

Board Stymies Rowe's Removal As 3rd District Supervisor With Appeal

Reaching a conclusion that the four-fifths strength San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors late last year violated California's open public meeting law, the Brown Act, Superior Court Judge Janet M. Frangie this week voided the now nine month-old appointment of Dawn Rowe as Third District county supervisor.

Judge Frangie's ruling, which included an order that Rowe forthwith be removed as supervisor and that responsibility for the appointment be taken up at once by the governor, threw San Bernardino County's governmental and political establishment into a temporary tizzy. The following day, Thursday, September

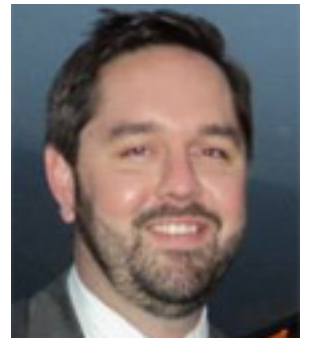
19, the county appealed Frangie's ruling to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Riverside, buying what most top county officials hope will be a six month-or-more-long delay during which Rowe will remain in office, at which point the 2020 California Primary in which she is vying for election will take place, allowing her to run as an

incumbent rather than a candidate who has been bounced from office as the result of a legal challenge.

San Bernardino County remains as one of the last bastions of the Republican Party in California, where elected officeholders aligned with the GOP yet outnumber Democrats in office, a function of significantly

higher Republican voter turnout despite increasingly lopsided voter registration numbers favoring the Democrats countywide. Rowe, a Republican, was selected to replace James Ramos, a Democrat and the elected incumbent Third District supervisor, after Ramos resigned from the position to accede to the California See P 2

Electioneering Team In Effort To Orchestrate Incumbents' Reelections Or Trade-Ins On Their Offices



Matt Knox

By Mark Gutglueck

In a series of coordinated actions, the political team which has coalesced around Congressman Paul Cook this week has moved to sew up three of the most powerful political offices in San Bernardino County's desert area, with rumored reports that another member of Cook's Republican machine will soon move to stake a claim on a fourth elected office.

While the timing of the moves was clearly intended to present a powerful and overwhelming front and thereby ward off potential rivals for the positions, an unforeseen ruling handed down by a Superior Court judge on Wednesday which essentially bounced one of the clique's members from office held the potential for complicating the political plan of attack that all of the parties were hoping might be carried off seamlessly and with aplomb. Most significantly, the court ruling might wrest from at least two of the bloc's electioneering operatives their comfortable governmental sinecures, such that they will no longer be able to carry out their electioneering function under the cover of being em- See P 5

SBC Transit Czar's Move To Kill Gold Line Not Sitting Well With Ontario Or Montclair

After nearly a decade of preparations and commitments toward extending the Gold Line light-rail commuter system eastward into San Bernardino County from the San Gabriel Mountain Foothill Region of Los Angeles County, senior staff with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority early this month recommend-

ed that the authority's board give serious consideration to withdrawing its support, funding and participation in the project altogether.

"Many of you have heard for many years now about the Gold Line and their efforts to build into our county," San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Executive Director

Ray Wolfe said toward the close of the September 4 meeting of the authority's board. "An important connection is being made. The costs of the project when they opened bids and finally awarded the contract were significantly higher than the funding available to build to Montclair, and so they are building to Pomona as the initial

phase. They have in their contract a firm two-year bid requirement to build from Pomona North to Montclair. That's a \$550 million cost to build 3.3 miles because they have to tear out the MetroLink tracks, move them to the south side of the corridor to make room for the Gold Line tracks. So I'm going to come back to you through committee

next month and hopefully to the board in November with a recommendation that we throw in the towel. There's another alternative that is much more cost effective and will allow us to take the funds that are identified for the Gold Line right now. There's \$80 million identified in our county. We're short \$15 million at this point. See P 3

FedEx Delivery Facility Coming In Just East Of Chino Airport

With Councilman Marc Lucio dissenting, The Chino City Council Tuesday night approved the construction of a 503,000 square foot FedEx parcel delivery facility on 74.4 acres on the southwest corner of Flight and Merrill avenues just east of Chino Airport.

The project was originally submitted by Scannell Properties in 2016, at that time calling for a development cover-

ing 140 acres, including property extending onto the airport land itself. In 2017, the land at Chino Airport was removed from the project's scope.

The \$90 million construction phase of the project does not include a \$100 million cargo conveyor system that will go into the building. The project fits within the Chino Airport Business Park and Commerce Center.

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Upland Lent City's Bonding Authority With No Regard To Its Implication, Council Learns

The political leadership in Upland is convulsing as it continues to assimilate the implication of a number of financing arrangements that involved entities within the city making use of the city's tax-exempt bonding authority over the last dozen years.

The reverberations of those institutions or ventures experiencing financial setbacks and consequent difficulty in debt servicing those bonds

has come to include the firing of the president and chief executive officer of San Antonio Regional Hospital together with pointed questions about conflicts of interest related to the issuing of those bonds involving Upland's city attorney and his law firm.

At the time the bond issuances were made, city officials were given assurances the arrangements would have no impact on the city's credit

rating whatsoever. Now, however, with the poor performance of some of the entities benefited by that bond financing and the prospect that the bondholders will sustain losses on those investments, the city's involvement in setting up financial instruments that fail, no matter how ostensibly insulated it is from the monetary impact, is bringing into question the soundness of city officials' See P 4

SB City Attorney's & City Clerk's Victory On Salary Reduction Issue To Be Challenged

Three months after the San Bernardino City Council moved to cut the pay of two of its elected city officials and roughly a month after a Superior Court Judge nixed that cost-cutting move, the city council on Wednesday night voted to appeal that ruling.

In 2016, San Bernardino voters passed Measure L, which dispensed with the city's

original charter adopted in 1905. The new charter reduced the mayor's administrative authority and designated both the city attorney and city clerk positions as appointed rather than elected ones. City Attorney Gary Saenz and City Clerk Georgeann Hanna, who in 2015 had both been reelected to terms ending at midnight March 31, 2020,

were still entitled by law to remain in their elected posts until the expiration of their terms.

In June, the city council voted, with council members Ted Sanchez, Juan Figueroa, Henry Nickel and Bessine Richards prevailing and council members Sandra Ibarra, Fred Shorett and Jim Mulvihill dissenting, to reduce Saenz's and Hanna's pay over

the final nine months they will be in office. Saenz was formerly getting \$246,266 in total annual compensation as city attorney, including salary, benefits and add-ons, and Hanna was receiving \$171,466 in total annual compensation as city clerk, including salary, benefits and additional pay.

The council voted to reduce the \$184,700

Saenz was scheduled to receive between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 to \$100,000 and cut the \$128,600 Hanna was scheduled to get over the same nine-month span to \$52,500. Thereafter, Saenz and Hanna hired the firm of Wagner & Pelayes to represent them, challenging the pay cut.

Judge David Cohn on August 16 ruled See P 7

From The Outset Of The Board's Process Of Selecting Ramos's Successor As Third District Supervisor Residents Were Citing Brown Act Violations *from front page*

Assembly after he successfully vied for that position in the 40th Assembly District in the November 2018 election. Supervisors Robert Lovingood and Janice Rutherford, both of whom are Republicans, advocated heavily for Rowe's appointment.

The the board on December 10 winnowed the field of 48 qualified applicants to 13, consisting of former Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, Republican Central Committee Chairwoman 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. Twelve of those 13 were Republicans, with Dailey being the only Democrat.

At a specially-called meeting on December 11, all of them were interviewed publicly. During the public comment portion of the meeting which preceded the interviews, Ruth Musser-Lopez protested the secret polling among the supervisors that had taken place the previous day and had reduced the 48 applicants to the 13 candidates being considered. She characterized that as a violation of the Brown Act. After the interviews that ensued, the board reduced the field to five Republicans: Emmerson, Flynn, Jahn,

Rigsby and Rowe. Those five were invited back for second interviews on December 13.

Musser-Lopez on the evening of December 11, fired off a letter to the board and County Counsel Michelle Blakemore through the clerk of the board, reiterating her objections in writing, and labeling it a "complaint." In the letter, she asserted, "On December 10-11, 2018, you the members of the county board of supervisors in concert and individually violated the Ralph M. Brown Act specifically CA Gov. Code, § 54953.5 when you did cast preliminary votes secretly, without a process agreed upon by the public and without publicly disclosing the votes of the individual supervisors to the public." She said that "the public was left out of the selection process, some applicants were not invited to address the board and were not allowed equal time, and due to the illegal polling, board members knew which applicants were 'winning' prior to their vote." Musser-Lopez said this led to the board members "knowing in advance which applicants were preferred by the other members" and "wrongfully influencing their vote without public knowledge or intervention," such that "a majority of the board" had been able to illegally "develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken" and had furthermore engaged in private communications with one another through the use of secret ballots that were tantamount to a "serial meeting," which is also outlawed by the Brown Act. Musser-Lopez demanded that the board of supervisors cure the violation by voiding the December 11 vote and voiding "any other serial votes by members of the board of supervisors on December 10 and 11, 2018 and that to be voted on December 13, 2018 pertaining to the selection of a replacement supervisor for the 3rd District."

When the board convened the morning of

December 13, the proceedings lasted a mere 58 seconds and were gavelled to a close by Board Chairman Lovingood, after County Counsel Michelle Blakemore, the county's top in-house attorney, referenced the Brown Act violation accusations and said, "Our recommendation is that the board take absolutely no action today and that the meeting be adjourned and we will bring an item back on Tuesday for consideration."

