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## Upland Council Reportedly Angling Toward Hiring Blay As City Manager

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The Upland City Council will be voting shortly to hire Michael Blay, the former assistant city manager in Hesperia, as the ultimate replacement for City Manager Rosemary Hoerning, according to information provided to the *Sentinel*.

City officials, however, have neither confirmed that Blay has risen to the top of dozens of candidates considered for the



Michael Blay

post by the city council, nor that he is one of two finalists for the post, nor that he had even applied

for the city manager's job.

The now five-month long ongoing recruitment of a new city manager in Upland has been conducted very quietly, so quietly that the city did not disclose it had hired the executive search firm of Ralph Andersen & Associates to invite applications and screen those applicants before making further recommendations to acting City Manager Steven Parker, Human

Resources Director Theresa Doyle and the city council.

It is a general practice among cities to restrict information about applicants for city manager/city administrator posts or even department directorships, as those applicants often or even in a majority of cases hold positions with other cities, and the applicants may not want their current employer to know they

are about to bug out for greener pastures or a more prestigious position or a higher salary elsewhere. This sort of promiscuity is winked at and tolerated among municipalities as there is a code, apparently, within the municipal culture that holds it is okay for one city to poach another city's top employees. Still, in most recruitment efforts there may be several or dozens or even scores of appli- See P 2

## Measure K Backers Appeal Court Ruling Disallowing Its Implementation

The Red Brennan Group, which last year sponsored the county government-reform initiative Measure K passed by more than two-thirds of San Bernardino County's voters that was subsequently declared unconstitutional by a judge, has filed an appeal of that legal ruling.

At present, members of the board of supervisors receive a total annual compensation of \$270,000, consisting of \$185,000 in combined salary and add-on pay along with another \$85,000 in benefits. They are limited to three four-year terms in office.

Under the provisions of Measure K, each supervisor's total yearly compensation – salary and benefits – was to be reduced to \$60,000, and he or she would have been prevented from seeking reelection as supervisor after serving a single four-year term in office.

In promoting Measure K, the Red Brennan Group asserted that the amount of money the supervisors make is roughly four times what the average compensation of county residents is, which renders the county's political leaders insensitive to the challenges faced by their constituents. Furthermore, according to the Red Brennan Group, the inflated salary and benefits the supervisors are provided has proven a strong incentive for them to remain in office, such that they can and often do solicit and willingly receive huge donations from political donors to provide themselves with political war chests to run the campaigns that would keep them in office. This in turn leads, the Red Brennan Group See P 3

## San Manuel Seeks \$300M Insurance Payout For Gaming Revenue Loss From COVID Closures

The impact of the novel coronavirus on the local gaming industry has resulted in a novel lawsuit, one that carries with it the possibility of creating a legal precedent of breathtaking scope, as the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is suing Lloyds of London and a coterie of other insurance companies for \$300 million over lost revenue from the three-month long suspension of gambling

at its casino that came in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

Represented by the law firm of Latham & Watkins, the tribe filed the suit on March 9, 2021 in San Bernardino County Superior Court, naming Westport Insurance Corporation, Crum Forster Specialty Insurance Company, Western World Insurance Company, Ironshore Specialty Insurance Company, QBE Specialty

Insurance Company, Starr Surplus Lines Insurance Company, Ategrity Specialty Insurance Company, Tokio Marine America Insurance Company, Landmark American Insurance Company, The Princeton Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance Company, Homeland Insurance Company of New York, Allied World National Assurance Company, Empire Indemnity Insurance Company and

a coffeehouse chock full of underwriters and syndicates with Lloyds of London, claiming the lot of them had reneged on what is termed "all risk" coverage of the tribe's casino and related operations by not making up for the proceeds the tribe would have realized from the gambling and other moneymaking operations at the San Manuel Casino while the gaming tables were shut down.

"This suit concerns the refusal by certain insurance companies to comply with their obligations to plaintiffs, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the San Manuel Entertainment Authority," the complaint reads. "In exchange for substantial premiums, the defendant all risk insurers issued insurance policies that provided 'all risk' coverage for the tribe and its insured See P 3

## Cho's Body Likely Found As Focus Turns To Determination Of Misadventure Or Foul Play

Though the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is not saying so, the human remains found last week in Yucca Valley are almost certainly those of Lauren Cho, who had gone missing more than three months previously, sources close to the situation have told the *San Bernardino County Sentinel*.

The body of a woman consistent with that of

five foot three inch tall Cho was found on Saturday, October 9, less than four miles from where she had disappeared.

On October 10, the sheriff's department publicly announced, "On Saturday, October 9, 2021, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department conducted an additional search and rescue operation in the ongoing search for Lauren Cho,

who was reported missing on June 28, 2021. During the search, unidentified human remains were located in the rugged terrain of the open desert of Yucca Valley. The remains were transported to the San Bernardino County Coroner's Division where staff will work to identify the remains and determine a cause of death. The identification process could

take several weeks. No further information will be released until the identity of the deceased has been confirmed."

