

## Mayor Valdivia Threatening The City Of San Bernardino With A Lawsuit

By Mark Gutglueck

Beset by a majority of the city council seeking to delve into questions relating to his efforts to promote the fortunes of business interests providing him and his political campaign fund with money and other gratuities and perquisites, San Bernardino Mayor John Valdivia this week threatened to sue the city he leads in an effort to head off those inquiries.

Early this week, word was being bruited about



John Valdivia

the county seat that the council would move as early as this week to fire City Manager Robert Field and begin the pro-

cess of removing Valdivia from office. Field has been alleged by some to be assisting the mayor in both directing city money into the pockets of Valdivia's political, personal and business associates and assisting developers linked to Valdivia in getting entitlements to proceed with their projects within San Bernardino's city limits.

While the council did in fact convene what turned out to be a raucous special meeting on

Wednesday night, February 24 held by teleconference to consider taking action with regard to the effort to redevelop the downtown Carousel Mall and examine recurrent reports of favoritism, bias and conflicts of interest having tainted the competition to select a master developer for that project, the council pulled up short of cashing Field and lost any resolve it might have had to seek the mayor's removal under an ob-

scure provision of the city charter. The kibosh was put on the mayoral impeachment process, at least temporarily, by multiple considerations, including Valdivia's use of his mayoral authority to preside over the meeting and the intimidation factor of the mayor's high-powered attorney threatening legal action against the city if a move to relieve Valdivia of his elected post was made. That legal threat stood off the two **See P 2**

## Upland Allows Homes To Be Built Next To Existing Boat Manufacturing Operation

Grading at the site for the Enclave residential subdivision in western Upland was under way this morning.

That work to make way for construction at the 15.64 acre site came after the Upland Planning Commission gave go-ahead for Lennar Homes, which is to be the builder on the project originally championed by the Lewis Land Developers, LLC, to begin construction.

The planning commission's action on Wednesday night removed from the original 19.03 acre project site 3.39 acres currently occupied by a boat manufacturing concern, GT Performance. The boat manufacturer had formerly, prior to the project being given approval in 2015, agreed to sell the property to Lewis Land Developers, LLC for inclusion in the project. Word was that because the Lewis Operating Company was unwilling to pay GT Performance's moving costs, the purchase of the property to be included in the subdivision has not been made by Lewis Land Developers, LLC.

Because the 3.39 acres is not being included in the current undertaking, the overall project, set at 350 homes in 2015, will be reduced by the 65 dwelling units that were to be constructed on the GT Performance property. In addition, the 103 dwelling units that were slated for a 5.12 acre patch of ground within the project site have been reduced by 27 to 76 dwelling units; the 94 dwelling units to be built on a 4.7 acre parcel are to be reduced by 31 to 63 dwelling units; and 88 dwelling units to be built on 4.38 acres within the subdivision **See P 3**

## Biden BLM Undoes Trump Team's Suspension Of Desert Energy Conservation Plan

The Department of the Interior as it has been reconstituted with the Joseph Biden Administration appointees, announced earlier this month that it is reversing the lame duck Trump Administration's dismantling of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

The Desert Renew-

able Energy Conservation Plan, known by its acronym DRECP, is a collaborative effort between the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and California Energy Commission to streamline the permitting process for

renewable energy development while striking what those participating in the plan's drafting say is a balance that will conserve and protect unique and endangered species, their habitat and overarching desert ecosystems while providing citizens access to some public desert lands for recreational purposes.

Stating that it was not sensible to require that every renewable energy project on public lands in California require a resource plan amendment to proceed and decrying that such regulations prevented all but 4 percent of the 10.8 million acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management from be-

ing included in the "focus areas" eligible for renewable energy development, the Trump administration said it was instituting changes to the DRECP that would free up more than 800,000 acres for renewable energy development and allow more off-highway vehicle recreation. The Trump Admin- **See P 3**

## 15 Months After Fraud Rejection Upland Again Seeks Park Grant

Some 15 months after the California Department of Parks and Recreation spurned the City of Upland's application for an \$8.5 million park upon learning elements of that application had been falsified, city officials have gamely applied once more for an identical amount of money from the state.

In the current go-round, the city is relying upon a grant-writing consultant, Megan

LeNoue of the firm Avant Garde, to guide the city's approach to obtain the State of California's Proposition 68 park improvement grants, according to Assistant City Manager Stephen Parker.

According to Parker, the city is not starting from scratch but rather making a resubmittal of the application.

"Avant Garde, in coordination with city staff has prepared the application for the **See P 3**

## San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Challenges Nestlé's Mountain Stream Extractions

By Amanda Frye and Mark Gutglueck

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District has taken legal action in an effort to end Nestlé's withdrawal of millions of gallons of water annually from springs in the San Bernardino National Forest which the Swiss-owned company sells under the Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water brand.

The water district's action is ongoing as

Nestlé is engaged in negotiations with One Rock Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm heavily funded by Asian investors, over the sale of Nestlé's North American bottled water business, which includes the local Arrowhead Water bottling operation. In June 2020, Nestlé Waters of North America, Inc. announced it was going to sell its bottled water business in a push toward sustainability.

At its March 2 meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's board of directors is set to adjourn into a closed session outside the presence of the public to, according to the agenda for that meeting, engage in a "conference with legal counsel" pertaining to "existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9" regarding a **See P 5**

## County Leadership Decries Lag In COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Locally

By Curt Hagman  
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and Dawn Rowe, Vice Chairwoman

San Bernardino County has been the standard-bearer for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to our residents and has used more than 97% of the doses we have received from the state,

while many other counties struggle to use more than 85%.

Despite our vaccination efficiency, fewer doses are provided to our county relative to other counties that end each week with vials stacked up in freezers.

We estimate this disparity has resulted in 65,000 senior citizens and teachers in our county who want vacci-

nations but are unable to access them. Meanwhile, truckloads of vaccines roll past our region on their way to other destinations throughout the state. This is concerning as California will soon open another tier in their vaccination roadmap that will make thousands of our county's sick and disabled residents eligible for vaccination.

As of Feb. 16, the

county received 255,150 doses and administered 191,186 with plans to administer another 57,147 doses by the end of the week. That would bring us to 97.3% administered out of our total doses allocated.

San Bernardino County accounts for 5.53% of the state's population, yet as of Feb. 2, received only 4.33% of the doses allocated statewide. Had

we received doses based on our fair share of the state's population, we would have received an additional 51,813 doses.

The disparity continues to this day, and the gap has now grown to 65,000 doses.

More troubling is the fact that these inequities don't include our county losing out on thousands of additional doses allocated to "Fed- **See P 3**



## Valdivia Found Immediate And Continued Political Success By Trading His Willingness To Serve His Donors In Exchange For Their Campaign Cash

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members of the council whose support in an effort to depose the mayor would be absolutely crucial, First Ward Councilman Ted Sanchez and Fourth Ward Councilman Fred Shorett.

Shorett is the dean of the city council, and both that panel's longest serving current member and historically Valdivia's bitterest and most abiding rival and detractor. Despite his enmity with the mayor, Shorett said pursuing Valdivia's removal from office in the aftermath of his threat of legal action made it "inappropriate at this time" as it could expose the city to a potentially costly legal battle.

Sanchez in the 2018 election came into office during the same electoral cycle when Valdivia was elected mayor, having been supported in that contest by the electioneering support network that makes up the Valdivia political machine. Upon being sworn into office in December 2018, it was universally recognized that Sanchez was one of Valdivia's firmest allies, as within hours of their swearing in the newly elected councilman signed onto the mayors effort, which did not immediately but eventually proved successful, to remove then-City Manager Andrea Travis-Miller, a move which tightened Valdivia's grip on City Hall. While Sanchez early on supported Valdivia in his consolidation of power during the first six months of his mayoralty, differences developed between the two over a series of issues, sundering their relationship by the end of their first year in public office together. Now, some two years and two months after the older man was sworn into office as mayor and the younger installed at the same time as councilman, Sanchez is, along with Councilwoman Kimberly Calvin, nipping at Shorett's heels in the race for the title of

being Valdivia's fiercest political foe. In the aftermath of Valdivia's threat of legal action, Sanchez like Shorett made a quick size-up of the situation, and decided discretion would be the better part of valor. The council seeking to politically neuter the mayor by wresting the mayoral gavel from his grip would be ill-advised, Sanchez said Wednesday night, potentially allowing Valdivia to extract "bags of money" from the city.

The background to what occurred this week stretches back nearly a decade to the outset of Valdivia's political career during the 2011 election. According to Valdivia's detractors and critics, even at that time what they say is his pattern of involving himself in the public process to the detriment of those he represents and to his own benefit was evident. Then-Mayor Patrick Morris was overseeing city operations that had been running at a considerable and consistent annual deficit for nearly a decade. Those financial challenges were severely challenging the city's ability to continue as a going concern. Morris's effort to right the city's severely listing financial ship consisted in large measure of holding a coalition on the council together that would maintain the resolve to limit spending. That spending consisted primarily of salaries to city employee which Morris maintained were too generous. A key supporter in this regard was then-Third Ward Councilman Tobin Brinker. Valdivia challenged Brinker in the 2011 election, and was heavily funded in that contest by the union representing the city's firefighters. Largely on the strength of the support provided by those firemen, who were resistant to the concept of discontinuing regular pay raises to city employees, and further buttressed by the support of unions representing the city's police officers and municipal employees, Valdivia ran an extremely well funded campaign, ousting Brinker, and effectively ending Morris's ability to enforce fiscal discipline on City Hall. Shortly after coming

into office, Valdivia publicly declared that the city had a clean bill of financial health and that the salary and spending reductions that Morris had been pushing, with Brinker's support, to implement were unnecessary. Five months later, the city filed for Chapter Nine bankruptcy protection.