On December 18, the board reconvened to take up the appointment of Ramos's replacement, picking up where it had previously left off, and conducted second interviews with Emmerson, Flynn, Jahn, Rigsby and Rowe. At the prompting of the only Democrat on the board, Josie Gonzales, the board also consented to hearing from Chris Carrillo, a Democrat, a lawyer and Ramos's assistant chief of staff in District 3 who had been overlooked previously by the board and had not been among the 13 originally interviewed. The process, which was heavily stacked in favor of Rowe from the outset, concluded after the interviews with the six were completed. Lovingood immediately nominated Rowe. With Curt Hagman, the other Republican on the board, now openly leaning in favor of Rowe as well, an axis in Rowe's favor that was unbreakable had been apparent. Reading the writing on the wall, and realizing that Rowe's selection was unstoppable and that she would need to work with her future colleague going forward, Gonzales joined with the remainder of the panel to make Rowe's appointment unanimous.

Two individuals, both Democrats, objected to the fashion in which the appointment had been made. Ruth Musser Lopez on her own sent the county a letter of protest on December 10 taking issue with the secretive nature of the process and the bypassing of 35 of the candidates. Michael Gomez Daly, acting as the executive director of the

Democratic Party affiliated political advocacy group I.E. United, likewise registered an objection to the process. After Rowe's selection, Musser-Lopez, representing herself, and Daly in concert with I.E. United, filed separate lawsuits, claiming the board had not corrected the violations of the Brown Act, before proceeding with its selection of Rowe.

The suits alleged that supervisors through a series of actions including serial meetings and a secret tallying of the votes they made with regard to reducing the field from 48 to 13, conducted what was supposed to be an inherently public process behind closed doors. Early in the process, the board had agreed among themselves to designate the five candidates they each thought would best fill the Third District vacancy. Any candidate who received two endorsements or more was chosen to be interviewed. That was how the 13 candidates who were interviewed – Rowe, former Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, Republican Central Committee Chairwoman 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 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 – were selected. In December, when the board was asked who had voted for the 13 candidates, county officials responded to say that then-Clerk of the Board Laura Welch, armed with a list of all of the appointment candidates, simply made a mark beside the name of a candidate when one of the supervisors cast his or her vote in favor of him or her, and that she

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did so without recording which supervisor was casting each vote.

On December 18 Daly sent the board of supervisors a letter requesting that the board rescind its previous action and reinstate the process by interviewing all of the candidates. The board, though it voted to withdraw the two lists it had created, the list of 13 candidates arrived at on December 10 and the list of five candidates it had reduced the field to following the December 11 interviews, the board members voted for three candidates each, which resulted in the same list of five candidates. After those interviews, the board acceded to Lovingood's motion to choose Rowe, resulting in the unanimous vote to appoint her.

One of the issues driving the board was that the county charter and state law involve requirements that the board to fill a vacancy within 30 days based upon whatever selection process it deems fit or otherwise surrender to the California governor the power to make the appointment.

James Ramos had resigned as supervisor on December 3 upon being sworn into his position in the Assembly. In December, Jerry Brown, a Democrat, was governor. Gavin Newsome, a Democrat as well, was sworn in to succeed Brown on January 7. The concern of the Republican-dominated board was that if a decision was not made by it prior to January 2, the decision would fall to either Brown or New-

some, who would most likely appoint a Democrat.

Musser-Lopez's suit named Lovingood, Rutherford and Hagman as respondents and Rowe as a real party-in-interest. Daly's lawsuit named Lovingood, Rutherford, Hagman and Gonzales as respondents, with Rowe as a real party-in-interest. Initially, the lawsuits were dealt with separately, with Musser-Lopez's sent for hearing by Judge David Cohn and Daly's routed to the courtroom of Judge Frangie. Both were eventually set for trial before Frangie, who subsequently ruled in favor of the county to dismiss Musser-Lopez's suit for not being timely filed.

After multiple briefings and arguments, Judge Frangie delivered her findings and opinion. She noted that not all violations of the Brown Act render action taken by a governmental panel as null and void, and that for action taken by a public governing board to be rescinded, the violation of the open public meeting law must be egregious, relate to actions violating the six specific sections of the Brown Act which enumerate serious matters and that the plaintiffs can clearly demonstrate that the public suffered actual harm or prejudice as a result of the Brown Act violation. Judge Frangie noted that the arguments the county made against declaring the appointment of Rowe to be null in void were based on case law which predated

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Those funds can be used for other priorities in this county. And so, look for a conversation at transit committee next month, and hopefully that conversation will carry forward to the board. I think it's time for us to start making some tough decisions on a project that has been a challenge for many years. The recommendation that we'll bring forward will look to solve the problem that the Gold Line has purported that they can only solve. We can do it a different way."

Formerly known as the San Bernardino Association of Governments or SANBAG, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority has a governing board consisting of a council member or mayor from each of the county's 24 incorporated cities as well as all five of the members of the county board of supervisors. Wolfe's signal at the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's September 4 meeting that he believes county officials would do well to seek an alternative to the extension of the light rail system, the first of its kind in San Bernardino County since the Red Line was abandoned nearly 70 years ago, did not sit well with city government officials on the county's west side.

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority functions as the steward of Measure I funds. Measure I was a San Bernardino County funding initiative that imposed a half-cent sales tax collected throughout San Bernardino County for transportation improvements. Measure I was first approved by

San Bernardino County voters in 1989 and was extended by a second vote in 2004 to remain in place through 2040.

It was noted that 65 percent of the county's Measure I revenue is generated within the seven cities at the west end of San Bernardino County, and that the Gold Line is a major project as part of the strategy for alleviating traffic gridlock in that region. With the extension of the Gold Line into Western San Bernardino County on the drawing boards for over a decade with vaguer plans for it to extend as far east as San Bernardino, Redlands or Yucaipa by the middle of the current century, the cities on the west side of San Bernardino County have in part shaped their planning to provide for transit districts – consisting of higher density residential units surrounding the rail corridor – in their jurisdictions. They consider the Gold Line to be an intrinsic element of the character of their respective cities' futures, and they were miffed with what they considered to be Wolfe's cavalier reversal with regard to a planning process that has been years in the making and refining.

"He doesn't believe in or totally understand the success of the Gold Line and what it has done for the people who utilize it," Ontario Mayor Paul Leon said of Wolfe. "To throw in the towel now, without a study and without asking the people what they want, would be a travesty to the voters and the hundreds of thousands of those who are stuck on a freeway that does not move in either direction twice a day for long periods of time."

Instead of flinching at the cost, Leon added, "SBCTA [the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency] needs to fully understand and appreciate the project, so it can explain to the residents of this county what the benefit is of seamlessly connecting the Gold Line into San Bernardino County as an affordable option into and out of Los Angeles,

where many of our residents work."

Montclair Mayor John Dutrey, who was at the September 4 meeting, reacted immediately to what Wolfe had said.

"I support the Gold Line coming to Montclair," Dutrey said, just prior to the meeting being adjourned. He too said the inflation of the cost should not dissuade San Bernardino County officials from allowing the project to proceed. "I know when the bids came out the numbers were much higher," Dutrey acknowledged, but he said funding augmentations would not come out of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's coffers. "There's not a commitment for this agency to pay more into the Gold Line," Dutrey said. "The movement is to seek the \$465 million for it. I think it's wrong for us to throw in the towel. I don't think you and I have had that discussion. You told me about your option B if indeed the funding for Gold Line is not there in the next two years. I'm a little disappointed to hear this, Ray. I just want to state that I support, and I think this region needs to support, the Gold Line to Montclair when this agency's not being asked to pay any more money into it."

The Gold Line is a 31-mile light rail line running from Atlantic in Los Angeles west along 3rd Street to Indiana Street to 1st Street west to Little Tokyo through a tunnel under Boyle Heights with two underground stations there, from which it continues on to Alameda Street in Little Tokyo, where the line turns north and crosses over the Hollywood Freeway with a stop at Union Station. From Union Station, the Gold Line heads north on an elevated rail to Chinatown and then crosses the Los Angeles River adjacent to the Interstate 5, continuing north/northeast, running through Lincoln Heights, Mount Washington and Highland Park. Just north of Highland Park, the route crosses over the Arroyo Seco Parkway at the 110

Freeway and continues through South Pasadena and then downtown Pasadena, Old Pasadena and then enters the median of the 210 Freeway, east to Sierra Madre Villa, where east of Pasadena the route crosses over the eastbound lanes of the Foothill Freeway (Interstate 210) west of Santa Anita Avenue, with stops in Arcadia and then Monrovia, thereafter reaching Duarte and the City of Hope. Crossing over the San Gabriel River, the Gold Line reaches Irwindale and thereafter continues to its Azusa Station.

The Gold Line Construction Authority right now is in the first stages toward a nine-mile, \$806 million extension of the light rail line from Azusa to northern Pomona. The track will reach Pomona by late 2025. Thereafter, the line is to be extended another 3.3 miles from Pomona through Claremont to Montclair at that city's existing Montclair Transit Center. According to the Gold Line Construction Authority, to extend the line from north Pomona to Claremont will entail a cost of \$450 million. The extension from Claremont to Montclair will run roughly \$96 million.

If the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Board follows Wolfe's recommendation, the funding for the extension beyond Claremont will be cut off.

It is Wolfe's contention that there are more cost efficient ways of providing commuter rail service bridging Los Angeles County with San Bernardino County, according to both Otis Greer and Tim Watkins, who oversee the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency's legislative and public affairs division.

Specifically, Greer and Watkins maintain, constructing another set of tracks to accommodate the Gold Line exclusively would entail a squandering of most of the \$96 million it would cost. Greer and Watkins say that Wolf instead proposes using the existing tracks on which the MetroLink train runs

from Claremont through San Bernardino County for another form of light rail, using passenger cars pulled by what they called a "hybrid" engine.

The existing MetroLink track, which was originally established by the Southern Pacific Railroad, accommodates the Los Angeles to San Bernardino MetroLink trains, which run every half hour, as well as accommodating five freight trains over the track on a daily basis.

Wolf's proposal to apply a version of the light rail concept, using the hybrid engines identical to what is being proposed for a light rail system now under construction in Redlands, will reduce unnecessary redundancy and save a substantial amount of money, according to Greer and Watkins.

