. The mother can develop a brooding patch of up to 5.9 inches by 2 inches on her underside. She may turn the eggs as fre-



quently as every 30 to 60 minutes. Males may incubate as many as 1 to 3 hours, but usually less than an hour, early in incubation but rarely do so later on. During daylight, females can do as much as 96 percent of the observed incubation. The incubation stage lasts for any time between 28 and 37 days, though rarely up to 41 days in exceptionally big clutches. After hatching occurs, the male does not come directly to the nest but instead just delivers food, usually already plucked, beheaded or otherwise dismembered, to a branch near the nest which the female tears apart and shares between herself and the nestlings. Food deliveries by the male can be daily or as infrequent as every 3 to 5 days. In turn, the female must feed the young about twice a day in order for the chicks to avoid starvation. Caching of food has been recorded near the nest, but only before the young start feeding themselves.

Accipiter in Latin means “hawk,” from accipere, “to grasp.” Gentilis is “noble” or “gentle.” In the Middle Ages only the nobility were permitted to fly goshawks for falconry.

This species was first described under its current scientific name by Linnaeus in his *Systema naturae* in 1758.

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# California Style July Goddess



There's something Godly about July. Here, in the Northern Hemisphere, people's expression of themselves in the way they dress comes closest to, and features more of, their true selves.



It's only going to be hotter in the days to come and patience will be tested in the heat. The style that is under way and in business all day is what I



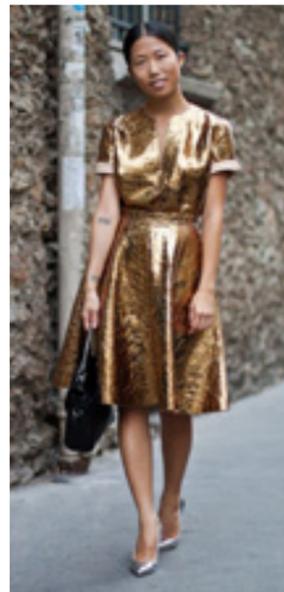
call easy everyday wear. I'm seeing gold, silver, and nude sandals every day, along with shim-



mery satin dresses. All looking perfect for a daily outing, whether to a party or to the office. The message is simple cool,



with a hint of Goddess. It's difficult to be formal in the heat, but if you're



going to do it, wear light colors like pink or green.

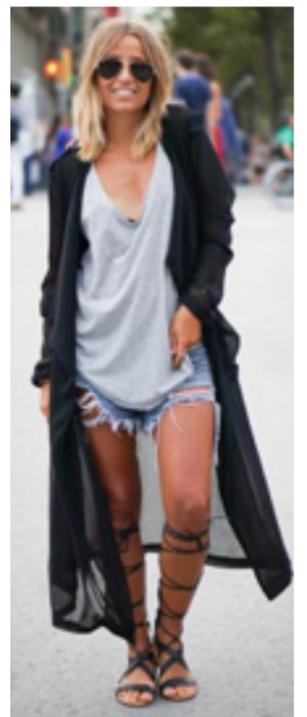
It's always nice to see the dressier version of summer trying to keep up with what is expected in the workplace and its neat to see people having fun dressing for the ris-



ing temperatures. It's all about having fun in the sun. Enjoy dressing for it and stay cool.



"Fashion is instant language." -Prada



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a written challenge and a "Brown Act Demand to Cure and Correct" letter sent by Musser-Lopez.

Five days later on December 18, 2018, at a regular meeting of the board, Dawn Rowe was appointed during an agenda item referenced "Selection of Third District Supervisor" at which time the board rescinded the list of 13 and the list of five finalists, mentioning in the background information contained within the report relating to the item that was contained in the meeting's agenda

packet the need to "mitigate public concern with regard to the process," but failing to reference on the agenda the actual Musser-Lopez demand letter received five days prior or giving direct notice that it was to be deliberated and acted upon.

Thirty days after she lodged the complaint with the board, Musser-Lopez filed a mandamus petition with the court within what she believed was the statutorily required filing period on January 22, 2019. Nevertheless, on June 19 Judge Janet Frangie dismissed the Musser-Lopez petition, finding it to be "untimely" for having been filed more than 15 days after she received a notice of board action sent to her from County Counsel Michelle D. Blakemore. On July 1,

Musser-Lopez filed a motion for reconsideration requesting the court to invalidate Blakemore's correspondence as amounting to "fraudulent concealment" of the fact that the board had not taken lawful action with regard to her December 11-13, 2018 communications. She said that if the Blakemore letter is not invalidated as a "notice of decision," then the court's determination amounts to a confirmation that the board took action without putting her Brown Act complaint on the agenda, which is thus tantamount to another Brown Act violation and a breach of her First Amendment rights to redress the board. "No one could have guessed that my Brown Act demand letter was the subject of the agenda

item titled 'Selection of Third District Supervisor.' The complaint letter was not included in the background information and the public was never given valid notice or an opportunity to be heard with regard to it. Now the court is saying that the board made a decision? Well, making a decision on an item not on the agenda is another violation of the Brown Act. There is no evidence that the board ever directed county counsel to send notice or that there had been deliberation or a decision with regard to the specific and particular challenges actually in my letter." The motion for reconsideration is scheduled for a hearing on August 7

Musser-Lopez intends to take the matter up on appeal and file another

Brown Act claim at the same time to cover both bases.

Meanwhile, the Inland Empire United petition was filed within 15 days after the Blakemore correspondence was sent and was not dismissed on the issue of timeliness, but the court has yet to make a determination based on the merits of the claim. A ruling is anticipated on that suit

on August 5.

In both cases, the court is asked to determine that the appointment of Dawn Rowe should be invalidated as it was based upon a process that was in violation of the Brown Act and that the "ceremonial" rescinding of the list of 13 interviewees and five finalists did not cure or correct the illegal acts.

-Mark Gutglueck

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