Cho went missing on June 28. According to Cody Orell, who has been variously described as her boyfriend, ex-boyfriend and companion, she simply walked away from the grounds of a bed & breakfast inn, dubbed "The Whole" and owned by

Tao Ruspoli, upon which a bus the couple had purchased and in which she and Orell were living had been parked.

After Cho did not return, Orell and some friends attempted to find her, and when they could not locate her, he contacted the sheriff's department, roughly three hours after she had left. Based upon publicly available documents, it is See P 3

## Former Assistant FPD Chief Hostetter To Defend Himself Vs. Federal Insurrection Indictment

Alan Hostetter, the former Fontana Assistant Police Chief who federal prosecutors say participated in the January 6 insurrection in Washington D.C., has asked U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth to allow him to represent himself in the case being presented against him, court records show.

Lamberth, after sternly warning Hostetter that he runs a severe risk by serving as his own attorney, conditionally ruled that

the former lawman turned political activist/agitator can do so. Hostetter, after more than four months of delays in the case, is now seeking a speedy trial.

Hostetter has experienced considerable success in thrilling and motivating crowds of people who share his political philosophy that holds the federal government is involved in a grand conspiracy to foreclose the rights of the American people through false claims that

the COVID-19 pandemic represents a mortal threat. With the guidance of a so-called standby counsel, a court-appointed attorney paid for by the government to scrutinize his motions, responses to motions and in-court performance, Hostetter believes he can use his rhetorical talent to prevent a jury of his peers from convicting him of the charges lodged against him.

Hostetter engaged in obstructing an official

proceeding, entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct within a restricted building and disorderly conduct within a restricted building in order to disrupt or impede the government so to prevent attendance at an official proceeding, according to Channing D. Phillips, the acting United States Attorney in the District of Columbia.

The federal indictment of Hostetter further describes how a nonprofit

he set up, the American Phoenix Project, which he said was intended to stand as a beacon of truth in the torrent of misinformation that was accompanying the COVID-19 "panic" to prevent Americans' Constitutional rights from being violated and to educate the masses with regard to vaccines while counteracting intentional misrepresentations by the mass media, was misused to engage in political activities in defiance See P 2

## After Three Decades Of Discontinuity & Dysfunction With Upland's City Managers, Solons Said They Wanted A Top Drawer Leader *from front page*

cants for a position such as city manager, and only one of those candidates in the end will be selected. A city manager who applies for a job elsewhere can find himself or herself in a bad position wherein he or she will lose the trust of the council he or she must work with if those council members know the city manager is not 100 percent loyal to the city that employs him or her and is contemplating leaving.

Such may or may not have been the case with Blay, who was decommissioned from his position in Hesperia by the city manager there, Niles Bentsen, around the time that the city manager's position in Upland was rendered vacant. Upland city officials have not disclosed when Blay applied for position, and it is not known if Bentsen learned that Blay was entertaining a jump to Upland prior to Blay's departure from Hesperia.

Bentsen and Blay had become close after both were hired by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in the late 1980s within one year of one another and as they were advancing through that agency's ranks in the 1990s and the first decade of the Third Millennium.

Blay, who had been hired by Sheriff Floyd Tidwell as a deputy in 1989, reached the rank of sergeant, but in 2009, in the aftermath of an internal affairs investigation ongoing while Rod Hoops was sheriff, found himself after 20 years and three months with the de-

partment faced with the likelihood that he would be terminated. At the age of 44, he elected to take a medical retirement.

Meanwhile, Bentsen continued to ascend professionally, reaching the level of captain, whereupon he was assigned to serve as the commander of the Hesperia sheriff's station. Blay, in contrast, languished in retirement for more than five years, drawing a \$55,748.70 yearly pension based upon his 20 years with the sheriff's department, augmented by a meager paycheck from a low-intensity security job with a shipping company, while holding a part-time position as an adjunct professor at Victor Valley College, teaching in the field of the administration of justice, for which his highest single year's compensation in pay and benefits totaled \$19,382.59

In December 2015, Hesperia's city council as it was then composed chose Bentsen to replace Mike Podegracz, who was retiring as city manager. Bentsen assumed the Hesperia city manager's post in January 2016. Two months later, Bentsen plucked his friend Blay from exile to serve as the City of Hesperia's director of development services.

Upon his hiring in Hesperia, Blay, who had no municipal training or experience to speak of, was provided with a \$143,156 annual salary, another \$8,081 in additional pay and \$26,635 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$177,872. Less than two years later, Bentsen convinced the city council to allow him to promote Blay to assistant city manager, upping his annual salary to \$179,807 with another \$9,081 in add-ons, \$31,023 in benefits and a \$10,282.86 contribution toward Blay's

pension plan for a total yearly compensation of \$230,193.86.

If, as reported, Blay has been chosen as the City of Gracious Living's senior administrator, the Upland City Council's selection of him comes across as a curious one.