Unlike MetroLink, which features departures every half hour, the Gold Line runs with greater frequency, meaning every five to seven minutes during peak commuting hours and every 12 to 15 minutes during off-peak hours. Wolfe believes the existing line running through San Bernardino County can accommodate all of the various trains – MetroLink, the five daily freight trains and the hybrid-drawn rail cars he intends as a replacement for the proposed Gold Line.

A primary issue, according to Wolf is the expense.

According to Greer, in constructing the Gold Line within the same rail line right-of-way where the MetroLink tracks are now placed, what occurs is that over a short span along that right-of-way, a temporary line to accommodate MetroLink trains is constructed. Once that span of temporary track is completed, it is connected to the existing track used by the MetroLink trains. Thereafter, the MetroLink track is demolished and what is then laid down in its place is a new MetroLink track and another track for the Gold Line. Thereafter, the temporary track is removed.

The creation of the temporary track entails tremendous expense and remains serviceable only for the time the other two tracks are being laid down, Greer said.

There has been an escalation in the costs of the Claremont to Montclair extension that is forbidding, Greer said. "Early on in process before bids came in, our understanding was the total cost to San Bernardino County was to be \$73 million," Greer said. Over time, while the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority remained committed to the project, Greer said, "We saw the cost going up. We were told it was going to be closer to \$80 million."

At that point, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority had dedicated \$39 million in Measure I dollars toward the project and did a joint application with the Los Angeles Metro Transit Agency for a State of California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant. That application was successful and it brought in \$250 million on the Los Angeles County side, which made a significant but not complete inroad on the \$850 funding deficit that jurisdiction had, and provided another \$41 million of the San Bernardino County portion of the funding gap, covering the entirety of the projected expense on the eastern side of the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County border in terms of getting the line to Montclair.

Subsequently, however, when the project went out to bid, it turned out the cost of building the line from Claremont to Montclair would not contain itself to the once-hoped \$73 million or even \$80 million, but had escalated to \$96 million.

According to the advocates of the Gold Line, certain elements of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, including Wolfe, are leery of the Gold Line because of its user cost. A one-way Gold Line

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the California Legislature's passage of a law in 1986 that enacted Government Code § 54960.1, which reinforced the Brown Act to allow for declaring an action taken in violation of the Brown Act to be null and void if the body that engaged in the Brown Act violation does not avail itself of the opportunity to "cure and correct" the violation.

Specifically, according to Judge Frangie, the board's action was hidden from public view and deprived the public from participating in what should have inherently been a public selection process. "These lists were submitted by the board members through a series of individual emails, which were then collected and tallied by the clerk for the purpose of obtaining a collective agreement by the board members to interview only a limited number of the 48-person applicant pool," Judge Frangie wrote.

In her decision, Judge Frangie noted that both Musser-Lopez and Daly invited the board of supervisors to cure and correct its violation by voiding its previous action and reinitiating the selection process in compliance with the Brown Act but had failed to do so.

"[T]he court finds there is prejudice to the

extent that the actions of the board deprived petitioners and the members of the community their right to monitor and provide input on the board's collective acquisition and exchange of facts," according to Judge Frangie. "The policy underlying the Brown Act is that public boards and agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business [and] the law is intended to mandate open and public actions and deliberations. The public trust is undermined by private deliberations and meetings not accessible to the public. As the Supreme Court stated in *Roberts v City of Palmdale*, the intent of the Brown Act cannot be avoided by subterfuge - a concerted plan to engage in collective deliberation on public business through a series of letters or telephone calls passing from one member of the governing body to the next would violate the open meeting requirement. In this age of technology texts, messages and emails are easily substituted for letters and telephone calls. The public was further deprived of the information shared behind closed doors by the [board]members and of the content of their communications about the candidates as well as how they each voted. The public was further deprived of the opportunity to hear from all eligible candidates and to lobby for their preferred candidate before the board. These are the very things that the Brown Act was meant to address. Sec-

tions of the Brown Act were violated."

In her conclusion, Judge Frangie wrote, "The court rules as follows:

1) The process by which Dawn Rowe was selected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors violated the Ralph M Brown Act.

2) Respondents failed to cure and correct their violations of the Brown Act.

3) The appointment of Dawn Rowe as Third District Supervisor is null and void. Respondents and each of them shall rescind the appointment of Dawn Rowe as Third District supervisor. Pursuant to [the] board's charter, the appointment of the Third District supervisor shall be made by the governor."

Reflexively, the county the following day lodged an appeal of the ruling.

What was originally described as a "mad

panic" on the part of several top county officials abated shortly thereafter, when it was realized that the appeal would stay Frangie's ruling, allowing Rowe to remain in office at least until the appellate court declines to take the matter up or until the appeal is heard.

One well placed source, who formerly held multiple positions in county government, including ones in the treasurer's and assessor's offices, told the *Sentinel*, "Everyone was traumatized by it when it first happened but when you analyze it, it doesn't mean much, and everyone has calmed down. This was a ruling by a liberal Democratic judge, which is very likely to be overturned. Even if it is upheld, that won't be for another six months or longer. The election is in March, by which point Dawn will have been reelected."

The county's official spokesman, David Wert

said the board complied with the Brown Act in an appointment process that was, he insisted, "legal, proper and fully transparent," during which any of those who applied for the position were given the opportunity to do so.

Today, the Board of Supervisors held a specially called closed session meeting, held at 1 p.m. in the Magda Lawson Conference Room on the fifth floor of the county administration building to discuss the matter. There was no indication of what the substance of the discussion was, as the appeal of the Judge Frangie's ruling had already been filed the previous day.

Despite the board conducting its discussion out of the earshot of the public, it did break in the midst of the hearing to take public comment. Among those present was Musser-Lopez, who used the three minutes allotted her to chastise

the board for its violation of the Brown Act in December and its legal effort now to overturn Frangie's findings and rulings after it lost in court. She told the board that after violating the Brown Act and being caught, it should accept the defeat it suffered in Judge Frangie's courtroom and simply accept the appointment Governor Gavin Newsome will make of someone to serve out the remainder of Supervisor Ramos's term. She said the board was being profligate with taxpayer money in making the appeal.

"Look at the money you spent," she said. "Now you are going to spend more on this appeal. You are going to get a good supervisor when Governor Newsome makes the appointment. You don't care about anybody but yourselves and keeping your own reputations clear at our expense."

-Mark Gutglueck

Using Bond Money City Helped It Get, San Antonio Bit Off More Than It Could Chew from front page

judgment and the reliability of the city's word and endorsements.

Questions about those financing arrangements in which the city lent its status as a municipal corporation and nonprofit concern without full regard to the long term viability of the bonds recently came home to roost when the board for San Antonio

Hospital on September 10 fired the hospital's president and chief executive officer, Harris Koenig.

Having begun operations originally at the southeast corner of Arrow Highway and San Antonio Avenue in 1907 before moving to its current location just south of the eastern terminus of 11th Street and north of San Bernardino Road and west of Memorial Park, the institution for generations was known as San Antonio Community Hospital. In 2011 it embarked on a six-year long series of planned

expansion stages intended to transform it into a regional hospital. Over that span, the number of beds at the institution increased from 271 to over 400. Included in that expansion was the \$160 million four-story Vineyard Tower at 999 San Bernardino Road, which upped the number of stations in the hospital's emergency room from 34 to 52, while creating and outfitting 12 more intensive care units.

In 2017, San Antonio Regional Hospital undertook a partnership with the City of Hope, entailing the

erection of a \$30 million, 60,000-square foot structure at 1100 San Bernardino Road to house an ambulatory care center as well as a City of Hope outpatient cancer center on the first floor.

The City of Hope-affiliated facilities entail ones offering chemotherapy, radiation, and surgical services, intended to be of benefit to local cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, as the treatment regimen they are subjected to can greatly weaken and fa-

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Cook, Lovingood, Obernolte, Hagman, Paule & Rutherford Utilizing Willing Rowe To Set Up Political Shop On Fifth Floor Of County Administration Headquarters

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ployed by the county.

This week, it appeared that Congressman Cook, Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, County Supervisor Dawn Rowe and Supervisor Robert Lovingood had orchestrated a game of political musical chairs in which all four had pretty solid assurance they would be able to hog all of the seating arrangements. Four weeks ago, Supervisor Robert Lovingood, who has been First District supervisor since 2012, set the table for the makeover of the Cook Political Machine when he announced that he will not seek reelection as supervisor in 2020. Shortly thereafter, without making a hard commitment, Cook said that he was mulling leaving Congress and instead seeking to replace Lovingood as First District supervisor.

Cook, a career Marine officer who served for 26 years before retiring as a colonel in 1992, had settled in Yucca Valley while he was assigned to the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base. In the immediate aftermath of his retirement he found employment as the director of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce, then ran for the Yucca Valley Town Council, was elected and acceded to the position of mayor. In the meantime, he earned a master's degree in political science at the University of California at Riverside. In 2006, he successfully vied for the California Assembly representing the 65th District, was reelected twice and served in that capacity for six years. In 2012, he stood for election to the U.S. Congress representing the newly drawn 8th Congressional District, which encompass-

es more than half of the eastern desert regions of California, including all of Inyo and Mono counties and more than 90 percent of the land mass of San Bernardino County, extending to all of its desert region and the cities of Yucaipa, Big Bear, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Needles, Barstow, Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville. As the 8th is a Republican-leaning district, by his incumbency Cook's hold on the position at least until the redrawing of Congressional districts in 2022 following the 2020 Census was virtually assured for as long as he was willing to remain in office. At the age of 76, however, and with lingering health challenges, Cook has become less patient with the constant travel between California and Washington, D.C. that being a member of the House of Representatives requires, and for that reason, for him it was not unthinkable that he could just depart as a member of Congress, with its \$174,000 per year salary and health, travel, tax deduction and retirement benefits valued at more than \$100,000 per year, trading that lifestyle in on being a member of the board of supervisors, which provides \$151,193.17 in salary, another \$25,000 in other forms of pay, and \$95,000 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$271,193.17. This week, on Tuesday September 17, Cook made it official, announcing he would not seek reelection next year and would rather vie to replace Lovingood. That would require that by next year he move from his official residence in Yucca Valley, which is in San Bernardino County's Third Supervisorial District, to the First District, which includes Needles, Apple Valley, Victorville, Hesperia, and Adelanto, all of which are places he now represents as a Congressman, so that he will be able to deflect any carpetbagging accusations a political foe might throw his way.