Throughout Valdivia's six years on the council, there followed multiple examples of Valdivia trading his votes for campaign cash, circumstances in which one of Valdivia's donors with a project or a contract that needed approval from the city council obtained the council support needed, including that from Valdivia. Word spread that after Valdivia's campaign fund was endowed with money from a variety of donors, payments would be made out of that campaign fund to both actual and nonexistent companies or entities. The payment to those nonexistent or shell companies, it was alleged, was a way in which money originating with those donors who saw their companies or enterprises benefited by Valdivia's votes made it directly to him rather than to his campaign.

In general, Valdivia enjoyed a reputation as the City of San Bernardino's primary practitioner of pay-to-play politics, such that it was generally assumed that Valdivia's votes were for sale. That reputation did not harm his political prospects or career but rather enhanced it, as deep-pocketed donors, knowing they could count on Valdivia's support in exchange for their generosity to him, donated to him in substantial increments.

On January 1, 2018, Valdivia had \$77,046.15 in his political war chest. In calendar year 2018, during his successful run for mayor, Valdivia received \$442,055.40. In that 12-month period ending on December 31, 2018, he spent \$551,796, leaving him with a cash balance of \$5,354.98 and an outstanding debt of \$15,886.43 as of of January 1, 2019. During 2018, Valdivia had so much money flowing into his campaign fund that he was able to make loans and donations to other political candidates,

those being his political allies.

Typical donations from single donors to Valdivia's mayoral campaign in 2018 and since that time ran to \$1,000; \$1,250; \$1,500; \$2,000; \$2,500; \$3,000; and \$5,000. He was provided with donations of those sorts on multiple occasions, in some cases in the scores. Occasionally or somewhat less frequently, he received donations from single donors of 7,500; \$8,000; \$10,000; \$20,000; \$25,000; and \$42,000. Two months ago, he had accumulated more than \$200,000 in donations during the two political off-years since his 2018 election. As of January 31, 2020, he had \$216,953.59 in his John Valdivia for Mayor 2022 campaign fund.

In 2020, four positions on the San Bernardino City Council were up for election, those being ones representing the Third, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh wards. Juan Figueroa, representing the city's Third Ward was reelected. The three incumbents running in the other wards – Henry Nickel in the Fifth, Besine Richard in the Sixth and Jim Mulvihill in the Seventh – were defeated. This represented a net loss for Valdivia politically, as Richard was a solid ally and Nickel was an on-again off-again supporter. Mulvihill and Valdivia were at odds. Nickel, Richard and Mulvihill were replaced, respectively, by Benjamin Christmas-Reynoso, Kimberly Calvin and Damon Alexander. Valdivia provided Alexander with support in his campaign against Mulvihill.

While Christmas-Reynoso and Calvin did not qualify as political neophytes and to some degree had been involved in political activity and campaigns prior to their own successful 2020 efforts, neither was prepared for the cutthroat level of politicking and backroom maneuvering that was de rigueur in Valdivia's world. Even before coming into office, and certainly thereafter, they were given a second-row seat to the political action at the center of Valdivia's universe, and witnessed in person the absolute nonchalance with which

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Valdivia interacts and has involved himself financially among the entities doing business with the city, ones subject to the decision-making process of the city council.

Absolutely apparent was the degree to which Valdivia favored some entities seeking to do business with the city or seeking permits or approval from City Hall for one endeavor or another. Equally apparent to them, once both Christmas-Reynoso and Calvin fully oriented themselves, was that the principle driving Valdivia's favoritism was the generosity those he favored were bestowing on him.

The most egregious display of that favoritism in recent months involved the city's efforts to redevelop the 34-acre Carousel Mall, an \$800 million project literally a stone's throw from the westernmost extension of the San Bernardino City Hall parking lot. In response to a request for proposals from the city, eleven companies by the August 2020 deadline for those submissions had expressed an interest in serving as the master developer of the site to be redeveloped. Without disclosure of what criteria had been used in making the determination, eight of those competitors had been eliminated. Two of those, Renaissance Downtowns USA and ICO Real Estate Group, had combined their proposal to remain in the running against the other yet-standing hopeful, Shanghai Construction Group America.

The worst kept secret around San Bernardino City Hall was that

Valdivia was militating on behalf of Shanghai Construction Group America, which is also known by its acronym SCG America. Moreover, Valdivia appeared to be pulling to effectuate the complete razing of the mall property at the earliest opportunity, despite the consideration that in October, when that matter was taken up by the city council as it was previously composed without Christmas-Reynoso's, Calvin's and Alexander's presence on the panel, no commitment to demolish the mall's structure's had been given. When the council met on January 27 to hear from the Renaissance Downtowns USA and ICO Real Estate Group team and Shanghai Construction Group America their respective plans for the mall makeover, Valdivia slipped into the record his assertion that the previous council, in October, had signed off on the demolition. City Manager Robert Field did not take the opportunity he had to correct the mayor's misstatement.

Valdivia's misrepresentation had the appearance of benefiting some yet-unidentified demolition company as well as Shanghai Construction Group America, which is pursuing a redevelopment plan that will unequivocally require the dismantling of the existing mall buildings while the Renaissance Downtowns USA and ICO Real Estate Group team's plan leaves open the possibility that those structures, either some part or all of them, might be incorporated into the transformation of the property.

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### City Of Gracious Living Allows Residential Subdivision To Be Constructed Around An Existing Industrial Operation *from front page*

have been reduced by 35 to 53 dwelling units. 1.44 acres on the site is reserved for a park and buffering.

Thus, overall, the project is to entail 192 total dwelling units. There remains a possibility that in the future the GT Performance property could be developed residentially, involving as many as 65 units.

The units to be built are to include attached three-story townhomes using Santa Barbara, French Provincial and Spanish Monterey architectural schemes, as well as detached two-story homes in the Santa Barbara, French Provincial and Spanish Monterey styles.

Unresolved by the planning commission is the difficulty represented by the location of the Enclave Development and the nearby Harvest Development within the City of Upland's industrial district.

Both the Enclave project and the Harvest project have entrances off of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and fall within an area of the city that is industrially zoned. Both Harvest and the Enclave were projects undertaken by Lewis

Land Developers, LLC, the corporate successor of Lewis Homes. Lewis Homes historically was one of the most successful home builders in the Inland Empire, founded by Ralph and Goldy Lewis in the 1950s. The second generation of the Lewis Family is now in the process of relinquishing control over the company to the third generation of ownership and management, as the company has become involved less and less in actual home building and now engages mostly in achieving entitlements to proceed with projects, and spins those off to other home builders, such as Lennar in the case of the Enclave and KB Homes in the case of Harvest.

The Lewis Group of Companies, including Lewis Homes and Lewis Land Developers, LLC, is based in Upland and its principals, including Richard, Randall, Roger and Robert Lewis along with Leon Swails and John Goodman are pillars of Upland society and the local political establishment. When the company first proposed constructing the Harvest residential project in the city's industrial zone in the early 2000s, city officials were unable to stand up to the Lewis Empire and resist the call to place what was essentially an incompatible residential use into property more properly

used and already zoned for industrial purposes. This was compounded when the Enclave project was proposed in the same industrial district along 11<sup>th</sup> Street some years later, and the city once more caved in to the Lewis Land Developers request.

The problem this created manifested last year when Yellow Iron Development proposed the construction of a 92,275-square foot warehouse/light industrial manufacturing/distribution facility, on the south side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street just to the east of the Harvest Development and west of the Enclave. The project, the site plan for which included 11 truck bays and two other truck

loading facilities as well as parking spaces for 202 vehicles, appeared to be fully in compliance with the city's zoning codes. Nevertheless, the planning commission denied the Yellow Iron Development approval of the project, primarily out of concern over the developer's unwillingness to grant an assurance that the eventual tenant would not want to conduct operations during night and early morning hours.

Evening and early morning operations are a staple of industrial operations. The city, which already is in the throes of fighting 55 lawsuits, is facing the prospect of yet another from Yellow Iron Development,

which has appealed the planning commission's denial of the project to the city council. If the city council upholds the planning commission's denial, word on the street is that Yellow Iron Development will file a 56th lawsuit against the city based on its contention that the city has denied the company's right to operate, even though it has shown its readiness to meet all city codes and has complied with city zoning regulations.

This week, faced with the contradiction between the city's zoning restrictions and the incompatible and non-compliant uses that have been permitted to locate within specific areas of

the city, the planning commission and Community Development Director Bob Dahlquest did not utilize that opportunity to explore the full implication of the city's past actions that have led it to this juncture, and to resolve the incompatible use and inconsistent zoning issues facing the city.

The failure to come to terms with that zoning discordance relates directly to this project, since the planning commission's vote permitted Lewis Land Developers, Inc. and Lennar Homes to proceed with a residential development that will be contiguous on two sides with GT Performance's industrial operation.

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### Vaccine from front page

erally Qualified Health Centers" in Riverside, Los Angeles, San Diego, and at least 22 other counties.

The county was told that the state's criteria for selecting these centers for additional doses included service to a significant number of people experiencing

homeless, residents of public housing, people with limited English proficiency, and large aging populations, along with the capacity to provide staffing and vaccine stor-

age.

All four of our county-owned federally qualified health centers meet that criteria, as well as a vast majority of the cen-

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istration said this would help "meet California's renewable energy mandates."