Over the last three decades, Upland has been plagued with instability in the position of city manager. It was not always so. From the city's inception as an incorporated municipality in 1906 until 1943, Upland's mayor, advised by the city engineer, managed the city. Beginning in 1943, the city's longtime city engineer, Richard Manley, began serving in the unofficial capacity of city manager. Upon obtaining at the age of 57 his master's degree in public administration by attending night classes at the University of Southern California, Manley in 1947 assumed the officially recognized post of actual city manager, remaining in the position until his retirement in 1955. He was subsequently elected to represent Upland and the remainder of San Bernardino County's Second District on the board of supervisors from 1958 to 1962. Elwin "Pinky" Alder, a licensed pilot and civil draftsman, succeeded Manley, remaining as city manager until 1974. Lee Travers, who was formerly a naval officer, succeeded Alder. Travers remained as city manager for fifteen years. Thus, over the course of 47 years, Upland employed three city managers.

Thereafter, over the next 31 years, Upland has had a succession of 13 city managers: Ray Silver, Mike Matlock in an interim capacity, Kevin Northcraft, Martin Thouvenell in an interim role, G. Michael Milhiser,

Robin Quincey, Stephen Dunn, Martin Lomeli, Rod Butler, Martin Thouvenell once more in the role of interim manager over a span of 17 months, Bill Manis, Martin Thouvenell a third intermittent time, Jeannette Vagnozzi, Rosemary Hoerning and now Steven Parker.

For two decades, Upland has been dogged with numerous operational, land use, financial and legal challenges, including the federal indictment and conviction of a former mayor, John Pomierski; the filing of public corruption charges against and conviction of Pomierski's handpicked city manager, Quincey; and 58 currently unresolved lawsuits the city is involved in. Many of these issues have been attributed to the pattern of discontinuity in management the city has been unable to overcome.

In a significant number of cases, past Upland city councils rushed into hiring city managers in a state of exuberance and confidence with regard to each hiree's talent, skills and suitability for the position, conferring upon each a substantial salary and benefit package, together with a generous severance guarantee, only to learn later that the individual hired did not fit the bill as had been expected. In every case, the city council made those firings without citing cause for doing so, such that the agreed-upon severances for departing city managers were always paid, an amount which over the years totals more than \$2 million. In spite of that, in the case of Vagnozzi, the immediate predecessor to Hoerning who was provided with her guaranteed severance of \$155,500 when she was let go in 2019, is suing the city.

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have an average tenure in office of two years and one month, making it the least managerially stable of San Bernardino County's 24 municipalities over the last three decades.

Accordingly, or so it seemed, the current council appeared determined to step off the treadmill of dysfunction and transitory infatuations of the past, with members of the city council offering assurances that this time they were committed to latch onto an individual with a spectrum of talents and facilities, whose make-up would involve paradoxical but necessary elements to ensure his or her success and benefit the city. Wanted and needed was someone capable of overseeing the myriad of civic operations and provisions of municipal services on a day-to-day basis in the here-and-now but who also had the ability to think long term and had a clear, workable, insightful and acceptable vision of the city's future. The ideal candidate the city was desperately seeking necessarily had to have the desire to, orientation toward, training for and experience in public administration, a proven capability in the arena of municipal operations, yet not be so long in the tooth

that he or she was at the end of his or her career such that the city would be left in the lurch after only a few years. Called for was someone with leadership ability, intelligence in the ways of handling low, middle and high intensity challenges, articulate so that the city's intentions, goals and actions were understood by all, who was principled in setting and meeting standards, who would be flexible enough to adopt to changing circumstance and retreat early and wisely from an imperative that turned out to be unrealistic or unreachable, personable in coordinating and networking with the political masters above him or her as well as Upland's citizens and the managerial echelon in place at City Hall, yet tough, resolute and rigid enough to ride herd on the city employees who were being paid to ensure that the services residents rightly deserve in exchange for their tax dollars are delivered efficiently.

Some members of the city council thought that Steven Parker, the assistant city manager under Hoerning who had been promoted to the position of interim city manager upon her leaving, might

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## Hostetter To Go Toe-To-Toe With U.S. Attorney *from page 2*

of federal tax law. Though the American Phoenix Project was cataloged by the Internal Revenue Services as a tax-exempt organization, Hostetter and his associates utilized the nonprofit's media arm to support Donald Trump and assert that the November 2020 election had

been stolen from the ex-president. Federal tax law prohibits anyone speaking on behalf of a nonprofit to support a political candidate or oppose a political candidate.

According to the federal government, Hostetter physically threatened those who maintained that Joseph Biden's election last year was legitimate.

The American Phoenix Project was, Phillips said, "a platform to advocate

violence against certain groups and individuals that supported the 2020 presidential election results."

Initially, Hostetter was represented by attorney Bilal Essayli, who in the immediate aftermath of his client's June indictment said that while Hostetter "used strong language" in many of his public pronouncements, "that doesn't make him a criminal." Hostetter and

five others from Southern California he was indicted with—Russell Taylor, Erik Scott Warner, Felipe Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Derek Kinnison and Ronald Mele—"didn't commit any acts of violence," Essayli insisted. "They had an opportunity to go into the Capitol. They didn't do that. They just wanted to voice their opinion that they objected to the certification of the election, as did many members of

Congress also place their objections."

Essayli said a "distinction should be drawn from those who forcibly entered the Capitol or committed damage from the peaceful protesters that were outside of the Capitol protesting." Moreover, Essayli asserted, Phillips and others in the Justice Department did not include any charges relating to the misuse of the American Phoenix Project as a non-

profit.