33rd District Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, who had publicly stated when Lovingood made his announcement in August that he would respect whatever decision Cook made about his political future and that he would again support Cook if the former Marine colonel were to seek reelection to Congress but that he was also open to filling the void in the 8th Congressional District if Cook were to opt out of the House of Representatives, almost immediately announced he was a candidate for Congress in the 8th Congressional District after Cook declared his intentions on Tuesday. The same day, Dawn Rowe, who like Cook had once been a member of the Yucca Valley Town Council and later went to work for Cook as one of his congressional office staffers and who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the county's Third Supervisorial District last December after former Supervisor James Ramos resigned that post to accede to the position of 40th District California assemblyman following his election last November, officially reaffirmed that she would run in 2020 to retain that office. It was widely anticipated that Lovingood would in short order announce that he was going to run in the 33rd Assembly District to replace Obernolte.

On the following day, Wednesday, September 18, however, San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Janet Frangie entered her ruling in a lawsuit that had been filed on December 31, 2018 by Michael Daly and a Democratic Party activist group known as IE United against supervisors Robert Lovingood, Curt Hagman, Janice Rutherford and Josie Gonzales, challenging their appointment of Rowe to replace Ramos. In her statement of decision, Frangie sustained all of the elements of Daly's petition for a writ of mandate which asserted the board had violated the Brown Act, California's open public

meeting law in accepting 48 applications for the Third District supervisorial position and then voting in secret on December 10, 2018 without interviewing any of the candidates to first reduce the appointment field to 13, then failing to cure and correct that violation and then appointing Rowe through a one-sided selection process which again violated the Brown Act on December 18. Judge Frangie ruled that the appointment of Rowe is thus null and void. She entered an order that the board of supervisors rescind Rowe's appointment and that the selection of a replacement Third District county supervisor, in compliance with the county's charter and state law now that more than 30 days following Ramos' vacation of the office has taken place, be entrusted to the governor.

Judge Frangie's ruling seriously untracked the strategy to send Obernolte to the nation's capital, Lovingood to Sacramento, ensure that Cook is elected First District supervisor and keep Rowe in place in the Third District.

Before Rowe was designated as Ramos's successor and while she was a member of Cook's staff, she had been a colleague of Matt Knox and Dillon Lesovsky, both of whom also worked for Cook. In 2015, while at a convention, Lesovsky was caught on video by the Project Veritas group acknowledging that campaign donations made to Cook could purchase influence, favorable votes and support from Cook on legislation impacting donors putting up the money. "Big campaign contributors of ours... you know, we'll help them out," Lesovsky can be heard saying on the video. To minimize the fallout, Lesovsky left Cook's employ. Nevertheless, Cook prevailed upon Lovingood to hire Lesovsky as a member of his staff. In 2018, Lesovsky, in conjunction with Knox, generated what within the electioneering profession is

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referred to as "political attack" or "political hit" material relating to Congressman Paul Cook's strongest opponent in his race for reelection that year, former California Assemblyman Tim Donnelly. Despite both Cook and Donnelly being Republicans, they faced off against each other in the November general election after having placed first and second, respectively, in California's open primary voting in the June 2018 race in California's 8th Congressional District, leaving the two Democratic candidates in the race to claim third and fourth place.

Traditionally, Republicans adhere to what is called "the 11th Commandment," which admonishes members of the GOP, "Thou shalt not speak ill of a fellow Republican." In 2018, however, the Cook Team was willing to dispense with that prohibition because Donnelly's political persona, anchored to his identification as the most conservative politician in California and one who is unrelentingly faithful to bedrock ultra-right principles, matched perfectly with a solid plurality if not an outright majority of the voters in the overwhelmingly right wing 8th Congressional District.

Knox and Lesovsky devoted themselves to the "Dirty Donnelly.com" effort, which consisted of a website and signs directing the public to that website, which utilized doctored photos to paint Donnelly in the most negative of light, and dwelt at length on a number of derogatories relating to the former assemblyman, including 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, neither the

website nor the signs directing voters' attention to the website had any identifying California Fair Political Practices registration number nor the indicia required under California law for campaign signs and materials to show what entity, organization, committee or campaign paid for the materials. The campaign on behalf of Cook directed by Knox and the hit perpetrated by Knox and Lesovsky proved highly effective, as Cook trounced Donnelly in the November 6 election 108,414 votes or just under 61.33 percent to 68,370 votes or 38.67 percent. While the identities of those behind Dirty Donnelly.com were unknown to the populace in general, those in Republican Party circles recognized the site as the handiwork of Lesovsky and Knox.

The prime mover in getting Rowe appointed Third District supervisor in December 2018 had been Lovingood, who was assisted in some measure by Phil Paule, who is Supervisor Rutherford's chief of staff and who was formerly the district director for Darrell Issa when Issa was a Congressman. Lovingood put on a full court press to get his other Republican colleagues on the board to go along with getting Rowe in place on the supervisors' dais with them. Paule had no difficulty at all convincing his boss, Rutherford, to support Rowe. Curt Hagman, the other Republican on the board, took only minimal convincing. Hagman is a bail bondsman, one-time Chino Hills councilman and later mayor and was subsequently a member of the California Assembly between 2008 and 2014, at which point he had to leave the state legislature because of term limits. In his last year-and-a-half in Sacramento, Hag-

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Board Selected Rowe After She Showed She Was Willing To Stay In Step With Furthering Their Collective Political Ambitions *from front page*

man and his then chief of staff, the late Mike Spence, set their sights on his making a seamless transition from the California Assembly to another high paying and powerful political position, ultimately deciding on the position of Fourth District San Bernardino County supervisor, which oversees Chino Hills, Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Guasti and that portion of Upland below Foothill Boulevard.

To effectuate his election as Fourth District supervisor, Hagman had to bring about the removal of the incumbent, another Republican, Gary Ovitt. Ovitt had a firm grip on the post and was not obliged until 2018 to step down from the supervisor's office because of the three-term limit that had first gone into effect with regard to the board of supervisors after 2006. Hagman strong-armed Ovitt out of the way by first deposing Robert Rego as the chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee, which Hagman accomplished while he was yet in the Assembly in 2013. From that position of power, in which he had tremendous sway over how Republican

Party dollars would be doled out, he intimidated a battle royal would ensue with Ovitt in the 2014 election, one in which Hagman, working as San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee chairman, would cut off all party funding to Ovitt and instead divert it to himself. Simultaneously, while the Fourth District's voter registration numbers had already shifted in favor of the Democrats, then-Congresswoman Gloria Negrete-McLeod, a Democrat, was opting out of running for reelection to Congress and was herself seeking the position of Fourth District supervisor. Faced with the prospect of having to head into a bruising battle with Hagman in that year's primary election that would divide the Republican vote, favoring and strengthening the Democrat Negrete-McLeod, Ovitt bowed out. Thus able to concentrate their firepower on Negrete-McLeod, Hagman and his lead political operative, Mike Spence, who was also his chief of staff in his assemblyman's office, was able to marshal enough force, fueled by the monetary backing of the San Bernardino County Republican Party, to defeat the retiring Democratic congresswoman in the race for supervisor, despite the district's voter registration numbers tiding in favor of the Democrats in the Fourth District. Upon assuming office as supervisor, Hagman appointed Spence to serve as his chief of staff.

Hagman was able to

engineer a similar victory for reelection as supervisor in 2018. Along the way, he has lost the services of Spence, who died earlier this year. Accustomed to operating ruthlessly wherever politics is concerned, and facing even tougher prospects for reelection in 2022 as the Fourth District is growing ever more Democratic, Hagman recognized the practicality of going along with the Cook/Lovingood/Rutherford game plan of establishing Rowe, who's résumé included a stint on the post-Paul Cook Yucca Town Council, as the Third District county supervisor.

Rowe did not disappoint her sponsors. After her December 18 appointment, she moved to flesh out her district staff. She hired Knox as her chief of staff and Lesovsky as her policy advisor.

Rowe, a war widow whose Marine Corps captain husband was killed in Iraq during an operation in Anbar Province in 2004, is highly reluctant to demonstrate independence of thought, will and action, and has proven highly malleable to the direction of those with whom she has associated. An illustration of this came during the selection process for Third District supervisor in December. Over the course of several days of hearings before the board, the degree to which Rowe was willing to alter her personal guideposts to match the expectations of those who are now her board colleagues was put in sharp relief. At the December 11, 2018 board meeting, Lovingood asked her, "If you receive the appointment, would it be your intent to run again or is that something to be decided midstream? Where are you on that thought?" Rowe responded, "So, when my husband died I stopped planning. I had a great plan that extended out into my retirement years and long term planning for me [now] is about six months. So, right or wrong, it is

where God has taken me in my life, and I have no plans necessarily to seek election. Could it be possible if the citizens maybe advocate for that if I was doing an effective job as the appointed supervisor? Possibly, but it's not necessarily a part of my plan." A week later, Tuesday December 18, Supervisor Gonzales said, "It came to my attention, whether it was gossip, or innuendo or scuttlebutt, that somehow you were being prompted or promoted to submit your application because it was Congressman Cook's intent to run for Third District supervisor in 2020 and that you would be used as a placeholder. I called Congressman Cook and I spoke to him. I spoke to him very directly about my concern. He assured me that he did not have any intent to throw his hat in the ring for Third District supervisor in the year 2020." Rowe responded, "I was asked if I would run again outside this board. In going forward I was asked the same question here, 'Would I seek election to this seat in 2020?' My answer, truly from the heart is, 'I really don't like to plan long term because it is painful when it doesn't happen. However, I said, in all candor, and I used [former Yucca Valley Mayor and current 42nd District Assemblyman] Chad Mayes and Paul Cook; I said I would like to run for the seat, but you never know what happens in politics. Who is to say that for example – and this was a private conversation that was apparently repeated or through gossip or however it came to your knowledge or was repeated differently – but what happens when someone like Congressman Cook or Assemblyman Mayes change course in their careers and they decide they should seek that seat, I would absolutely defer to their experience and what they would bring to the table and I would not run again, in that example. That was an answer I gave to a colleague of

mine. I was being truthful at that time. I would not run against them for this position, when we were talking. I felt I was being deferential to their experience coming back to the county level." Gonzales pressed her, asking, "So, for the record, you are saying you would not run against Congressman Cook or Assembly Member Chad Mayes?" Rowe sought to deflect the question, saying "Wouldn't that be spicy? I'm not saying that for the record. I was asked that last week." Gonzales did not let up, saying, "I'm asking you that now." Rowe, who by that point had been fully brought up to speed on the importance of the Republican Party maintaining its edge against the Democrats in San Bernardino County and the advantage of working from a position of incumbency and the desirability of having governmental offices from which to work as a base during electioneering efforts, said, "I would certainly run against either of them."