Those who had participated in the drafting of the DRECP, including a range of environmental groups and the California Energy Commission,

denounced the move as a counterproductive and destructive setback.

The Department of the Interior in a Federal Register Notice revoked the Bureau of Land Management's comment period on the Trump administration's draft environmental impact statement to amend the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. Ileene Anderson, a

senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity commended the Biden Administration for its decision to keep the DRECP intact.

"Five days before Joseph Biden was sworn in, the Trump Administration took action that stripped a lot of the conservation pieces out of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan," Anderson said.

I was very concerned about that. Last week the Biden Administration withdrew that, so it appears they have are satisfied with the DREP as it is drafted. Hopefully, what they do from here on out and what will be implemented will be consistent with that. Right now, there are only two new renewable en-

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### A Little More Than A Year After Seeking To Defraud State Out Of \$8.5 Million, Upland Again Seeking The Same Grant *from front page*

resubmission. The only known change in what will be submitted to the state is that the conceptual site plan and legend will be replaced once they are updated by our consultant," Parker told the city council on Monday, February 22.

Basing the city's grant request on its 2019 submission might prove problematic, particularly if the same California Department of Parks and Recreation personnel that considered the 2019 request evaluate this year's request.

The 2019 request was hastily drawn up by the city's then recreational services manager, Doug Story, as a ploy by city

staff and the city council to placate resident outrage at the city's secretive 2018 move to sell 4.631 acres of Memorial Park to San Antonio Regional Hospital for use as a parking lot. The city had attempted to effectuate that sale without submitting the matter to a vote of the city's residents as required by law. That sale was challenged by residents in court when the city tried to validate the sale. On May 29, 2019, some 14 months after the sale of the park property was approved by the city council, Judge David Cohn, dismissed the city's sale validation action. Penultimately, hos-

pital officials resigned themselves to the necessity of subjecting the sale of the property to a city-wide vote, which took place in the November 2020 General Election. The city voters rejected making the sale.

The 2019 Proposition 68 grant application submitted by Story was done in the hope that the city's residents would be so mesmerized by the park improvements the grant would provide that they would look beyond that accompanying the park enhancements would be the reduction of the 38.5 acre park by 12 percent to 33.869 acres. Story's application said the \$8.5 million would be used to refurbish or replace Memorial Park's playground equipment, add a water feature splash pad, an amphitheater and an artificial turf multi-sports competition field, aug-

ment the park with walking and exercise trails, a basketball court and an intensified outdoor nature conservancy with trees and plants hospitable toward bees, hummingbirds and the like.

Proposition 68 was passed by the state's voters in 2018. It reallocated a portion of California's \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for expanding and enhancing parks around the state.

Story in September and October 2019 guaranteed that the full \$8.5 million applied for in his request was forthcoming, and he dismissed questions noting that the city yet needed to compete against other grant requests as aspersions on the integrity of Upland officials that bordered on slander.

This prompted direct inquiries by Upland residents with the Califor-

nia Department of Parks and Recreation that uncovered the grant application and city demographic data showed the city had fudged numbers relating to the "service area" pertaining to the park by claiming that the average per-household annual income was less than \$51,000. Upon recognizing that some of the data forwarded to them by the city as part of the application process had been falsified, by the end of November 2019, state officials made a determination that the grant application should be rejected, and informed Story of such. Story checked out of Upland the first week of December to go to work in the recreation department in the City of Beaumont, effective in January 2020. In the meantime, Upland municipal officials withheld from the public

that the state had denied the city's grant request. Then-Councilman Bill Velto, who is now mayor, in December 2019 insisted the city was yet waiting for all \$8.5 million of the grant. Councilwoman Janice Elliott in January 2020 said it remained the city's official position that the Proposition 68 grant might come through. She said it was irresponsible to suggest otherwise.

In March 2020, the city acknowledged that the grant would not be forthcoming.

This week, after the council voted to have the city submit the reapplication, Parker was unavailable to say whether the city had included the falsified data relating to the average per-household annual income in the park's service area.

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## **SB Residents Weigh In Against Valdivia's Pay-To-Play Ethos** *from page 2*

For the majority of the council, which has long been inured of Valdivia's machinations on behalf of those who are conveying money to him, what occurred on January 27 was par for the course. To Christmas-Reynoso and Calvin, however, who have not yet fully settled into the pay-for-play ethos that has permeated San Bernardino politics and which Valdivia has come to epitomize, the circumstance was just too much. Upon learning that Shanghai Construction Group America and its representatives and corporate officers were filtering money to Valdivia and doing so in ways that involved sleight of hand such that the provision of money or assistance to him was hidden or masked, at the city council's regular meeting on February 17, Calvin made a motion to hold a special meeting to discuss the conflict of interest and other irregularities and improprieties she believed were inherent in the ongoing arrangements for the Carousel Mall redevelopment project. Christmas-Reynoso seconded the motion. The remaining council members, who were favorably disposed to the concept of holding the mayor to account or unwilling to risk the public reproval of opposing such an effort, fell into line. The call for the special meeting was approved unanimously.

City staff, upon determining when the full council would be avail-

able for such a meeting, scheduled it to be held remotely and by means of a video and audio teleconference on Wednesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. and agendaized it. According to the agenda, the items to be discussed were "potential conflicts of interest and bias impacts regarding the request for proposal process for [the] redevelopment of the Carousel Mall property; consideration of [a] censure process related to conflicts and violations of the city charter, city municipal code, city code of conduct or state laws; and [a] determination of whether real or perceived improprieties warrant a rejection of [the] current bidding process involving the Carousel Mall."

Formulating her thoughts, Calvin put together a 63-page document essentially describing actions by Valdivia that had come to her attention and circumscribing evidence and documentation relating to it. She provided that document to City Manager Robert Field, City Attorney Sonia Carvalho and City Clerk Genoveva Rocha. Prior to the meeting another much shorter document was prepared, one relating to the possible censure of the mayor.

Between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on February 24, just before the meeting was to commence, an email from Valdivia's attorney, Rod Pacheco, was sent to City Manager Robert Field and City Attorney Sonia Carvalho.

Though Carvalho said in the course of the meeting that Pacheco's email was a public document, the city has refused to release it. Based on ref-

erences to the email during the meeting, Pacheco called into question the propriety of the 63-page document that was prepared by Calvin, possibly referred to it as a "manifesto," and he questioned the legality of the action contemplated against his client. The email also, city council members seemed to suggest during the meeting, threatened or at least intimidated legal action against the city if the council acted in any fashion against Valdivia.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order, the council heard prerecorded telephone messages from members of the public.

Robert Porter in his phone message said that Valdivia's promotion of Shanghai Construction Group America "looks shady"

Lynn Ware told the council, "Over the last year and a half I have had my eyes opened wide to the existence in our community of inappropriate and unacceptable influences by special interests upon decisions and practices that disregard residents and steer us away from the greater good. I believe there is a pay-to-play environment here that is pervasive. It is alive and well. It is actively practiced by some and allowed by others or just simply ignored."

Harry Hatch said the city council should consider a resolution of censure relating to the mayor and that Section 308 of the city charter allows the council to remove the mayor from office.

Treasure Ortiz decried "perpetual pay-to-play corruption" Valdivia had engaged in, consisting of "taking political donations" and en-

gaging in "backhanded cash deals in the middle of the night at strip bars in Irvine. You guys have to take bold and courageous action."

Athena Tan said, "There are a lot of concerns about legal conflicts involving council members and the proposed Carousel Mall developers. There are also questions about unethical practices that may or may not be illegal."

Leticia Garcia said "There is plenty of conflict of interest, not just with the downtown development. The reality is the mayor is selling out to these developers, engineers, contractors and demolition companies. He's selling this city off for a pittance. He's a Judas. It's 30 pieces of silver per developer. This is what he is doing over and over again. It is not just with the downtown project. This is a pattern. It is an ongoing thing."

Prior to the council discussion, Valdivia read excerpts from the San Bernardino Municipal Code pertaining to the conduct of city officials and the city council and how its members were to comport themselves during the meeting, extending to avoiding personal attacks on one another. In relatively short order, members of the council, including most notably Valdivia himself, were violating that protocol.

Early in the going, Councilman Fred Shorett, indicating he had been spooked by Pacheco's email, which he described as a letter, sought to adjourn into closed session, apparently to discuss the email from Pacheco and its import before proceeding if the meeting was to continue at all.

"Based on some late breaking information, information I received via email that is legal in nature, I think we're looking at potential litigation with regard to this meeting and what we're trying to discuss tonight," Shorett said.

Shorett said he had misgivings about conducting the meeting with "no back up material. I'm concerned about potential litigation with regard to this meeting and what we're trying to discuss tonight. If we're going to discuss any of what's the subject matter tonight, at the very least we have to go into closed session to discuss this letter that came in late this afternoon."

Shorett added that if the council then pushed ahead with the meeting after the closed session concluded, "I am not sure how far I would participate in the meeting because I think this in an illegal meeting." Saying the meeting and its subject matter were "inappropriate at this time," he made a motion to go into closed session.

Councilman Ted Sanchez seconded that motion.

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho, however, noting that they were convened in a specially-called meeting that per the agenda was noticed only as an open session, said that per Government Code Section 54954.2, "The council may not discuss or take any action that is not explicitly appearing on your agenda." The council therefore could not adjourn into a closed session, she said.

With the open session at that point apparently back on track, Calvin sought to have Valdivia

excluded from the meeting.

"The mayor should recuse himself from this meeting," she said. "The meeting is about him. We're going to try to show there is a conflict between the mayor and one of the developers..."