At this point, according to Hostetter, despite the excellent advocacy Essayli has engaged in on his behalf, he can no longer pay for it. If Essayli takes the matter to trial, Hostetter maintains, he will be driven into bankruptcy.

Hostetter also suggested that he will not "play nice" when the case goes to trial, but intends to illustrate that there is a

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## Insurance Companies Owe Tribe \$300 Million Over Casino Closure Losses, San Manuel Suit Maintains *from front page*

locations, including the San Manuel Casino. This is the broadest form of first-party insurance coverage available in the marketplace. Under these all risk policies, the insurers pledged to cover risks 'except those excluded under the terms of the insuring contract.' Repudiating the broad coverage

promised to the tribe, the defendant all risk insurers have refused to pay for the business interruption at the casino caused by the imminent or actual property damage from the ubiquitous presence of the novel coronavirus formally known as SARS14 CoV-2 and the disease it causes: COVID-19. While damage from the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and the COVID-19 pandemic have ravaged every aspect of the economy, perhaps no sector has been hit harder than gaming and hospitality, which requires the very type of indoor, in-

person congregation and interaction that closure orders and other limitations prohibit. As [a] result, the tribe has suffered significant business interruption losses at the casino and its related properties, which through the course of the pandemic have mounted to more than \$300 million and are continuing. Coverage at this amount and under such broad policy is very expensive: the tribe paid over \$6 million in premiums for the policy year of April 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020, and over \$43 million for coverage over the last ten years. Yet

despite the tribe paying more than \$6 million in premiums to secure [a] top of the line, all-risk policy portfolio affording more than \$1.6 billion in coverage limits, the defendant all risk insurers refused to honor their obligations when the tribe needed its insurers the most."

The insurance companies skipped out on their responsibilities, clearly and simply, the suit maintains.

"The purpose and nature of the business interruption coverage provided in 'all risk' property policies is to protect

policyholders (like the tribe) against losses arising from an inability to continue normal business operations due to circumstances precisely like those presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, unless this type of peril is expressly excluded," the suit states. "To date, the insurers have not paid [a] single penny of the tribe's losses. This failure has had significant financial ramifications for the tribe, as casino gaming revenue represents the tribe's most valuable business asset and the primary means to meet the objectives for the

tribal government and its citizens."

The suit notes, "The casino includes thousands of the latest slot machines, live Vegas-style table games, high-limit gaming, unique shopping, and award-winning dining, and the tribe also owns, directly or indirectly, other businesses such as the Bear Springs Hotel. Casino operations are located on tribal land at the San Manuel Reservation near the city of Highland, in San Bernardino County. Despite plaintiffs' best efforts to safely navigate its

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## Cho Disappearance Looks Like Misadventure, Though Sheriff's Department Scrutinizing It As A Possible Murder *from front page*

not clear what time Cho was last seen.

According to the sheriff's department, "Cho has been missing since June 28, 2021, at approximately 5:10 p.m. when she reportedly walked away from the residence where she was staying in the 8600 block of Benmar Trail." That would indicate, taking into consideration that Orell notified

authorities some three hours after Cho's disappearance, Orell's call came in just around sundown, which was at 8:08 p.m. on June 28. There is an indication, however, that the 5:10 p.m. reference in the sheriff's department statement pertains to the time Orell's call was made, meaning that Cho had disappeared sometime shortly after 2 p.m., at which point the cloudiness that had hung over Yucca Valley that morning had burned off and the temperature had climbed to around 102 degrees.

Investigators attempted to follow all traces

leading from the bed & breakfast inn, located in the 8600 block of Benmar Trail in Morongo Valley just outside and slightly south of the middle of the westerly town limits of Yucca Valley. They were unable, however, to pick up Cho's trail, despite the consideration that she was reported to have been wearing footwear with a very distinctive sole pattern. In the hours, days and weeks thereafter, investigators networked with her family and friends in an effort to discover leads, all to no avail.

On July 24, 2021, sheriff's department fixed

wing aircraft conducted aerial searches of the remote mountain terrain near the scene of her last known whereabouts.

On Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 6:00 a.m., detectives assigned to the Morongo Basin Station and a search and rescue team executed a search warrant on the entire premises of the bed and breakfast inn. During the search warrant service, seven canines searched the last known location where Cho was seen and surrounding areas for evidence.

Investigators with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Specialized In-

vestigations Division were brought in to assist the Morongo Basin Station in the effort to locate Cho, a 30-year-old whose official residence was listed as being in New Jersey, in September.

Parsing the sheriff's department's October 10 release, the statement that the "identification process could take several weeks" is suggestive of a delay in definitude about Cho's demise, but potentially misleading. It belies that Cho's corpse would be relatively easy to identify if extensive decomposition and ravaging by animals had not taken place. She had

several distinctive tattoos and body piercings. The statement that the "remains were located in the rugged terrain of the open desert of Yucca Valley," while not specifying the exact location, implies the body was not buried, which is suggestive of misadventure rather than foul play. Nevertheless, the Sentinel has learned, the sheriff's department, in the person of Detective Shaunna Ables, is pursuing the possibility that Cho's death was a homicide.