Shortly after Rowe made that statement, she was voted by the board into office.

Rowe is valued by Cook, Obernolte, Lovinood and Hagman in substantial measure because she has less regard, apparently, than do they for the potential legal consequences of running political operations out of her office. Her acceptance of Lesovsky and Knox, given their bona fides as political dirty tricksters, into key positions on her staff demonstrates her willingness to allow a political operation to nest down insider her office. In 2009, former San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Bill Postmus, who had risen to the positions of chairman of the board of supervisors and chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee before he successfully ran for county assessor in 2006, imploded in scandal when it was revealed he was utilizing the asses-

sor's office and its premises, facilities and equipment to promote selected Republican Party candidates and measures. After it was demonstrated that 13 of the employees he had hired into the office had no experience, expertise or training with regard to determining the value of property for the purposes of determining tax values and that they were instead either not showing up for work or were conducting partisan campaign activity at the office, he was charged with and subsequently pleaded guilty to six political corruption felonies relating to his misuse of his authority as assessor. If a law enforcement inquiry or action with regard to partisan political activity taking place in her office were to be undertaken, the buck would stop with the employees engaged in that activity and Rowe. Any criminal charges that might grow out of such an investigation would likely extend no further than Rowe and her office. In this way Rowe appears prepared to run whatever risk is needed to keep the Cook political machine in place and protect the other politicians involved, as it is unlikely that the other officeholders/candidates benefiting from such assistance would be held legally accountable. This week, when Rowe was directly asked by the *Sentinel* if she realized that her employment of Knox and Lesovsky as county workers while they were engaged in political activity was improper and unlawful, she did not respond to the question.

Paule, who is Rutherford's chief of staff, has quite a history as a political operative himself and remains involved in electioneering efforts including those of his own and of other members of the Republican Party. He has an interest in being able to wield the services of Knox and Lesovsky on campaigns and on behalf of candidates of his choosing. In 2012, Paule unsuccessfully ran for election to the Cali-

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Gold Line Rail System Matches Future Urban Need For Southland Travel, Montclair City Manager Says *from page 6*

ticket from its east end to its west end costs \$1.75. Riding the MetroLink from San Bernardino to Union Station costs \$13.25 round trip. Upon the Gold Line making its way to Montclair, some San Bernardino County Transportation Authority officials fear, riders will abandon MetroLink in droves in favor of transportation that costs a little more than a fourth of what it requires to use MetroLink.

Greer insisted that the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and Wolfe are simply seeking to be responsible stewards of public money.

“Starting from the perspective of ‘What is the objective?’ I think what the county and City of Montclair want is a high quality transit system,” Greer said. “How do you provide that? We think that we can do that, save \$50 million or \$60 million and deliver it sooner versus waiting another nine years to deliver it.”

Greer said, “One thing missed in the argument is MetroLink has secured a substantial amount of money from the state. MetroLink wants to see an increase in its service frequency all the way to Union Station. What we are proposing is having the entire service line improved, and not just

in segments. What we are proposing to do with the hybrid between Claremont and Montclair will be a pilot program to see how that service can be delivered. Right now we have service every thirty minutes. If the Gold Line is completed to Montclair, it will not be running at full capacity. With the hybrid program, we can start with one or two cars and add capacity to trains to accommodate the increase in demand. As the demand increases, the service level offered by the hybrid can increase with it.”

Greer continued. “It is the escalating costs that have driven this,” he said. “Our goal is not to remove high frequency commuting opportunities from Montclair. Our intent is to have a really serious conversation about being able to provide that service economically. Our board has an expectation of that service being provided. That [the Gold Line] is the plan that was promised. What we want to offer is a way we can provide a similar service for far less money. He [Wolfe] is asking the board to take a look at it and consider it, but the decision is up to the board. They can reject it. He is just doing what he is paid to do, which is to provide the board with information for them to make an informed decision.”

Montclair City Manager Ed Starr said he did not want to prejudge what Wolfe’s position is before hearing from him directly.

“On Monday [Sep-

tember 23] I have a meeting with SBCTA to go over the conceptual plan,” Starr said. “I can speak with you in more comprehensive detail then.”

In regard to the proposal to simply dispense with the plan to extend the Gold Line into San Bernardino County, Starr said, “The city is preparing a position and we will have a position. The Gold Line is central to our effort to revive north Montclair. It is crucial not only to our transit corridor and general plan but the specific plan we have for Montclair Place.

We are trying to create a transit district that is to appeal to well-educated Millennials employed in the greater Los Angeles workforce who are attracted to living in an upscale, high-density community who want to use transit to commute to their jobs in Los Angeles and the West San Gabriel Valley and Pasadena. Those are the types of Millennials with decent wages we want living in our transit corridor who are interested in using alternatives to the freeway to get to their jobs and workplaces. We want to recreate north Montclair into a suburban urban environment. We’re still a suburban area but we want to offer a lot of urban features that have appeal to an educated and sophisticated population, such as a mixed use high density commercial living environment, accompanied by high density residential, high-end rental office space. We also want to attract employment opportunities to the area,

ing the appeal. As mayor, John Valdivia is not empowered to vote on most matters. However, he does possess tie-breaking authority. Valdivia voted to make the appeal of Cohn’s ruling.

The decision was announced by Assistant City Attorney Sonia Carvalho after the council initiated its public session on Wednesday night following the conclusion of the panel’s closed session.

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as well as a full range of transit options. Our position all along has been that our effort to reinvent north Montclair is highly dependent on transit. We already have bus service and MetroLink and ride hailing services that operate out of the Montclair Transit Center, which is one of the largest transit centers along the MetroLink and intended Gold Line corridors. It makes perfect sense that we want to add transit options and opportunities. The Gold Line is the key component. Though we have MetroLink and bus service, in all of that there is nothing penetrating into the Foothill Cities of the San Gabriel Valley. The Gold Line also will give us a less expensive commuting option. While fare on the MetroLink runs riders at least \$8, a one-way ticket on the Gold Line costs \$1.75.”

Starr pointed out that the downside to the Gold Line user traveling to downtown Los Angeles is that it will take an extra 15 to 20 minutes to reach that destination. Still, he said, the Gold Line offers more trips into the heart of the megalopolis than MetroLink. “The Gold Line runs more frequently during peak hours, leaving every five to seven minutes,” Starr said. “In the off-peak hours it runs every 12 to 15 minutes. The MetroLink runs every half hour. There are a lot of reasons why we want the Gold Line extended to Montclair. It will provide a mix of transit services. The Gold Line falls more in the line of light rail. SBCTA is heavily invested in MetroLink and Mr. Wolfe feels there would be a decline in ridership on MetroLink if the Gold Line becomes operational and that is why the senior staff of SBCTA is resistant to promoting the extension of the Gold Line to Montclair. We believe what we are doing with regard to the buildup of north Montclair and the increase in the concentration of high density housing there will create not only a demand but a requirement for both of these ser-

vices [the Gold Line and MetroLink] to carry the increased ridership that will create. The projection is that upon completion of the Gold Line there will be ridership of 5,600 per day from eastern San Bernardino County departing from the Montclair Transit Center. There will be a significant number of riders from the east end of the county arriving at the Montclair Transit Center who will transfer to the Gold Line. We will have need for both of those units in Montclair, MetroLink and the Gold Line, to carry that transit load. An argument they [Wolfe and his staff] made was that when the Gold Line reached Azusa there was a 25 percent decline in ridership from the Covina MetroLink. It is true that the residents in Azusa who were previously using MetroLink in Covina gravitated to using the Gold Line in Azusa, but in the time since then the MetroLink ridership has climbed back to its historic levels.”

Starr said the future is arriving faster than anyone can prepare for. He said that reality is reflected in the consideration that the ridership levels projected for the Gold Line in 2035 have already been reached. He said that as those using the freeway become more disenchanted with traffic snarls and three hour commuting times, and as they become aware of the other options they have, such as MetroLink and the Gold Line, they will abandon their cars in favor of traveling to work by rail.

“People who use the transit system are looking for a savings in cost, what is more convenient and what is most accessible, and what will get them to their destination quickly,” Starr said. “Those things are completely compatible with bringing the Gold Line to Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. More importantly the Gold Line is necessary to what we are doing in north Montclair. We have demonstrated to builders that we are interested in a re-

vamped community and that we believe the transit district is attractive to the type of projects they are constructing.”

There is a synergy to having a public transportation system that offers a multiplicity of transit modes featuring through-routes to a comprehensive set of destinations, Starr said.