Valdivia, as the presiding officer chairing the meeting, used his authority in that capacity to control, or attempt to control, the ebb and flow of the discussion, resisting at that point and at several others during the course of the meeting the direction members of the council, most particularly Calvin, were moving in.

"You are interrupting this meeting," Valdivia said. "Ms. Calvin, you are out of order."

"I am not out of order," Calvin retorted.

"You are out of order," Mayor Valdivia said. "The chair has that prerogative to call you out of order."

"I am requesting that the mayor be removed from this meeting," Calvin said.

"Ms. Calvin, your theatrics, your pageantry and your politics are interfering with the good governance of the structure of this city," Valdivia said.

"The mayor should be removed from this meeting," Calvin repeated.

"You're interrupting, ma'am, and I don't recognize that," Valdivia said. "Cool down. You'll get your political red [sic] light in just a moment."

Valdivia, who was clearly disconcerted over being in the position of having to preside over a meeting in which the subject matter related to

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## San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Among Those Contesting Nestlé's Drafting Of Mountain Canyon Water *from front page*

"complaint against Nestlé Waters North America" concerning "unauthorized diversions from Strawberry Creek [in] San Bernardino County." The agenda notes that the matter is "before the State Water Resources Control Board."

The Sentinel was able to find no more information regarding the action.

In 2015, Nestlé's Arrowhead water withdrawals from the San Bernardino National Forest came under review. In that review, the company's expired water drafting permit was questioned.

Nestlé takes groundwater from the headwaters of Strawberry Creek near Red Rock Wall and Highway 18 at the 5,000

foot level within the San Bernardino National Forest. Nestlé's has a series of horizontal wells bored hundreds of feet into the mountainside, draining millions of gallons of forest groundwater each year. A stainless steel pipeline system conveys the extracted forest groundwater southward to the 2,000-foot elevation level at the mountain's foothills, where it is picked up by trucks near the site of the historic Arrowhead Springs resort and then taken to Nestlé's water bottling operations and is sold as "Arrowhead 100% Mountain Spring Water" and "Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water." Nestlé's water diversion and water rights in the San Bernardino National Forest have remained under investigation by the California Water Resources Board, which has oversight on all California water rights and diversions, including those on federal lands within the state since 2015, pending the board's final report of its investigation. In December 2017,

the water board's initial review of its investigation limited Nestlé's taking of water to 26 acre-feet annually, but Nestlé has refused to comply,



continuing to take 144 acre-feet in 2017, 141 acre-feet in 2018 and 210 acre-feet in 2019, with no indication of compliance in 2020 or 2021. An acre-foot equals 325,851.4 gallons or 43,560 cubic feet, the amount of water that would cover one acre, 43,560 square feet, to the depth of one foot. The streambed of upper Strawberry Creek is

dry as Nestlé's nearby stainless steel pipeline drains millions of gallons of forest groundwater. The national forest water was reserved upon

ing the water bottling operation and walking away with \$4 billion. Elsewhere in San Bernardino County, in Deer Canyon above Rancho

source on the grounds of the privately-owned Arrowhead Springs Hotel at the 2,000-foot elevation level in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains, where one of its corporate predecessors had established water rights, which were not passed on to the Arrowhead water bottling successors. The Forest Service has not resolved this discrepancy, but is waiting on the California State Water Resources Board's final report of its investigation into the matter. A new federal permit for Nestlé's pipeline was issued in June 2018, with minimal mitigation measures despite an initial ruling by the state water board to reduce the water taken out of Strawberry Canyon while the investigation is pending. Decades ago, Nestlé's corporate predecessor Arrowhead Puritas was extracting water from Strawberry Canyon based on a ten-year permit issued by the National Forest Service in 1978

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## Biden Administration Reestablishes Strategy To Limit Solar Power Field Development In The Desert To Land Least Likely To Serve As Critical Habitat For Endangered Species *from front page*

energy projects being proposed in the desert that are going to through the environmental examination process. Those will be in the development focus areas that have the least number of biological conflict areas in the desert. It appears the new administration is going to give the plan a chance to work."

Anderson said the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, by specifying a focus area where renewable energy projects are to be located, will "ensure renewable energy project construction occurs in places that have the least amount of impact on sensitive habitats."

She said it is a good sign that the Biden Administration stepped in to prevent the junking of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

"The Trump Administration basically rolled

back virtually all of the environmental protections we rely upon for human health and safety as well as for the protection of wildlife," she said.

In contrasting the Biden Administration to the Trump Administration with regard to the development of the desert and the mining of its resources, Anderson said the current "I think they are definitely committed to doing more publicly available public review on environmental issues."

Nevertheless, Anderson said the Biden Administrations zeal to pursue renewable energy options could mean it will not be sufficiently diligent in or committed to pursuing environmental protection both generally and in regard to the ecology of California's Desert.

"I think time will tell," she said. "I wish I

had a crystal ball. They are very much in favor of renewable energy and to make a transition off of fossil fuels."

Anderson expounded on the tension in the environmental community between those who are aggressively in favor solar power development and those who want strong regulations preventing the development of huge solar fields anywhere in the desert."

"The environmentalist spectrum is wide," she said. "For sure there are three or four environmental groups actively opposing renewable energy projects on private desert lands of all kinds. I can only speak for my organization. One of our concerns is about climate change. We are seeing the effects as we speak so there is a need for the transitioning to renewable energy. The way our system currently exists, the development of large scale solar plants is under the control of private companies. They have stockholders, and capitalism is all about making money. So it is easier for them to only have to

deal with one entity."

The regulatory agencies overseeing power generation do not have the preservation of threatened species as a priority, she said. "That is the dynamic that is occurring in the California Desert," she said.

At the same time, large utility companies want to put in fields of solar arrays on property that exists as crucial habitat for endangered species.

"The California desert is a world class solar radiation zone," she said. "Quite literally, there is no other place that has such a good location that also happens to be next to one the biggest electrical use load centers on the planet, the Southern California area. For solar energy in particular, it is a desirable place to locate solar fields."

Her group and other environmentalists have invested considerable time and effort in finding a means to effectuate species protection, while allowing the construction of large-scale solar array fields to take place. The Desert Re-

newable Energy Conservation Plan was the end product of that labor, she said. "We have made improvements in how renewable energy projects are permitted and where they are located. In trying to implement the provisions of the DER-CP, we are managing to put them where they have the least impact on critical habitat. We hope to balance the need for electricity and work within the system we are bounded by and offset the worst climate change challenges we face. We hope to stem the tide of overheating our planet."

Asked how she countered the argument that the worldwide, national and state dependence on fossil fuels as a primary energy source represents a greater environmental threat than do the downsides of placing massive scale solar power generating plants and windmills into the desert, Anderson said, "I think we need to find a balance."

She said she understood there should be a commitment to using solar power where it can do the most good.

"At the same time we are trying to transition to renewable energy we have a worldwide species extinction process that is ongoing in the face of global warming," she said. "Protecting these species is so very important, and that means preserving their habitat. But they are being threatened by global warming. So, we don't want to have them go to extinct from climate change. That calls for a nuanced solution, but that is the way to go forward. If it was up to me, the emphasis would be on putting our renewable options in place on our residential rooftops, on commercial buildings, where people actually live and work. That would not destroy the habitat for species that are moving toward extinction. That is the most effective way to reach the goals. Southern California Edison and PG&E are fighting that tooth and nail, as is every other corporate utility owner, because that is not their business mode."

*-Mark Gutglueck*



## Spooked By Threat From Valdivia's Lawyer, Shorett & Sanchez Tell Colleagues To Back Off from page 4

an examination of his action and which contained an item involving his own censure, nevertheless fought bitterly to remain in control of the proceedings, attempting, oftentimes unsuccessfully, to maintain a posture of composure and dignity. His authority as the council's presiding officer did not extend to shutting the meeting down, though being able to do just that before the issues agendized were fully gone into was a consummation he wished to achieve. In this regard, he was provided with assistance from the otherwise highly unlikely source of Shorett, who once more sought to persuade the entire council that the meeting should be adjourned.

Shorett resisted Calvin's call for continuing with the meeting and discussing the issues on the agenda with Valdivia excluded from the discussion, presumably with Councilwoman Sandra Ibarra, who is the city's mayor pro tem, overseeing the proceedings.

Shorett referenced Pacheco's email once more. "I received an email that had a letter attached that is legal in nature and it is very concerning," Shorett said.

Calvin insisted that the meeting was a legitimate forum intended to bring the mayor to account for his actions. She obliquely suggested that Shorett was seeking to assist Valdivia get off the hook.

"This is exactly the moves people are talking about right now that keep these types of issues from being redressed," she said.

Shorett insisted, "I am protecting the city from litigation. I'm simply saying we're in a pickle here tonight. We're on very unstable ground and I would think calmer heads should prevail." He then made his last best appeal to Calvin.

"I'm not sure I disagree with what you are trying to achieve," Shorett said. "You're going about it the wrong way. It

is not legal the way you are going about it."

Carvalho jumped in. "It sounds like it is going to be a challenging night, to keep you all within the parameters of the Brown Act," she said.

The Brown Act is California's open meeting law, which requires that elected public officials carry out in public all of their decision-making with regard to everything other than negotiations for land purchases, discussing employee discipline, hiring and firing employees, pending and ongoing litigation, discussing threats to the security of public buildings, to discuss the licensing of individuals with criminal records, considering the investment of pension funds and discussing the governmental entity's final response to a state audit. The Brown Act also requires that the subject matter of those discussions that are held in public be announced 72 hours in advance.