It is for that reason that specific information, including the precise lo-

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## Sponsors Won't Give Up On Court Invalidated Government Reform Measure Without A Fight *from front page*

said, to those politicians' willingness to trade their votes as board members for those donations, which corrupts the political and governmental process and redounds to the detriment of the county's residents, even as it enriches those political donors. By radically reducing the pay to the supervisors and preventing them from seeking reelection to the positions they hold, the corrupting influences will be removed and the entrenching of the county's most powerful elected officials will be rendered impossible, the Red Brennan Group maintained.

A significant number of the county's voters agreed that the reforms the Red Brennan Group was advocating should

be implemented. When Measure K was voted on in the November 2020 election, it passed with 516,184 or 66.84 percent of the 772,282 voters participating supporting it, and 256,098 voters or 33.16 percent opposed.

Even before the election results were certified, the board of supervisors, using taxpayer funds, contracted with three Los Angeles-based attorneys – Bradley Hertz, James Sutton and Nicholas Sanders – to take legal action to block Measure K from going into effect. In their suit on behalf of the board of supervisors, Hertz, Sutton and Sanders did not sue the Red Brennan Group, but rather the supervisors' own employee, San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board Lynna Monell.

The legal action, a petition for a writ of mandate, alleged that Measure K is fatally flawed because it "violates California Constitution Article XI, Sec-

tion 1(b) by seeking to set supervisor compensation via citizen initiative... [and] it exceeds the initiative power of the electorate by intruding on matters that are exclusively delegated to the governing body, in this case the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors... [and its] term limit provision for members of the county board of supervisors violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution [by] impermissibly infr[ing] on voters' and incumbents' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights." Additionally, the writ of mandate maintained Measure K violates "the single subject rule" pertaining to voter initiatives, such that "Measure K must not be implemented because it does not embrace a single subject."

The matter was originally slated to go before Judge David Cohn to be adjudicated.

Judge Cohn granted

Hertz's, Sutton's and Sanders' motion for a temporary restraining order to halt the implementation of Measure K while the petition for a writ of mandate was being litigated.

As the sponsor of Measure K, the Red Brennan Group sought Judge Cohn's consent to intervene as a party of standing to respond to the petition for a writ of mandate and defend Measure K and its provisions. The supervisors, maintaining that the issues at stake were limited to a dispute between them and their own clerk, opposed the motion. Judge Cohn, while at first appearing to be disinclined toward granting the Red Brennan Group standing to intervene, ultimately changed his stance and approved the Red Brennan Group's motion to participate in the discussions relating to the petition. Thereupon, the Red Brennan Group's attorney, Aaron

Burden, immediately followed with a preemptory challenge of Judge Cohn, based on the group's belief it would not be able to have a fair and impartial trial or hearing before him. The matter was sent to Judge Donald Alvarez for his consideration.

Ultimately, Judge Donald Alvarez found, in a ruling handed down on August 31, that Measure K is unconstitutional and cannot be implemented or enforced.

While Judge Alvarez rejected the supervisors' argument that only they have the authority to set their pay, he ruled that the single-term limit contained in Measure K violated the U.S. Constitution. He further found that since one element of the measure was deemed unenforceable, the entire initiative had to be thrown out.

Judge Alvarez rejected Hertz's, Sutton's and Sanders' argument that Measure K violates Cali-

fornia Constitution Article XI, Section 1(b) by using the citizen initiative process to set the supervisors' pay rate and that the board's salaries and benefits are a province that falls exclusively under the purview of the supervisors themselves. Alvarez said that because the terms of San Bernardino County's governance is set by a charter, the board can only propose amendments and revisions to the charter, extending to the supervisors' pay, and those changes to the charter have to be adopted by voters at an election. Therefore, Judge Alvarez said, the voters through Measure K could reduce the supervisors' pay and benefits to \$60,000 per year.

Nevertheless, Judge Alvarez ruled, there was merit in Hertz's, Sutton's and Sanders' contention that Measure K's term limit provision for members of the county board

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## Upland Administration & City Council Hid The Hiring Of Headhunting Firm To Carry Out “Confidential” City Manager Recruitment

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embody the skillset the city was after. Parker, a certified public accountant by training and a finance officer in his previous public agency and municipal assignments with the Yorba Linda Water District and the cities of Stanton, San Bernardino and West Covina, was detailed primarily to Upland’s financial affairs by Hoerning, who was a civil engineer by training and had worked in the public works departments of Ontario, Long Beach and Upland before she had acceded to the posts of public works director/city engineer with Redlands and Upland, having promoted from the latter posting into the role of city manager in May 2019. Parker, who is yet young enough to remain as city manager for another 15 years if he were hired into that position, turned down the offer, based on his belief that the time demands and stress of serving as city manager would impinge on his family commitments, as he and his wife are raising children.

Unable to easily fill the gap created by Hoerning’s forced departure with Parker, the city council set about finding a replacement formalistically, by using a professional executive recruitment firm. Nevertheless, in doing so, the city council did so under a shroud of secrecy.