“We want to get a connection to Ontario International Airport,” Starr said. “To get that connection, we need an increase in ridership. If we are to get that, we need to tap into those who are traveling with one of their destinations being the San Gabriel Valley and the foothill cities.”

Establishing those transportation connections to Pasadena, La Canada/Flintridge, San Marino, Burbank, Arcadia and Sierra Madre will provide a long term economic benefit to San Bernardino County, Starr said. “The people in those communities have higher incomes than in the communities south of there, along the 10 Freeway corridor,” Starr said. “The Montclair Transit center is two blocks from the 10 Freeway. With the express lanes that are scheduled along the 10, you are talking about a seven minute trip from the Montclair Transit Center to Ontario Airport on a shuttle bus. That is a convenient service and a service that in my mind would be important to increasing airline traffic out of Ontario. This would involve those elements of the San Gabriel Valley and especially its foothill communities bringing money into this area and spending in San Bernardino County.”

Ontario Mayor Paul Leon said the future need for rail transport between San Bernardino County and Los Angeles County will increase going forward and will eventually exceed the capacity of a single rail line. The time to establish the second track is now, before the costs escalate further or things occur that will prohibit

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SB To Test Whether Judge’s Ruling That City Attorney’s & City Clerk’s Pay Can’t Be Reduced Will Hold Up *from front page*

that the city did not have the legal authority to reduce the pay that had been current for the positions Saenz and Hanna hold at the time they were elected and he or

dered the city to restore them to their previous remuneration levels.

In a closed session on Wednesday, the council took up the question of whether to abide by Cohn’s ruling or challenge it. Nickel reversed his position from his vote in June, voting along with Shorett and Mulvihill against appealing Cohn’s decision. Ibarra, however, was not present, and so the council deadlocked 3-to-3, with Sanchez, Figueroa and Richard favoring mak-

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1925788

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

Ramin Rivera to Ramiro Frank Rivera

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: 10/11/2019

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: August 29, 2019

Lynn M. Poncin

Judge of the Superior Court.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190009268

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FBN 20190007894

The following entity is doing business as: CHUZE FITNESS 1011 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH, SUITE 350 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 RACHAS, INC. 1011 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH, SUITE 350 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

State of Inc./Org./Reg: CA Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION

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s/David A. Carr

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/30/2019

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, deputy

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7/26 & 8/02, 2019 Corrected: 8/30, 9/6, 9/13 & 9/20, 2019

FBN 20190006260

The following persons are doing business as: INLAND COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS 1400 BARTON ROAD APT 1013 REDLANDS, CA 92374

NICHOLE L PERRY 1155 WELLWOOD AVE BEAUMONT, CA 92223 [and] RAN-DOLPH E TUCKER 5870 GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE APT #102 CULVER CITY, CA 90230 Mailing Address: 1155 WELLWOOD AVE BEAUMONT, CA 92223

Business is Conducted By: COPARTNERS

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/ Nichole L. Perry This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/22/2019

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, Deputy

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APN: 0227-821-13-0-000

TS No: CA09000174-18-1 TO No: 8746358 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 22, 2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 22, 2019 at 09:00 AM, North West Entrance in the Courtyard, Chino Municipal Court, 13260 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on June 28, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017-0263318, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by CAROL MOSSO, A WIDOW, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for PARKSIDE LENDING, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6574 FLAGSTONE PL, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739

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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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$305,880.97 (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 Auction.com at

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800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000174-18-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: August 28, 2019 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000174-18-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone:949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 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 63886, Pub Dates: 09/06/2019, 09/13/2019, 09/20/2019, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

APN: 1077-071-22-0-000

TS No: CA05000056-18-3 TO No: 190647400-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 20, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 28, 2019 at 01:00 PM, at the main (south) entrance to the City of Chino Civic Center, 13220 Central Ave, Chino, CA 91710, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 27, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015-0217468, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by JOSHUA LAIRMORE AND ESTELA LAIRMORE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for DIRECT MORTGAGE, CORP. D.B.A. DIRECT MORTGAGE WHOLESALE CORP. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10329 PEPPER ST, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with in-

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terest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$270,895.45 (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, CA05000056-18-3. 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

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telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: August 29, 2019 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000056-18-3 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Order Number 63890, Pub Dates: 09/06/2019, 09/13/2019, 09/20/2019, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLEN MICHAEL SWANSON, II

Case No. PROPS1800889

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GLEN MICHAEL SWANSON, II

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CAROL LYNN SWANSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CAROL LYNN SWANSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's wills and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 10, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. S37 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY

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EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
LAW OFFICES OF MARC GROSSMAN
100 N. EUCLID AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR
UPLAND, CA 91786
(909) 606-8426
marc@wefight4you.com
Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel September 6, September 13 & September 20, 2019

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1923905

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: JORDAN ANTHONY GAMEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JORDAN ANTHONY GAMEZ to JOE YARDEN COTTON

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: 09/23/2019
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: AUGUST 12, 2019
Michael A. Sachs
Judge of the Superior Court.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALETHA JOY LORBER, CASE NO. PROPS 1900697

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of ALETHA JOY LORBER, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition has been filed by ROBERT KELLY LORBER and CHARISSA BRADLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that ROBERT KELLY LORBER and CHARISSA BRADLEY be appointed administrator to administer the estate of ALETHA JOY LORBER.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This authority will allow the

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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.

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. S37P at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on OCTOBER 15, 2019 at 08:30 AM

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

Attorney for the Petitioner: MARY M. BADER 9227 HAVEN AVENUE, SUITE 368 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 Telephone: (909) 945-2775

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 9/06, 9/13 & 9/20, 2019

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1925748

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Ernest Allen Thomson filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Ernest Allen Thomson to Ernie Thomson

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: 10/23/2019
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: September 04, 2019
Lynn M. Poncin
Judge of the Superior Court.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVDS1925961

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Alex Antonio Limon filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Alex Antonio Limon to Alex Anthony Zylman

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: 10/15/2019
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: September 3, 2019
Lynn M. Poncin
Judge of the Superior Court.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-2019001074

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 365 Marketing Solutions, 12594 Nottingham Dr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, SFKNB Enterprises Inc, 12594 Nottingham Dr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

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/Nathalie Bou Jaoude
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/27/2019

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
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).
9/6/2019, 9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190009602

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Alta Loma Pediatrics, 9710 19th St., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737, Rani Elias MD Inc, 1570 Bison St, Upland, CA 91784

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Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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s/Rani Elias
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/13/2019

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/BA
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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).
9/6/2019, 9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190009414

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Beauty and the Blend By Raylene, 3560 Grand Avenue, STE A, Studio 26, Chino Hills, CA 91709,

Mailing Address: 13488 Cypress Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, Raylene M Davis, 13488 Cypress Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, Scott D Davis, 13488 Cypress Avenue, Chino, CA 91710

Business is Conducted By: A Married Couple

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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s/Raylene M Davis
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/9/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 12/15/2018

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).
9/6/2019, 9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190010173

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Elite Advisors Group, 12594 Nottingham Dr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, SFKNB Enterprises Inc, 12594 Nottingham Dr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

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/Nathalie Bou Jaoude
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/27/2019

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
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

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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).
9/6/2019, 9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190010271

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Lezz Accessories, 3091 Edenglen Ave, Ontario, CA 91761, Unlimited Unique Vending LLC, 3091 Edenglen Ave, Ontario, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Leslie Brown
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/28/2019

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/DOM
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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).
9/6/2019, 9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190010397

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Montage, 1083 W. Madrona St., Rialto, CA 92376, Lucia Ortiz, 1083 W. Madrona St., Rialto, CA 92376

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/Lucia Ortiz
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/3/2019

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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9/6/2019, 9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019

FBN 20190010042

The following entity is doing business as: CREATION CHANGES 10245 JOSHUA ST OAK HILLS, CA 92344 JAZMIN J MURPHY 10245 JOSHUA ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92344

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/Jazmin Murphy
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/22/2019

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

Began Transacting Business:

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8/21/2019
County Clerk, deputy
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MILDRED CAROL HALL Case No. PROPS1901029

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JASON HOWARD PAGE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JASON HOWARD PAGE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 23, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. S-37 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: MICHAEL C. MADDUX, ESQUIRE
1894 COMMERCENTER W SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408
(909) 890-2350

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Elidia Zenteno NO. PROPS1900729 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent credi-

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA THIBODEAUX

Case No. PROPS1900771

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA COOK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 5, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. S-35 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: MICHAEL C. MADDUX, ESQUIRE
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tors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Elidia Zenteno

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Victor A. Figueroa be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S37P at 8:30 a.m. on October 31, 2019 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner Pro Per: Victor A. Figueroa
922 W. 41ST Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415
Telephone No: 909-910-7381

San Bernardino County Sentinel
9/13/19, 9/20/19, 9/27/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190010195

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Epic Office Solutions, 31622 Inspiration Dr, Running Springs, CA 92382, Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 1575, Running Springs, CA 92382, Andrea M Wolyner, 31622 Inspiration Dr, Running Springs, CA 92382

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/Andrea M. Wolyner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino

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on: 8/27/2019
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 10/01/2018

County Clerk, s/DOM

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9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019, 10/4/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190009694

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Satan's Henchmen, 8456 Baker Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, David A Lancaster, 8456 Baker Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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

s/David A Lancaster
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/14/2019

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

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9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019, 10/4/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20190010558

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Wise Choice Income Tax Service, 12906 Canopy Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, Leopoldo V Alvarado, 12906 Canopy 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/Leopoldo V Alvarado

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/5/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: 9/11/2014

County Clerk, s/KNH

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9/13/2019, 9/20/2019, 9/27/2019, 10/4/19

FBN 20190010721

The following entity is doing business as: SHOPFEMMEEXOTIQUE 6585 YOUNGSTOWN ST CHINO, CA 91710

MELANIE J ALCALA 6585 YOUNGSTOWN ST CHINO, CA 91710

Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

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S/MELANIE ALCALA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/10/2019