Carvalho said, "We received a letter after 5 p.m. this evening from an attorney who represents the mayor – Mayor Valdivia. It is a public document. I distributed it in the best way I could, via email. The letter pertains to issues which were not agendized tonight, so we can't discuss those issues. We have an agenda tonight. If the council desires to have a discussion based on the agenda tonight, we can do that, and we can't go into closed session."

Valdivia, resigned at that point that the meeting was going to go ahead, again used his position of authority to conduct the meeting to neutralize Calvin, who, at least for the duration of that meeting, had emerged as his primary antagonist. He suggested that the letter Calvin had written to the city manager, city attorney and city clerk was improperly represented and submitted.

"I'll remind council members that illegal use of city logos, misrepresentation of staff members, and that this is a city manager/council form of government, that all staff reports shall be written by city staff. No legal help, no legal aid, no legal clerks or volunteers shall submit in writing to the city any-

thing that misrepresents the city functions. That's clearly a violation," he said.

Valdivia then allowed the council discussion to proceed, recognizing the members based upon their ward numeration.

Sanchez, as the First Ward councilman, advocated against taking any action directly against the mayor, but rather calling for the imposition of rules to be put into place as early as possible that will prohibit elected officials from either taking more than a token amount of money from donors or otherwise prohibit those officials from voting on or doing anything in their official capacity impacting their donors.

"In March," Sanchez said, "we have campaign reform legislation coming before us.

All these problems stem from the fact that it is perfectly legal five minutes before the council is going to decide on whether a special interest gets a license, an entitlement, whatever the case may be in the city, that individual can make a contribution of thousands of dollars to members of the council that are going to decide on behalf of the city whether this project moves forward or not. Mind you, that is not a conflict of interest. So, I know there's the accusation – and they're true – there are 460s that show that the mayor received plenty of money from special interests for years. He has, but the rules permit it. So, in March, we have the opportunity to change that."

460s are campaign disclosure documents that all elected officials or candidates are required to fill out, which list who their donors are and how much money those donors provided to them.

Sanchez said the law and the rules allow money to influence the political process in a way that outrages those who are not involved in the political system. Experienced politicians are far too blasé about it, Sanchez said.

"We have new council members who come on board and say, 'Wait a second. Is this really how we're conducting business in the city?' And guess what? This

is how we've conducted business in the city since before I was born. It's just as disdainful as it is for me as it is for the new council members. Council Member Reynoso, I know, finds disdain for this. Council Member Calvin finds disdain for this. So, I applaud them. Let's go ahead and use that energy to get this legislation passed, so that this never happens again, because this gem of a project we have – the Carousel Mall and the downtown redevelopment – we are so lucky to be able to do this right now, and it's all been spoiled by some zealous fundraisers who saw an opportunity to raise tens of thousands of dollars from special interests while these developers are trying to come in through the door."

Sanchez said political reform rather than embarking on a crusade to throw Valdivia out of office is the solution. He said Valdivia's 2018 victory entitles him to be mayor, no matter how much he has offended his council colleagues and some of his constituents with his profiteering in office.

"So, please, let's try to redirect our energy to somewhere that's legal, because honestly, this isn't a coup, but it looks like it. The people have spoken and I think they were dead wrong when they elected the mayor we have right now. But with that said, they made their decision. And they said..."

That was too much for Valdivia, who interrupted, intoning, "Mr. Sanchez, direct your comments at the council members. You're out of order, Mr. Sanchez."

"Those individuals voted for the mayor to be the mayor for four years commencing December of 2018," Sanchez continued. "There's only one remedy to get rid of him before that four-year term is over, and that is through a recall. That is the only legal way that we can do that. We cannot as a body, a seven-member body, say we're going to discount the tens of thousands of votes the mayor received. We just can't do that. That is illegal. The city will lose millions of dollars. We'll be humiliated as a governing body. The mayor will walk off with bags

of money, of city money that was supposed to be used for repaving streets and trimming trees. If you really want him gone, we have to start putting in that footwork to do a recall. Otherwise, let's move the city forward. This is not the way to do that."

Valdivia took a shot at the First Ward councilman, his one-time ally.

"Mr. Sanchez, you ought to get back involved in your city council ward," Valdivia said. "It's disgusting. It's a shame."

A cacophony broke out, with at least five of the council members upbraiding the mayor for assailing Sanchez.

When that brouhaha subsided, Second District Councilwoman Sandra Ibarra was provided an opportunity to provide input, but was ultimately cut off before she could explore the issues she set out to focus upon. Ibarra sought to explore with Carvalho whether the council could discuss Pacheco's email or at least its substance.

"The email we received... does touch on the conflicts and violations of the city charter and our municipal code," Ibarra said. "So there is some connection between the email we received after 5 p.m. and what is before us."

Carvalho asked if Ibarra was inquiring about whether the discussion she was advocating related to the conflicts of interest and violations of the city charter or whether she was seeking to take the council into closed session.

Taking that as an indication that there might be sentiment among a majority of the council that the discussion was heading onto thin legal ice, Shorett took the opportunity to test whether there was support for shutting the meeting down. He moved to adjourn the meeting, and Sanchez seconded the motion. Valdivia, heartened by that development, sought to indulge it.

Calvin, however, made a substitute motion to continue with the meeting, seconded by Christmas-Reynoso. Since substitute motions under Robert's Rules of Order take precedence over an original mo-

tion, Calvin's motion was to be voted on first. She sought to amend her motion to include that Valdivia leave the meeting. Valdivia resisted that, and was backed by Carvalho, who said the vote had to proceed on the substitute motion as Calvin had made it relating to simply allowing the proceedings to continue. The vote was taken. Calvin's motion passed 6-to-1, with Shorett dissenting.

That interruption deflected the momentum Ibarra's initial statement and question had created toward a discussion of the substance of the accusations that were swirling about Valdivia, as Ibarra had suggested that Pacheco's email had opened just such a pathway for doing so. Valdivia deftly moved to divert the discussion elsewhere, and opened the floor to Third Ward Councilman Juan Figueroa.

Figueroa, Valdivia's one last reliable ally on the council, said, "Nothing has really been provided as a report, so there is really nothing to comment on, yet."

Valdivia used Figueroa's statement as an opportunity to propound his assertion that Calvin's letter laying out the substance of the case she was trying to make against him bore no imprimatur.

"There was no staff report provided to the public, although a 63-page manifesto was provided, but it was illegal and a misrepresentation of city logos and staff," Valdivia said.

This prompted Carvalho to declare, "There was no 63-page manifesto ever prepared by the city staff or distributed by staff, nor is it the subject of today's meeting."

Referencing the "threat of litigation we received," Carvalho said, "I'm stating to the city council and to every member of the public that I had absolutely nothing to do with the preparation of any materials that you are talking about."

Carvalho then asked City Manager Robert Field to make a similar declaration.

"We had no role in the preparation of any documents associated with tonight's meeting," Field

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T.S. No. 19-21335-SP-CA Title No. 191260552-CA-VOI A.P.N. 0218-741-36-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/17/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Kenneth Gabriel, an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/28/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0803327 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 03/11/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the North Arrowhead Avenue entrance to the County Courthouse, 351 North Arrowhead

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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 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 19-21246-SP-CA. 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: 01/26/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 02/12/2021, 02/19/2021 & 02/26/2021 CPP350886

T.S. No. 19-21335-SP-CA Title No. 191260552-CA-VOI A.P.N. 0218-741-36-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/17/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Kenneth Gabriel, an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/28/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0803327 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 03/11/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the North Arrowhead Avenue entrance to the County Courthouse, 351 North Arrowhead

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Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92410 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$560,049.12 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3471 Arcadian Shores Avenue Ontario, CA 91761 A.P.N.: 0218-741-36-0-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 19-21335-SP-CA. 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: 01/26/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 02/12/2021, 02/19/2021 & 02/26/2021 CPP350885

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANN ELIZABETH HOEL WYLIE aka ANN HOEL aka ANN CLARK CASE NO. PROPS 2001007 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ANN ELIZABETH HOEL WYLIE aka ANN HOEL aka ANN CLARK A PETITION FOR PRO-

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BATE has been filed by TERRI A. DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TERRI A. DAVIS 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 JULY 1, 2021at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S37 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.

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020  
Attorney for the Terri A. Davis:  
R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 (909) 475 8800 sam@pricelawfirm.com  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JUAN C. CRUZ CASE NO. PROPS 2100133 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JUAN C. CRUZ

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DOMINIC CRUZ 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 in Dept. No. S-35 at 9:00

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a.m. on APRIL 5, 2021 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.

Attorney for the Petitioner: MICHAEL C. MADDEX, ESQ. 1894 COMMERCENTER WEST, SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 Telephone No: (909) 890-2350

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB2028679

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Efrain Angel Dickerson Hernandez III filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Efrain Angel Dickerson Hernandez III to Efrain Angel Rodriguez

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: 03/17/21 Time: 9:00 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 West 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: Feb., 03, 2021  
Lynn M. Poncin  
Judge of the Superior Court.

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SUMMONS - (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) CIVSB2100792

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO DEMANDADO): THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a charter county; SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a public agency; MICHAEL A. RAMOS, in his individual capacity; JAMES HACKLEMAN, in his individual capacity; HOL-LIS "BUD" RANDES, in his individual capacity; ROBERT SCHREIBER, in his individual capacity; COLONIES PARTNERS, L.P., a California Limited Partnership; JEFFERY BURUM, an individual; ALL PERSONS

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INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2020 SETTLEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND COLONIES PARTNERS, L.P. AND JEFFERY BURUM; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

THE RED BRENNAN GROUP, a non-profit corporation.