Upland contracted with Ralph Andersen & Associates to carry out what is now being acknowledged was “a confidential recruitment.” Ralph Andersen & Associates bills itself as “a premier public sector executive job search firm, specializing in government recruiting and human resources consulting.”

According to the company, its “team-oriented [and] 360 [degree] perspective ensures that a complete understanding of the organization’s mission and culture will be achieved. We begin every search by working closely with your leadership, stakeholders, staff, and,

when appropriate, your community to develop a complete picture of the desired candidate.”

In the case of Upland, involving the community was not deemed appropriate. So stealthily, in fact, did the city, Parker, the city council and Ralph Andersen & Associates act together that Upland residents were not informed the company had been retained. The *Sentinel* did an exhaustive search of the Upland City Council’s agendas from March, the month during which Hoerning was placed on paid administrative leave, April, the month in which the city council and Hoerning forged a separation agreement, May, June and July, at which point the acceptance of applications for the city manager position closed. There was no mention whatsoever in those agendas of the city entering into a contractual agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for the recruitment, confidential or otherwise, of candidates for Upland city manager. City officials have been unwilling or unable to produce the contract with Ralph Andersen & Associates. There is indication that internally at City Hall the city’s relationship with Ralph Andersen & Associates was hidden from key employees. No one in the city clerk’s office could identify when an item relating to the city contracting with Ralph Andersen & Associates had been brought before the city council. To complete a more thorough search of the city clerk’s records relating to a contractual relationship with Ralph Andersen & Associates, the city clerk’s office instructed the *Sentinel* to submit a formal public records request for that information. The *Sentinel* did so, but had not received a response by press time. Most tellingly, Theresa Doyle, Upland’s human resources manager who would logically be within the loop in relationship to the city’s hiring of a city manager, was unable to identify the date the city entered into a contract with Ralph Andersen & Associates to undertake the city manager recruitment, whether such a contract existed, whether the contract was for a

standard recruitment or confidential recruitment or whether it was possible for the city council to enter into a contract with Ralph Andersen & Associates in an arrangement through the city attorney or acting city manager that would bypass her and her office.

The *Sentinel* contacted Ralph Andersen & Associates in Rocklin, California directly at (916) 630-4900. The woman reached at that number by the *Sentinel* confirmed that Ralph Andersen & Associates had conducted an executive recruitment effort to find a suitable candidate for Upland city manager, and that the acceptance period for applications for that slot had closed in July. She said she had not been involved with the Upland recruitment, but said she would have the member of the Ralph Andersen & Associates team who did contact the *Sentinel*.

The *Sentinel* has been informed that the Upland city manager recruitment effort was headed by Heather Renschler, the chief executive officer with Ralph Andersen & Associates, whose stock-in-trade is confidential headhunting, along with Fred Wilson, a Ralph Andersen associate who was formerly the city manager of San Bernardino and Huntington Beach. The *Sentinel* wrote a letter delivered to Wilson via email, seeking detail with regard to the recruitment process and the criteria utilized to reduce the field of applicants to a group of finalists who were then evaluated by the city council.

By press time, the *Sentinel* had not heard back from anyone with Ralph Andersen & Associates.

Upland city officials did not disguise that they were undertaking a recruitment of a new city manager, as they disclosed they were carrying out a “nationwide search,” in early June, after word emanated from certain circles at City Hall that Parker was not interested in assuming the position. Nevertheless, on those occasions when a reference to the recruitment effort was made, there was no mention of Ralph Andersen & Associates. Rather, Parker and others spoke about the city council being assisted by the city’s

“consultant” in reference to the recruitment effort and evaluation process.

Application for the Upland city manager position consisted of providing Ralph Andersen & Associates with a résumé and a cover letter.

Without fanfare, by late July, an evaluation of the applicants was being undertaken. The city has not disclosed how many applicants for the position there were. Assurances were made to the public that those seeking the job were numerous and included several “high-caliber” candidates. Virtually nothing is known about what criteria was used in winnowing the field of candidates or how many rounds of reduction there were. The first week of August, those deemed by Ralph Andersen & Associates to be the least qualified candidates or unsuited for Upland were removed from the field. By August 10, after telephonic contacts with the remaining candidates were made, what was either the second or third stage of the reduction process took place, and several more of the applicants received an email in which they were thanked for submitting an application and informed that “after careful consideration and detailed consideration of [their] qualifications,” a decision had been made to have “a select few” of the applicants participate in an interview by the city council, and that “unfortunately” the recipient of the email was not among them.

The city scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday, August 24 at 9 a.m., at which, the meeting’s agenda stated, there was to be a “closed session public employee appointment” relating to the title of “city manager.”

In fact, the meeting was conducted remotely by electronic means. The residents who were present at City Hall were given a glimpse of the meeting, which was initially displayed on the video screens in the council chamber, but they were unable to hear the proceedings, as the audio was shut off. Just as residents who had turned up for the meeting were about to request that the volume be increased, a city employee shut the

video off. The closed session produced no appointment, but consisted rather of interviews with the applicants for the city manager position who had not yet been eliminated from the field. The city has not disclosed how many candidates were interviewed.