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

Began Transacting Business: SEPTEMBER 09, 2019

County Clerk, deputy

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Estelle Louise Mayweather NO. PROPS1900222

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Florence Marie Perkins, in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Florence Marie Perkins be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S35 at 8:30 a.m. on November 18, 2019 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date

of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney or Party without Attorney for Petitioner:

Hope C. Elder
Law offices of Hope C. Elder

2755 Cottage Way, Suite 10 Sacramento, Ca 95825 (916) 483-1520 Office (916) 483-1828 Fax San Bernardino County Sentinel 9/20/19, 9/27/19, 10/4/19

APN: 1100-082-19-0-000

TS No: CA07000574-19-1

TO No: 1082269 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The

above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 4, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 22, 2019 at 09:00 AM, North West Entrance in the Courtyard, Chino Municipal Court, 13260 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on August 9, 2011 as Instrument No. 2011-0335095, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded July 31, 2014 as Instrument Number 2014-0275698, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded September 13, 2017 as Instrument Number 2017-0377509, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by RICHARD A. RODGERS AND JUDITH A. RODGERS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for FIRST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13236 PALMIRA DRIVE, 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property

to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$458,531.60 (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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000574-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: September 9, 2019 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000574-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone:949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE

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INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 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 64389, Pub Dates: 09/20/2019, 09/27/2019, 10/04/2019, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

SUMMONS - Cross Complaint (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) RIC 1812475

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO DEMANDANDO): Michael Smithling, Kelly Brown, Blake Burns, and Roes 1-50, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY CROSS-COMPLAINANT: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL CONTRA DEMANDANTE):

The Humane Society of Pomona Valley, INC DBA Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA

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.lawhelp-california.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación

Tiene 30 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 en 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

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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 poniendose 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 concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la direccion de la corte es):

Riverside County Superior Court

4050 Main St
Riverside, 92501

The name, address and telephone number of cross-complainant's attorney, or cross-complainant without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del contrademandante, o del contrademandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Scott M. Leavitt, State Bar No. 157407

Katherine A. Bruce, State Bar No. 288694

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DATE (Fecha): January 9, 2019

Clerk (Secretario), by E. Escobedo, Deputy (Adjunto)

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Coroner's Report #701905912 On Saturday, August 31, 2019, at 11:40 a.m., officers with the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Police Department and deputies with the Hesperia Police Department, responded to female struck on the railroad tracks by a BNSF train located at Hesperia Rd. and Yucca St. in Hesperia. A White female, in her 50's, was confirmed dead at the scene. BNSF Police Department is investigating the collision. The name will be released once the identity is confirmed and family notified. [08312019 2317 GB]

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In Sponsoring Conduit Financing, Upland Risks No Money, Just Its Reputation

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tigue them. Having the outpatient center in Upland can reduce the traveling distance for many of those patients and their families by as much as 24 miles, the distance between San Antonio Hospital and the City of Hope in Duarte.

On November 27, 2017, the Upland City Council voted to authorize the undertaking of an installment sale for financing to benefit San Antonio Regional Hospital, making available a portion of the \$125,000,000 in certificates of participation for San Antonio Hospital a previous city council had authorized in 2011.

What the city was engaged in vis-à-vis the certificates of participation and San Antonio Hospital is what is referred to as conduit fi-

nancing in which the city allows its authority to be used so that the certificates of participation, a type of bond, can be marketed as tax-exempt instruments, making them more attractive to potential "participants," that is, bond purchasers. Since the purchasing is done through the city, this financing allows San Antonio Regional Hospital to benefit from the tax-exempt status to receive a better interest rate on the certificates of participation.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, the city's bond counsel, prepared and reviewed the documents relevant to the sale, as did City Attorney James Markman with regard to documentation and procedure, to move the transaction forward.

San Antonio Hospital agreed to indemnify the city and its officers, agents and employees with respect to the financing and to reimburse the city for its costs incurred in the financing.

City officials were

assured that there was no and would be no future direct or indirect impact on the city as a result of the financing, and that neither the faith or the credit nor the taxing authority of the city is pledged to the repayment of the certificates of participation.

The city has engaged in other conduit financing arrangements with various entities registered as nonprofits providing low income or senior citizen housing in the city.

According to Londa Bock-Helms, the city's finance officer, the city has no risk whatsoever in lending its tax-exempt bonding authority to those entities it deems fit. Even though the purchasing of the bonds or certificates of participation is done through the city, the city is not responsible for servicing the debt those entities such as San Antonio Regional Hospital or the operators of senior citizen/low income housing projects take on when

they obtain upfront financing from the proceeds from the bond sales or certificate sales, Bock-Helms said.

"The city has no obligation or liability in a conduit financing situation," she said. "If one of those defaults or doesn't make its bond payments, it doesn't negatively affect the city. For the city there is no negative outcome with regard to what happens to those entities. If they fail or default, it's all on them. It has nothing to do with the city."

Bock-Helms said the entities issuing the bonds put strictures in place to ensure the integrity of the financial instruments in question, be they tax exempt bonds or certificates of participation. In the case of conduit financing for low income housing projects, she said, "The first priority for the use of the rent is to pay the debt service. The rents from the housing rentals are what is used to secure the debt. The first thing the rents received go to is to pay

the debt service on the bond issuance."

She said similar commitments existed in the arrangements for the issuance of the certificates of participation at the hospital, with a portion of the hospital's operating revenue set aside to make monthly, quarterly or yearly payments to the certificate holders.

The city has the ability to use bond financing and could use bond financing for its own efforts to create infrastructure or public improvements, but has not done so for some time, Bock-Helms said. She said the city's last issuance of bonds for itself consisted of water bonds issued in 2011.

Bock-Helms said the city's bond rating stands at a mediocre AA-. Its bond rating is not a major issue at present, she said, because the city is not looking to do any issuances to raise money.

"If we don't have a bond issuance," she said, "we don't have a bond rating."

Bock-Helms contradicted the information and documentation obtained by the Sentinel showing that San Antonio Regional Hospital's bond rating had been downgraded this year.

Bock-Helms said, "With regard to their [San Antonio Regional Hospital's] bond rating, it has not changed. When the certificates were issued, it was a triple b. It is still a triple b."

According to a report from moodys.com dated May 8, 2019 obtained by the Sentinel, Moody's Investors Services downgraded San Antonio Regional Hospital's bond revenue rating from Baa3 to Baa2. Simultaneously, the hospital's fiscal outlook was revised from stable to negative. That particular action immediately impacted \$1.42 million of rated debt issued by the City of Upland.

Indications were that San Antonio Hospital had bitten off more than it could chew and

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FedEx Delivery Facility Approved Just East Of Chino Airport

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Planning Commission reviewed the project on June 17, 2019, and recommended on a 4-to-1 vote approval of the project's land use map and amendment and the certification of the project's environmental impact report. Though Director of Development Services Nick Ligouri said some of the impacts of the project cannot be fully mitigated, a condition imposed on the project prohibits FedEx trucks with three or more axles from using Kimball Avenue between Euclid and Hellman avenues.

City Entangled With Hospital On Multiple Fronts

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it would have to spit some of what it had in its mouth out before swallowing or run the risk of choking. According to Moody's, the hospital was suffering from poor operating performance and its debt service coverage was out of whack. It had a marked decline in its liquidity and was facing increasing competitive pressures just as its affiliation with the City of Hope was diluting its income stream.

Bock-Helms did not reference Moody's when addressing San Antonio Regional Hospital's bond rating, instead citing Standard and Poor's financial ratings company figures relating to the hospital. She did acknowledge that San Antonio Regional Hospital's bond-rating outlook had been changed downward.

What is clear is that the San Antonio Regional Hospital's board of directors is concerned about the hospital's performance. According to Moody's, the hospital had operating revenues in Fiscal Year 2017 of \$323 million, but is carrying the liability of certificates of participation issued in 2017 and 2011 which are secured by a gross receivable pledge of the hospital. Meanwhile, the hospital has no debt service reserve fund. Covenants impacting the hospital include an ongoing debt service coverage test of 1.1 times, and additional indebtedness tests.

Koenig became president and CEO of the hospital in June 2011. It was under his leadership and guidance that the hospital embarked on its expansion and the taking on of its now substantial debt. Though the board has made no official pronouncement, it apparently felt Koenig was in some measure respon-

sible for the precarious position the hospital now finds itself in.

Upland's relationship to the hospital is a complex and involved one, entailing several close community ties, financial interdependence and no small amount of community pride. The hospital is the city's largest employer, larger than the Upland Unified School District and the City of Upland combined. It is also the city's single largest provider of services to individuals living outside the city, thus representing a major draw of revenue into the city. It is the city's largest major non-governmental institution.

The city has over the years made significant concessions to the hospital. On multiple occasions going back decades, as the hospital has expanded, the city has provided portions of adjacent Memorial Park to the hospital, primarily to expand its parking lot. Most recently, in 2018,

the then-city council, composed of three members who have since been voted out of office or who chose not to run, agreed to sell to the hospital 4.631 acres of Memorial Park for the hospital to utilize as a parking structure. That move resulted in a firestorm of controversy and resistance on the part of the city's residents, which was in some measure responsible for the change-over with the election cycle at the end of 2018 in three of the council's members. Coincidental with that was the effort by City Attorney James Markman, who was also involved in vetting the 2017 certificates of participation issuance for the hospital, to obtain a validation order from the Superior Court precluding any of the city's residents from taking legal action to block the sale of the 4.631 acres of parkland to the hospital. Citizens contested that validation action, resulting in the hold-up

in the city's provision of the land to the hospital for the parking structure and further resulting in the court denying the city's validation action. At present, the sale of the park property to the hospital is up in the air, such that the hospital, following its recent expansion, is now in a crisis over the lack of adequate parking space.