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](http://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 non-profit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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 respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica 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 Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://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 exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin 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 abogado, es posible que cumpia 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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desearch el caso.

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

247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415  
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attor-



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ney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Aaron D. Burden, Esq.  
P.O. Box 130370,  
Carlsbad, CA 92013  
Telephone: (619) 988-2663  
DATE (Fecha): 01/26/2021  
Clerk (Secretario), by Elisabeth Martinez, Deputy (Adjunto)  
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FBN 20210000965

The following person is doing business as TAMAR COUNSELING SERVICES 99 C STREET, SUITE 204 UPLAND, CA 91786: DEBORAH J VINALL 99 C STREET, SUITE 204 UPLAND, CA 91786

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

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/ DEBORAH J VINALL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 01/29/2021 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: August 10, 2010

County Clerk, Deputy I1327

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 2/19, 2/26, 3/05 & 3/12, 2021.

FBN 20210001168  
The following entity is doing business as ALLWISE RESIDENTIAL HOME II 9995 GENEVA AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763 ALLWISE COMPANION CARE INC 14299 POINTER LOOP EASTVALE, CA 92880

This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION registered with the STATE OF CALIFORNIA C4167976

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/ WENDELL USON

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 2/05/2021

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 D5511

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

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FBN 20210000553  
The following entity is doing business as NOTARY EAGLE: EMIGDIA'S NOTARY SERVICES 990 W BELLEVUE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 EMIGDIA MEJIA URIBE 990 W BELLEVUE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410

Mailing Address: 990 W BELLEVUE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

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/ EMIGDIA MEJIA URIBE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/20/2021

I hereby certify that this is a cor-

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rect copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: JANUARY 16, 2021

County Clerk, Deputy D5511

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20210000959

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Lucifer's Garage; Satan's Henchmen; Heathen, 8816 Foothill Blvd #103-403, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Heathen Nation LLC, 8816 Foothill Blvd #103-403, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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/ David A. Lancaster

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 01/29/2021

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

Began Transacting Business: 01/01/2021

County Clerk, s/ I1327

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANN TRACY ALAN POWELL CASE NO. PROPS 2100144

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

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

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

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.

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020 Attorney for the Michelle Merriam:

R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 (909) 328-7000 sam@pricelawfirm.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANGEL PATRON CASE NO. PROPS 2100150

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

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

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

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

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you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020 Attorney for the Michelle Merriam:

R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 (909) 328-7000 sam@pricelawfirm.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANGEL PATRON CASE NO. PROPS 2100150

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

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

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

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.

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020 Attorney for the Michelle Merriam:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANN TRACY ALAN POWELL CASE NO. PROPS 2100144

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

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

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

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.

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020 Attorney for the Michelle Merriam:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUTH DIANNE STACEY CASE NO. PROPS 2100153

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EARL WILLIAM BALE NO. PROPS 2100132

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PATTY K. WHALEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PATTY K. WHALEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020 Attorney for the Michelle Merriam:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANGEL PATRON CASE NO. PROPS 2100150

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

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

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

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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUTH DIANNE STACEY CASE NO. PROPS 2100153

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

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

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

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

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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 9 a.m. on APRIL 6, 2021 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES W. CLARKSON, SR aka JAMES WINANS CLARKSON NO. PROPS 2100107

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JAMES W. CLARKSON, SR aka JAMES WINANS CLARKSON

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

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

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.

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2020 Attorney for the Michelle Merriam:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOYCE TAYLOR CLARKSON NO. PROPS 2000419

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

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

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

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)







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in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/19/2021, 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021 CNBB07202116MT

FBN 2021000636 The following person is doing business as: RICH AND FAMOUS BARBERSHOP 5480 PHILADELPHIA ST UNIT H CHINO, CA 91710; CHARLIE GARCIA 5480 PHILADELPHIA ST UNIT H CHINO, CA 91710 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ CHARLIE GARCIA, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 01/22/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/19/2021 CNBB07202117MT

FBN 2021000835 The following person is doing business as: CALDEZ HOMES 580 W 33RD ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405; JEFFREY SANDEZ 580 W 33RD ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JEFFREY SANDEZ, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 01/27/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino

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FBN 20210001244 The following person is doing business as: KARE 12478 MAMMOTH DR VICTORVILLE, CA 92392; KARELY CARRILLO ROMAN 12478 MAMMOTH DR VICTORVILLE, CA 92392 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ KARELY CARRILLO ROMAN, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/08/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/19/2021 CNBB08202101EM

FBN 20210001486 The following person is doing business as: RENDON CUSTOM CABINETS & MILLWORK 1240 N. FITZGERALD AVE. SUITE # 112 RIALTO, CA 92376; MAILING ADDRESS 5601 N. EDGEMONT DR. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; KEVIN T RENDON 1240 N. FITZGERALD AVE, SUITE #112 RIALTO, CA 92376; ANSELMO RENDON 1240 N. FITZGERALD AVE, SUITE #112 RIALTO, CA 92376 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ KEVIN T. RENDON, GENERAL PARTNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/12/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of

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another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/19/2021 CNBB08202102IR

FBN 20210001257 The following person is doing business as: B & B TRUCKING 821 WINDSONG LN SAN JACINTO, CA 92582; LOUIS BROWN III 821 WINDSONG LN SAN JACINTO, CA 92582 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ LOUIS BROWN III, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/09/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/19/2021 CNBB08202103IR

FBN 20210001253 The following person is doing business as: GOMAR TRANSPORT 1231 W. 19TH ST. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411; RODRIGO A GOMAR-MARTINEZ 1231 W. 19TH ST. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ RODRIGO A. GOMARR-MARTINEZ, OWNER

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FBN 20210001484 The following person is doing business as: HENRY'S JUNK REMOVAL 32390 AVE D. #1 YUCAIPA, CA 92399; MILES H BRODERSON 32390 AVE D. #1 YUCAIPA, CA 92399 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: DEC 20, 2019 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ MILES H. BRODERSON, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/04/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/19/2021 CNBB08202105IR

FBN 20210001156 The following person is doing business as: LET'S GO 3200 E. GUAISTI RD, SUITE 746 ONTARIO, CA 91761; MAILING ADDRESS 12442 LIME PL. CHINO, CA 91710; DUNAMIS ALLIANCE LLC 12442 LIME PL. CHINO, CA 91710 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: DEC 13, 2020 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JAMES TUTHILL, PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/05/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious 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 business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021, 03/19/2021 CNBB08202108MT

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The following person is doing business as: ACE PLUS TUTORING 1419 NORTHVIEW PLACE REDLANDS, CA 92374; ADRIAN N CRUZ 1419 NORTHVIEW PLACE REDLANDS, CA 92374 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ADRIAN N. CRUZ, OWNER

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FBN 20210001050 The following person is doing business as: LA COCINA DE YAYA 372 W 32RD ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405; IDALIA C BAHENA 372 W 32RD ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ IDALIA C. BAHENA, OWNER

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FBN 20210001151 The following person is doing business as: H & M TRANSPORTATION 2276 MOUNTAIN WOODS ST COLTON, CA 92324; MAILING ADDRESS P.O BOX

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10253 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92374; HENRY P CERVANTEZ 2276 MOUNTAIN WOODS ST COLTON, CA 92324; MICHAEL A NEGRETE 2276 MOUNTAIN WOODS ST COLTON, CA 92324 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ HENRY P. CERVANTEZ, GENERAL PARTNER

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FBN 20210001609 The following person is doing business as: WWW.HUMBLEGRAPHICS.COM; HUMBLE MEDIA 1266 N. MOUNT AVE COLTON, CA 92324; CREATIVE PRIVATE EYE LLC 1266 N. MOUNT VERNON AVE COLTON, CA 92324 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ABEL SILVA, MANAGING MEMBER

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said.

Valdivia's, Carvalho's and Field's statements, which seemed to allude to Calvin's letter but did not explicitly state so, while distancing city staff from its generation, notably did not contest the accuracy of its contents.

While Valdivia, Carvalho and Field appeared intent on remaining as possible, Shorette, in his remarks as Fourth Ward councilman, made a curious allusion to it,

which seemed to suggest that there was some substance within it that was being disregarded. First Shorette lamented that the staff report relating to the issues before the council that evening was thin or nonexistent. "The subject matter is very, very vague," he said. "Indeed, we have not received any back up. There is no back up or staff report."

Nevertheless, Shorette said, "There's some documentation that's been sent out. It was posted on the website for review, but it's all a bunch of stuff that didn't go through proper channels, didn't go through proper procedures." Shorette did not clarify what website he was referencing.

Pointedly, like Valdivia,

Carvalho and Field, Shorette did not dispute the accuracy of the material supporting the accusations against Valdivia. If his reference to the "documentation" was in fact to Calvin's letter or the "manifesto" referred to by Valdivia, his objection to it seemed to run along the lines that it had not been fully examined by city staff.

"I'm not making a judgment on whether the mayor should stay in office or not," Shorette said.

Curiously, while there were multiple references that there was no staff report, there was no explanation as to why no staff report was prepared for the meeting and why Field and Carvalho consent-

ed to the holding of the meeting without one.

Shorette returned to his contention that the city did not have sufficient grounds to force Valdivia's removal.

"I've seen people go out in handcuffs, and that's one way of getting rid of them," he said. "I've seen people being recalled. That's another way to get rid of them. And I've seen people resign. That's basically the three ways that we have..."

"Or they get voted out of office, Valdivia interjected.

"Well, of course that's another way," Shorette said, "but I'm talking about somebody that's currently sitting in office."