The minutes of the meeting, which were compiled by City Clerk Keri Johnson, who was present in some fashion at the remotely held proceedings, did not reflect that the interviews had taken place.

“At 9:09 a.m., Mayor Velto announced the city council would recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, title: city manager,” the minutes read. “The city council reconvened in open session at 3:29 p.m. The mayor stated that the council took no reportable action. Mayor Velto adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.”

City officials maintained a public silence about the city manager recruitment until the next city council meeting, which was held on September 13. At that meeting, the agenda once again called for a “closed session public employee appointment” relating to “title: city manager.”

When the council emerged from that closed door discussion, however, there was no report of an appointment having been made. After the meeting, it was disclosed that the council had reduced the field to two candidates.

At this point, more than a month has elapsed with no official final decision on who is to assume the helm of the 77,754 population city.

Nevertheless, this week, on October 12, the *Sentinel* received a report from a reputable source that Mike Blay, who served for three years as Hesperia’s assistant city manager until he left that post in April and for two years prior to that was Hesperia’s director of development services, is to become Upland’s city manager.

The *Sentinel* immediately followed up with an effort to learn from city officials whether Blay has, in fact, been chosen. Pointedly, city officials contacted by the *Sentinel* – Mayor Bill Velto, Councilwoman Janice Elliott,

Councilman Carlos Garcia, acting City Manager Steven Parker, City Clerk Keri Johnson, and Human Resources Manager Theresa Doyle – did not or were unwilling to confirm the report of Blay’s imminent hiring. Neither Renschler nor Wilson of Ralph Andersen & Associates would go on record with regard to whether Blay had outdistanced the competition. The *Sentinel*’s efforts to get a statement from city officials or Ralph Andersen & Associates to the effect that Blay was or was not one of the two finalists or the choice to succeed Hoerning and Parker as city manager fell short.

“The city continues to proceed with its city manager recruitment process,” Mayor Velto told the *Sentinel*. “Because this process by its nature must be confidential, the city has no comment at this time. The city anticipates making a public announcement about retention of a new city manager at the appropriate time.”

In response to the *Sentinel*’s question as to whether Blay had been hired by Upland as the new city manager, Parker said, “Thank you for reaching out, but anything discussed in closed session on Monday evening must remain confidential.”

If, indeed, Blay has been settled upon as Upland city manager, his choice is an unexpected one given the circumstances.

At the age of 56, his longevity in the position is not likely to exceed five years or six years, which would defeat the goal of instilling continuity within a key component of Upland’s governmental structure by having a manager who remains in place for a decade or longer.

Moreover, the sum total of Blay’s municipal administrative experience consists of his three years as assistant city manager in Hesperia. His experience as a municipal employee runs to those three years and the two years he filled the role as development services director. Blay’s educational credentials, while extending to business and business management/administration, do not include study

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## January 6 Insurrection Was Sparked By Government Provocateurs, Hostetter Asserts

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huge conspiracy afoot that involves secret societies such as the Freemasons as well as Yale fraternities Book & Snake and Skull & Bones which have wormed their way into control of the federal government, and that he fully intends, in mounting his defense, to illustrate corruption within the Federal Bureau of Investigation by showing that FBI informants and agents were embedded in the protest groups and militias that came to the nation's capital in January, and that those agents and informants led, sparked and encouraged the violence that occurred as part of the government conspiracy to discredit the movement in protest against takeover of the government by liberal forces and Joseph Biden's theft of the election from Donald Trump.

Though Judge Lambert sought to discourage Hostetter from seeking to represent himself by quoting the adage that "a lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client," he said he would not and could not prevent Hostetter from doing so as long as Hostetter submits an affidavit or a sworn statement that he cannot afford to pay for such representation.

Hostetter indicated he

would do so.

The prospect of that had federal prosecutors salivating on a number of levels.

Hostetter, who left the Fontana Police Department after he achieved the rank of assistant chief there to take on the post of police chief with the La Habra Police Department, retired in 2010 after a 24 year law enforcement career that began when he went to work for the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1986. Through the California Public Employees Retirement System, he is currently receiving an annual pension in excess of \$158,000. In 2020, records show, he collected a pension of \$155,820.48. Pensions through the California Public Employees Retirement System are subject to an annual cost of living adjustment of up to 3 percent.

Individuals who knew Hostetter previously, including ones who served as police officers with him, have concerns about his mental state. Previous to going to work in law enforcement, Hostetter, after graduating from high school in 1982, joined the Army, training as an infantryman. He was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and did a tour of duty with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division in Aschaffenburg, West Germany. Upon becoming a policeman, he went on to become a graduate

of the 212<sup>th</sup> session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy at Quantico, Virginia; Class 38 of the California Police Officers Standards and Training Command College; and Class 105 of the Sherman Block Supervisory and Leadership Institute.