The downturn in the hospital's operational performance, the firing of Koenig, the prospect that the hospital could default on its bond funding arrangement through the city and the suggestion that the city is in some measure impacting the hospital's performance because of its sudden unwillingness to turn park property over to the hospital has startled the members of the city council, which includes three who have been on the panel for less than a year. They are learning of the bond funding arrangements made through the city

on behalf of the hospital, that the past members of the council had at best an imperfect understanding of that arrangement and at worst a complete misunderstanding of its implication. They are troubled by the involvement of the city's advisors and the city attorney in recommending that those past city councils proceed with the bonding arrangements. They are equally anxious about the prospect that a default on those bonds, or certificates of participation as they are called, will result in, if not direct financial liability to the city, than a blow to the city's reputation and a questioning of the quality of the city's leaders prudence and judgment.

Asked about the difficulty the hospital was experiencing in staying current on its bonded indebtedness, Bock-Helms said, "That would be a question for hospital officials."

-Mark Gutglueck

Build Gold Line Now Before Its Expense Climbs Even Higher, Ontario Mayor Says

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building a new set of tracks, he said.

Moreover, Leon said, the light rail solution is a newer one with a far longer life potential than the

mode of transportation the MetroLink system, with its diesel engines, represents.

"I have heard those conversations about the hybrid," Leon said, dismissively. "They are talking about a technology that will become defunct before it comes to be operational. They are reliant on fossil fuels. In California, why would you want to use a diesel train when you can move

to renewable energy-fueled engines like the Gold Line?"

Leon continued, "Ray Wolfe keeps misinforming his board. He wants to spend money in Needles. We need to alleviate heavy traffic here, at the nexus of San Bernardino County and Los Angeles County, one of the most heavily traveled commuting corridors in the world. We need to give people who live

here an affordable way to get to work. How dumb is it not to build a straight line all the way to the airport? This will benefit not only our city but the entire region. People can use all of the parking we have at the airport and then you would have all of those people not contributing to the gridlock on the freeway. Instead they will board a train and virtually fly into Los Angeles or Pasadena or

any of the San Gabriel Foothill cities, either working on their computers or getting an extra half hour or 45 minutes of sleep instead of crashing and killing one another."

The objections that are being raised about a funding gap and using that as the basis for shutting down the project is penny wise and pound foolish, Leon said.

"The federal funds

will come," Leon said. "If you offer a transportation mode and you are one mile or less from a freeway, that triggers the availability of federal funds. [Congresswoman] Norma Torres told me, 'Get it ready and I'll find you the money.'"

-Mark Gutglueck



Rutherford Chief-Of-Staff Paule One Of The Architects Of The Electioneering Team Run Out Of Rowe's Office

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California State Assembly in District 67. His campaign was co-chaired by Congressman Issa and former State Senator and Assemblyman Ray Haynes. That same year, he left Issa's office and went to work for the then newly elected James Ramos, who, though he was a Democrat, had been

elected with the backing of the wing of the San Bernardino County Republican Party based in Redlands. At one point, Republican Party strategists were holding out hope that Ramos, who can tap into a considerable wellspring of wealth that has been accumulated by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians generated by its casino operation in Highland, would change his party affiliation to the GOP. That never materialized, and Ramos is now a Democratic member of the California Assembly. Paule remained with Ramos's supervisory office until July

2016, when he departed to serve as campaign manager for Issa in that year's election. As the 2016 election season was drawing to a close, Paule was hired by Rutherford to serve as her chief of staff with the onset of 2017. Paule has also been associated with a number of Republican Party heavyweights throughout California, including Issa, Cook, and Haynes; Congressman Doug LaMalfa, former Congress members Jeff Denham, Gary Miller, Mary Bono Mack and Mimi Walters; former state senators Bill Leonard, Dick Mountjoy, Bob Huff, Bill Emmerson, Tony Strick-

land, and Mark Wyland, former California Assembly members Kevin Jeffries, Beth Gaines, Jim Silva, Cameron Smyth, Diane Harkey, Chris Norby, Brian Nestande and Jeff Miller. Paule has been a board member with the East Municipal Water District in Riverside County since January 2007, after he was elected to represent the district's Division 1 in the November 2006 election. He has succeeded in warding off competition ever since and ran unopposed in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

What has been anticipated but which has yet, as of press time, to ma-

terialize is Lovingood's declaration of candidacy in the 33rd Assembly District. His was the most passionate advocacy of Rowe's appointment to the board of supervisors, and the use of Lesovsky, whom Lovingood formerly employed in his supervisor's office, and Knox in his future political endeavors has been widely assumed.

In office, Rowe has shown caution in situating everyone so that electioneering in 2020 can take place. Significantly, Knox, who is provided with a total annual compensation package of \$206,605 in his position as Rowe's chief

of staff, consisting of a \$121,826 per year salary and benefits of \$84,779, has assumed a very low profile in the office, with Rowe's deputy chief of staff, M. Gayle Covey, taking on a much more public role in representing Rowe about the county and in the Third District. This is thought to be because Rowe wants to avoid having Knox visually and otherwise identified as associated with her, given the degree to which he will be intermingling with elements of the San Bernardino County community as a political operative, thus reducing the

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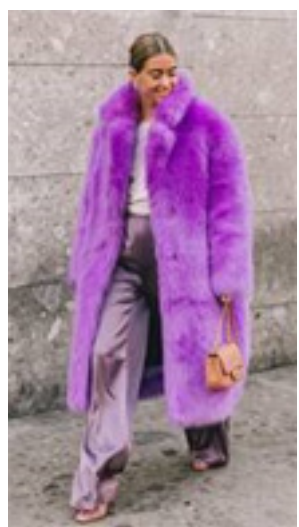
Falling

By Grace Bernal

The temperatures are dropping, and it's time to embark on fall colors. We all love incorporating fall neutrals into our wardrobe. We start with



grays, blacks and then ones of browns, to love-



ly camels. But for the daring young and hip,

they're setting the tans aside and wearing bright bold colors and its add-hot right now is the color purple. It seems to be the favorite color for the

matters is you're exploring your colors this fall in a cutting edge type of way. This season is definitely falling with color.



ing excitement to the fall trends. The bright shades are coming in pink, neon green, and particularly

youngsters. If you're young or old, get into the color purple, neons, or simple camels. What



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Appeal Of Judge's Ruling Removing Rowe From Office Will Give Political Hit Squad Functioning Out Of County Administration Headquarters Time To Make Impact On 2020 Supervisors, Assembly & Congressional Elections from page 19

scrutiny Rowe will be subjected to for allowing her office to be used for partisan political purposes. Lesovsky's role as a policy advisor calls for little interaction with the public. Rowe's county website, unlike the websites for the other supervisors, does not feature profiles or photographs of her staff.

Rowe has absolutely refused to publicly address the issue of her efforts to assemble a political electioneering team on her staff. She possesses a bachelor's degree in journalism from Drake University, but has assiduously avoided contact with news reporters since the initial public reports earlier this year of the hiring of Knox and Lesovsky and the intend-

ed employment of them as functionaries in any of several 2020 political campaigns. Rowe declined to speak with the *Sentinel* this week and did not return an email to her seeking answers to several pointed questions about the political shop being run out of her supervisorial office.

The appointment of Rowe as Third District supervisor was one of the last major undertakings of the board of supervisors while Lovingood was yet chairman of the board. Shortly thereafter, Hagman was chosen by his colleagues to serve as chairman. Undoubtedly, as the chairman of the board, he is in a position to know of what is going on throughout the entirety of the fifth floor of

the county administration building, where the five supervisors and the county's chief executive officer have their offices. Hagman has been identified, as well, as someone who would potentially benefit from the political activity undertaken from Rowe's office. Hagman did not return phone calls placed to him this week which were intended to elicit from him his knowledge about Knox's and Lesovsky's activity so far, his understanding of Rowe's acquiescence or direct participation in that activity, and his own attitude regarding it.

The *Sentinel's* telephonic effort to reach Obernolte was fielded by Ross Sevy, an employee with Obernolte's Assembly office who is also involved in his campaign effort.

Asked on Wednesday about a collective campaign effort promoting Obernolte, Cook, Lovingood and Rowe in their respective 2020 election campaigns involving the sharing of

resources and the contributions of Knox and Lesovsky, Sevy said, "You would have to speak to the assemblyman. I'm not aware of any plans for that at the moment, but I cannot speak for the assemblyman. This happened fairly quickly. We were not aware Paul Cook would decide not to run for reelection to Congress and instead run for the supervisor's seat. Paul made his announcement on Tuesday and we made an announcement today."

With regards to reports that the alliance of Republican candidates currently holding the Congressional post, one of the California Assembly positions and occupying the two county supervisorial offices in San Bernardino County's desert region were actively working out among themselves a way to keep those four elective offices sewn up between them, Sevy said, "I don't think that's the case. From the assemblyman's perspective,

he made it clear when he put out a statement to the LA Times in August that should Congressman Cook seek another office, he would intend to carry on the congressman's work in the 8th District and run for that seat. The decision was Congressman Cook's to make. From our perspective, it was a matter of waiting to see what Congressman Cook would do."

While Judge Frangie's ruling on Wednesday removing Rowe from the Third District supervisorial post had clearly rocked the county's Republican establishment as well as the county's senior governmental echelon back on their heels, the following day County Counsel Michelle Blakemore, at the direction of the board majority of Hagman, Rutherford, Lovingood and Rowe, had filed with the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Riverside an appeal of Judge Frangie's ruling. The filing of that appeal stayed the court's

ruling, leaving Rowe, at least for the time being, in office and Knox and Lesovsky in place as her staff members. With California's 2020 primary election scheduled for March, in which both the Third District and First District supervisorial posts are to be contested and in which the preliminary polling for the 33rd Assembly District and 8th Congressional District will be held, there is a considerable likelihood that the appellate court will not get to the matter relating to the propriety or lack thereof in Rowe's appointment until she and Cook have captured election to the board for the term running from 2020 to 2024 and Obernolte and Lovingood have picked up significant momentum to ensure they will occupy positions in nation's and California's lower legislative houses at least from December 2020 until December 2022.