Shorette continued, "I know they've been quoting Section 308 of our charter. I think it's been misinterpreted." He said his interpretation of Section 308 was that a council member or the mayor could only be removed by the council for not meeting the residency or voter registration requirements. "Those are not the cases here so I have a real problem with this meeting here tonight," Shorette said. "This meeting is not legal. I think we're really on shaky ground. I think we're looking very bad to the public. He was voted in and whether you like it or not, he's in office. The only way to get him out is to vote him out, recall him, have him

be convicted of a crime. This train is being driven by some outside sources that have some other issues and concerns about this, the future of this city."

Valdivia opened the floor for Christmas-Reynoso.

"We look bad when we argue in public," Christmas-Reynoso said. "I am a newly elected council member. The reality is... I don't like to air out dirty laundry."

Nevertheless, Christmas-Reynoso said there was a case to be made against Valdivia.

"There was one meeting I ever had with our current city mayor," Christmas-Reynoso

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## Valdivia Favored One Competing Development Company To The Point Of Lobbying On Its Behalf, Christmas-Reynoso & Calvin Say *from page 10*

said. "It was before I was technically sworn in. It was about a week before. I was shown immediately upon entering this meeting an eight minute video that I came to find out was shown to pretty much everybody on the third floor of City Hall. It's an eight minute video of Shanghai Conglomerate Group America."

Christmas-Reynoso continued, "So, I became aware... what was coming down the pipeline clearly was a much needed redevelopment of our downtown. I agree with everybody in our community: We've got to redevelop this, but I'm not going to do it at the cost of some conflicted interest or maybe an implicit bias. I'm not saying that is fact, but I'm going to give you the facts. I had this meeting. I was told that... these people build bridges overnight and that he [Valdivia] was trying to court for the downtown the redevelopment of the Radisson [Hotel]. We needed to build hotels."

Christmas-Reynoso recounted irregularities with regard to the city's process for trying to select a developer of the Carousel Mall property.

"We had the joint teams who came together – Downtown Renaissance USA and ICO Realty and then you have Shanghai Conglomerate Group America," he said. "The two that came together tried to reach out. I couldn't get access to the Shanghai Conglomerate anything related to the project proposal, but I became aware that some people on the council dais had actually seen it. That was an issue. I never pressed it. I'm learning. Bear with me as I learn. Learning that that was the reality, I was contacted by Downtown Renaissance and ICO Realty." Saying, "I can't point you the finger," Christmas-Reynoso said, "City staff was directing them not to participate in a scheduled January 13 IE Chamber of Commerce meeting in order to simply go over their process of development. They eventually backed up."

Christmas-Reynoso's

narrative jumped two weeks ahead.

"The meeting happened on the 27<sup>th</sup> [January 27]," Christmas-Reynoso said. "Everyone saw it. I at that time messed up in not making a motion to continue until every council member's questions were satisfied. I know that I have that ability now."

Christmas-Reynoso said, "After that, I was contacted after the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting by a member of the Shanghai Conglomerate Group of America, Mr. Jimmy Feng. Mr. Jimmy Feng messaged me on my personal cell phone number. I became aware he also messaged Councilwoman Calvin on her personal phone number. I don't engage in any city business on my personal phone. That's not how we're supposed to conduct business. I said, 'Never contact me on this channel.' What I did ask afterwards, when he responded, I said, 'How did you get it [Christmas-Reynoso's personal phone number]?' He said council staff gave it to him."

Reynoso said he did not believe what Feng said was true.

"No one I've come across, and especially the person I trust the most, my city staff, they didn't pass that number along," he said.

Christmas-Reynoso then undertook to explain why the provision of his personal phone number to Feng represents a serious issue.

"I have to cite some city code," he said. "I'll give you bullets here that make me feel as though this process must be reopened in order to just provide fairness to everyone. There were eleven participants, I understand, who bid for this project. If one of the three was being advertised to me potentially in a meeting before being sworn in, I can't separate that from a conflicted interest on the dais. So, under the section of the municipal code 2.58.050, letter F states, 'In order to ensure their independence and impartiality on behalf of the common good, the mayor and city council shall not use

their official positions to influence government decisions in which they have a material financial interest or where they have an organizational responsibility or personal relationship which may give the appearance of a conflict of interest.' Letter H: 'The mayor and city council shall respect the confidentiality of information considering the property, personnel or affairs of the city. They shall neither disclose confidential information – such as my cell phone number – 'without proper or legal authorization, nor use such information to advance their personal financial or other private interests.'"

Continuing, Christmas-Reynoso said, "My last point is I became aware from - I won't mention the city staffer because I've become aware that our city staff inside City Hall do not feel comfortable operating there freely as representatives of our offices and in communication through transparent channels – I was notified that the mayor was reaching out to city staff for personal numbers of sitting commissioners. That is illegal. I know that clear as day. I'm not going to make the stretch and the statement of saying he was trying to do this or that, but the fact of the matter is he did in fact reach out for commissioner contact information, and my guess is as good as yours as to why. With that, I guess I rest my case, but I feel as though I cannot – it doesn't matter how beautiful the proposals are, how much I may have liked one over the other. You can speak to developers. I haven't engaged either team because I feel conflicted. I stopped meeting with the mayor one-on-one because I felt as though I may become complicit in something I'm not aware of right now. So, I'm here before you, as a reassurance to the community. This is why the special meeting was called. That's why there's not a staff report. We needed to talk about this. We didn't want to air this out. But there's only a certain amount of time that someone who represents people can go hearing constant pressure and constantly being asked to be trans-

parent. So, I'm being transparent with you. And that's a series of events that factually has happened. That is the municipal code, and I'm your representative."

Valdivia laid into Christmas-Reynoso. "You bring up a lot of water cooler hearsay but no evidence."

Christmas-Reynoso responded, "This is also why Council Member Calvin didn't want you to be in the meeting. I understand that now. And I figured this would happen this way. So I have respect for the city. You, Mr. Mayor, I won't be engaging in answering any of your questions on this meeting."

Lashing out once more at the Fifth Ward councilman, Valdivia said, "You've just disenfranchised several thousand residents in the ward you represent, but I understand your position, Mr. Reynoso."

The mayor was obliged to recognize Calvin, as the Sixth Ward councilwoman.

She suggested that Valdivia had assisted Shanghai Construction Group in lobbying her.

"I do have a text message from Jim Feng, who states he got my personal cell phone number from the city council office, and that he then turned and listed the city council's number in the text message," she said.

Calvin said, "What we called this meeting for was to lay out clearly that there were some issues, that there were some areas of concern. The manifesto that you quote unquote call it, I don't even know how all of you got it. That was sent to the city attorney, city manager and city clerk's office. So, who sent it to who? I did receive something that the mayor was requesting it and wanted it. So, here again, this is why we cannot handle business in the City of San Bernardino, because our higher staff are in positions to where they are either being manipulated or bullied into giving you information that you aren't supposed to have. That was not sent to you."

Valdivia broke in. "Ms. Calvin, stay on point," Valdivia said, telling her to make her presentation.

She said he was making her presentation for

her.

"You are putting on display that you are privy to information that was only sent to the city manager, the city attorney and the city clerk."

That prompted Carvalho to state, "Mrs. Calvin, may I please just say, unequivocally, I did not forward those materials to anyone."

Calvin responded to Carvalho, "And the city clerk did also send me a message that she did not, either. So I guess that leaves one person: the city manager's office."

Calvin then directly addressed Valdivia, saying she intended "to lay out the case for conflict of interest through you, because I also saw that video advertising SCGA three times. The conflict of interest comes when you are not showing everybody's video. You only showed one. So, if you really wanted me to have an impartial view of the two developers that we had narrowed ourselves down to, then you would have showed me both. But that is not what you did. That's not what you did to my constituent who was there for another reason. She was there for city business, and you thrust her into that video. She didn't ask you for that. Again, conflict of interest or showing where you were siding with one developer over the other. What I also understand is other city staff members have seen that video as well, the whole entire third floor."

"There is nothing illegal about that, Ms. Calvin," Valdivia said.

Calvin then referenced a website. "There were exhibits that were shown that have now been taken off," she said. She said there were photos showing both Councilman Figueroa and Mayor Valdivia meeting with Shanghai Construction Group America corporate officers in 2019.

Calvin continued, "The other information out there that we need to take a hold of is SCGA subsidiary companies, LLCs, that are attached to [indicted Los Angeles City] Councilman Jose Huizar [who] was involved in some bribery. What we are here to state is that we need to further investigate developers or anyone else when information is brought to us

that shows we are dealing with pay to play. This company..."

Valdivia interrupted.

"Ms. Calvin, Do you have any evidence of that?"

These companies..." Calvin attempted to continue.

"You constantly refer to that," Valdivia said, continuing to talk over Calvin.

"Well, what we can do..." Calvin began to respond.

Valdivia interrupted her once more. "Ms. Calvin, this is all hearsay and speculation on your part. You have no evidence."

"It is not against the law..." Calvin started, but was interrupted by Valdivia.

"It is not against the law..." Calvin tried again, but was once more drowned out by Valdivia's interruption.

Collecting herself after Valdivia paused, Calvin said, "It is not against the law for council members and mayors to take donations from possible developers obtaining contracts in this city. We understand that. Do we need to change that? Yes, we do. But does that mean we need to ignore what is before us at this particular moment?"

Calvin said the city council had to demonstrate to "our constituents that we are absolutely choosing the right developer for San Bernardino for various reasons, not just for pay to play but for various reasons."

Valdivia once again broke into Calvin's presentation.

"Ms. Calvin, I'll call you out of order. There is no pay to play here."

"Don't interrupt me," Calvin said.

"You don't have any direct primary source for what you say. Ms. Calvin," Valdivia said. "You will not continue your speculation and hearsay and projection of illegal behavior."

"You see how your mayor is behaving tonight because of what we are putting out here," Calvin said. "We are not the law. I'm not trying to say we are the law. What we are saying is, 'The City of San Bernardino has already made mention tonight in public comments alone. They

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## Receding From Censuring Mayor, SB Council Allowing Allegedly Graft-Tainted Selection Process To Proceed *from page 11*

are tired of it. To give the mere implication that your donations are tied to a pay-for-play act is unethical.”

“That’s speculation, Ms. Calvin,” Valdivia asserted. “You have no evidence of that. You’re constantly going with speculation.”

“That’s not speculation,” Calvin said. “That’s from a 460. We can look at the information.”

“I went and pulled your 460, too,” said Valdivia, displaying it on the video.

Calvin was unfazed.

“Just the mere appearance of pay to play does go against our charter and our city code,” she said. “We should be more concerned. Yes, it comes to an individual decision, and we have to remain ethical on our own integrity. What we are saying here: City of San Bernardino, there has been a pattern, and we need to further investigate these patterns because we don’t ever know. New council members such as myself, I’m not sure. I need to be able to stand strong and firm with my colleagues on the dais. I want to be able to make sure that my vote is ethical as well. What we are saying here tonight is please take a look, people, everybody, and take a look and evaluate yourself, so we are ethical and transparent with the decisions we make.”

Seventh Ward Councilman Damon Alexander sounded an ambiguous tone in reaction to the interactions among his colleagues during the meeting, and he appeared unable to reconcile the marshaling of evidence against Valdivia and his own political ties to the mayor, which included sharing the same political consultant, Chris Jones, and a commonality in the donors to their respective political campaigns.

Alexander expressed disappointment at what was going on, but his statements were so equivocal, it was difficult, indeed impossible,

to tell if he was siding with Valdivia or Calvin with regard to the very obvious divide between the mayor and the newly elected councilwoman.

“I find myself disheartened by what I see,” Alexander said, without giving a clue as to whether he was decrying Valdivia for his conduct or angry with Calvin for belaboring it. “I want to see us move forward. I’m all about the policy and procedures by which this council should act.”

With one sentence Alexander indicated that he was open to what Calvin was suggesting. “If there’s an investigation, by all means, let’s conduct one.” Seconds later, however, he seemed to recede from that position, sounding as if he did not want to subject the mayor to any public reproach. “I was always trained praise in public, criticize in private. We all are losing here. This is not a winning situation for any of us.”

Ultimately, Alexander came across as utterly confounded by the contretemps that had grown out of Valdivia’s actions and the efforts by the city council, in particular Christmas-Reynoso and Calvin, to take issue with it. He appeared genuinely conflicted as to whether he should side with his two council colleagues, both of whom came into office with him as a result of the 2020 election cycle, or Mayor Valdivia. “All of us have valid points,” Alexander said. “Everyone of us sitting here have valid points, but how we conduct these valid points, and how the public perceives us is just as important as how we do things.”

Indirectly, Alexander circumscribed the manner in which the evening’s proceedings had been shifted off topic because of the way in which the council had been prevented – by Pacheco’s email, Valdivia’s conducting of the meeting, staff’s failure to prepare a staff report into which the so-called manifesto and its substance was incorporated and both Shorett’s and Sanchez’s trepidation with regard to possible legal action by Valdivia – from getting to the heart of the topics that were supposed to be discussed that night.

“I have not seen any quote unquote manifesto,” he said. “[Political] finance reform must come. All the things that everyone has said – from Councilman Reynoso, Councilman Sanchez, to Councilwoman Calvin, everyone, Shorett – is all vital. Who is receiving this information? Because everybody is talking, but is anybody listening?”

Thereafter, Christmas-Reynoso, realizing that there would be no action taken with regard to the mayor, sought to salvage a portion of what the meeting had been called for.

“I cannot comfortably move forward with the process as it is, so I’d like to reopen the bidding process for the redevelopment of the Carousel Mall,” Christmas-Reynoso moved.

That was seconded by Figueroa.

Shorett, however, sought to block that.

“I’m very concerned about going through a whole new process and opening everything up,” he said. “I don’t want to take another 13 years going through this process.”

Valdivia then indulged an inquiry with City Manager Field as to whether city staff’s recommendation would be available next week.

Field said city staff was finalizing its recommendation of which entity should serve as the master developer of the Carousel Mall makeover.

“The staff report will be on the agenda for March 3,” Field said. “It’s almost in final shape.”

Shorett then offered a “substitute motion that we wait for the March 3 meeting and hear what staff has to say about this. We don’t have to vote about it that night. Let’s let the process play out. Staff has already done the work. I make a substitute motion that we not vote on anything tonight with all due respect to my colleagues, I understand where you are coming from, but that we wait for two weeks to hear what the staff has to say, and vote at that time.”

Shorett’s substitute motion was seconded by Sanchez.

That motion passed with Sanchez, Ibarra, Shorett, Alexander and, surprisingly, Calvin

prevailing and Christmas-Reynoso and, surprisingly, Figueroa dissenting.

Relishing the unexpected reprieve, Valdivia said, “Mr. Field, you have direction from the majority of the council to proceed on.”

Valdivia then said, “I want to address some of the concerns that were brought forward, allegations against me.”

That brought an objection from Shorett. When Valdivia attempted to continue, Calvin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ibarra and then by Shorett.

Ignoring them, Valdivia pushed on to make his presentation. The volume of his colleagues escalated to a near roar.

Carvalho broke in to say that the motion to adjourn that had been seconded needed to be voted on.

“If there is a matter on the floor you have to address the motion,” Carvalho said. “We have a motion to adjourn and there is a second.”

“My rights... are being trampled on,” Valdivia protested.

There followed a gen-

eral cacophony in which Shorett could be heard telling Valdivia that he was out of order and Ibarra informing the mayor that a presentation from him had not been agendized

Valdivia, in a parting shot said, “The allegations are inaccurate and they are false,” as Calvin again made a motion to adjourn.

An audibly and visibly miffed Valdivia said, “I will adjourn the meeting, Ms. Calvin. You are out of order,” Valdivia said.

“You need to take a vote on that motion,” Carvalho said.

“No, we won’t,” said Valdivia. “We’ll just adjourn.”

Against a cacophony of protest, Valdivia could be heard saying, “Prerogative of the chair. Meeting adjourned.”

With Valdivia at that point having signed off, Carvalho then called upon Ibarra, as the mayor pro tem, to conduct the council in a vote on the adjournment motion. In an action rife with metaphorical significance, under Ibarra’s guidance, the council unanimously voted to adjourn.

## Nestlé Seeking Buyer For Arrowhead Brand As National, State & Local Opposition To Its San Bernardino Mountain H<sub>2</sub>O Extractions Mount *from page 5*

and renewed annually at a cost of \$524 per year. Arrowhead Puritas was bought out by Beatrice Foods and then morphed into the BCI-Arrowhead Drinking Water Company, which acquired the still-active permit. The BCI-Arrowhead Drinking Water Company applied to extend that permit and, in 1987, while that application process was still uncompleted, Perrier purchased the BCI-Arrowhead Drinking Water Company. The then-pending water extraction permit renewal required a U.S. Forest Service review of the water drafting arrangement and its environmental/ecological impact, which at that point the U.S. Forest Service did not have the immediately available resources to carry out. In a gesture of compromise, Perrier was allowed, pending the eventual Forest Service review, to continue to operate in Strawberry

Canyon by simply continuing to pay the \$524-per year fee to perpetuate the water extraction under the terms of the expired permit. In 1992, when Nestlé acquired the Arrowhead brand from Perrier, it inherited the Strawberry Canyon operation and continued to pay the \$524 annual fee without renewing the permit, which at that time existed under the name of the “Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water Co,” one that was never listed legally in corporate filings, but which is currently operating under Nestlé Waters of North America, Inc.

A report from the California State Water Resources Control Board released on December 20, 2017, while California state water officials were investigating Nestlé’s San Bernardino Mountains operation, reached the conclusion that while Nestlé was drafting 192 acre-feet

(62.56 million gallons) annually from Strawberry Canyon, the company had the right to divert up to 26 acre-feet of water (8.47 million gallons) per year, based on historic water claims. State officials claimed that Nestlé in this way was extracting on a yearly basis 166 acre-feet (54.09 million gallons) of water it does not have a right to take. Further examination of the historic record indicates that the rights to the 26 acre-feet that the California State Water Resources Board said Nestlé could assert were based on established rights of one of its corporate predecessors from springs located in the foothills rather than in Strawberry Canyon at the 5,000 foot level.

Nestlé in 2018 said the State Water Resources Board’s December 20, 2017 conclusion did not take into account “additional volumes” of water available to it from several categories of water rights. Nestlé insists it has a “valid basis of right for surface water and groundwater to collect at least 271 acre-feet

annually in Strawberry Canyon.”

Public comments relating to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District’s action can be emailed to that body’s board through the board clerk, Jose Macedo. To obtain his email address, reach him at (909) 387-9214. You can zoom into the meeting and make comment, as well, but must first obtain access to the district’s Zoom website, as well as a meeting identification and a passcode. Call district headquarters at (909) 387-9200 for this information.

## Vaccine *from page 3*

ters represented by the Community Health Association Inland Southern Region.

We urge our state and federal partners to distribute vaccines in accordance with population and need and to place an emphasis on transparency and collaboration on all matters related to COVID-19.