After his retirement, he took up yoga as a means of maintaining flexibility, suppleness and muscle tone. He immersed himself in the discipline, becoming a self-styled yogi, and was a dedicated teacher of a type of yoga focused on healing and relaxing centered around stretches and poses known as asanas and vinyasas and breathing exercises known as pranayama, augmented by the use of hypnotic sound created by American Indian flutes, Tibetan bowls and Aboriginal didgeridoos, which are used to create a "sound bath" surrounding practitioners. In January 2017, he created Alpha Yoga of Orange County, which catered mostly to senior citizens and the wives of wealthy businessmen in San Clemente, Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano. Hostetter's transformation was profound, as he talked about eliminating everything other than "good vibes" and seeking out spiritual fulfillment, getting in touch with his own soul and how yoga could make such cosmic realizations for others possible. Hostetter made a remarkable physical changeover

as well, having gone from the clean cut military/police officer model he had typified in his 20s, 30s and early 40s to a bearded and long-haired guru hippy type.

In a very short period of time, immediately after the advent of the COVID-19 crisis, Hostetter made an abrupt retransformation from the left to the right, remaking himself as a conservative political activist. In April 2020, he abruptly closed down Alpha Yoga of Orange County, instead diverting practically all of his time and energy into the American Phoenix Project, a nonprofit organization, of which he was the founder and director, vowing it would "move America forward as we come out of this national 'shelter-in-place' nightmare... fight back against the corruption and abuse taking place at all levels of government, local to national... reform the main stream media entirely... reform social media platforms... educate the public regarding vaccinations and vaccination programs." At rally after rally he would address the crowds that showed up, worshipping Donald Trump as "The greatest president and political leader this country has ever had."

The government has videos of many of his public appearances and speeches.

Prior to the Washington, D.C. protests, Hostetter can be heard on an

audio recording at a rally characterizing Democrats as "elected whores," criminals who through a crooked electoral process had stolen the election to put their kingpin Joseph Biden in the White House, an act tantamount to treason, he said, which "patriots" would not stand for. Those members of Congress directly participating in the theft – meaning the Democrats – and the ones passively allowing it to happen – meaning the Republicans who were RINOs or Republicans In Name Only – would suffer the fate of being "tie[d] to a fucking lamppost," he said.

In a video of Hostetter shot while he was on the U.S. Capitol's upper West Terrace on January 6, he can be seen and heard proclaiming that the people had "taken back their house" even as rioters were occupying the building.

The government has also obtained text messages and other electronic communications passed between Hostetter and others indicted with him prior to the January 6 insurrection.

On December 28, 2020, Warner initiated a group text message thread in which he, Mele, Kinison and Martinez discussed logistics and expenses for their upcoming cross-country road trip. On December 29, Hostetter and Taylor texted each other regarding travel and whether they would bring

firearms.

A Telegram chat involving all of the defendants included Taylor stating, "I am assuming that you have some type of weaponry that you are bringing with you and plates as well."

In a video posted to the internet, Hostetter maintains, "I have never been more sane, more happy, more optimistic and more excited about what I'm about to embark on, defending myself and exposing these crimes against me and those crimes against this country."

According to Hostetter, "I never ever engaged in any act of violence. I never destroyed one piece of property. I never even entered the Capitol building. I think I maybe got a little too close in their eyes, and sang the national anthem a little too loud, maybe a little off key. What happened January 6 was a total false flag staged event," he said, meaning that Deep State operatives had infiltrated the ranks of President Trump's supporters and had engaged in illegal actions for which President Trump's supporters and those resisting and protesting the theft of the election were now being blamed. As a result of that false flag activity, Hostetter said, he and his fellow defendants were "under the microscope from the Deep State." Nevertheless, he insisted, "We patriot warriors will prevail."

-Mark Gutglueck

## Cho Most Probably Met Her End In Ill-Advised Effort To Walk Off Her Gloom In The Unforgiving Mojave Desert from page 3

cation of where the body was found, is not being released.

Foremost among the subjects/suspects Ables is cataloging through is Orell.

Cho, 30, had cultivated her artistic talents in the arenas of music, painting and vegetarian culinary. A singer who in her youth had toured Europe as a choir member, she was employed in New Jersey as a high school music teacher. Having grown

discontented in that profession, amid COVID restrictions in the winter of 2020, she left the teaching profession and embarked on a trip across the United States with Orell. Upon reaching California, they went to the community of Bombay Beach, a small settlement Cho had heard about on the shore of the Salton Sea that was a refuge for artists and bohemians, which included in the mix some trust fund babies. While there, Orell hit upon the idea of purchasing a bus and converting it into living quarters, and Cho signed onto the idea, convinced it could be converted into a traveling restaurant from which they could further explore the world and she could realize her dream

of being a culinary artist. At Bombay Beach they met Ruspoli, an aspiring filmmaker/musician who makes his way in the world by operating rustic bed & breakfast inns in out-of-the-way places that appeal to artists. Both the vacation rental Ruspoli ran in Bombay Beach and The Whole in Morongo Valley had become draws for those fancying themselves as members of the avante-garde.

Orell and Cho purchased a surplus school bus and had driven it along with their traveling vehicle to The Whole, where they were working to transform the bus into a mobile bistro.

At the same time, according to Orell, Cho was experiencing mood

swings and what he told sheriff's investigators in June was "mental stress." At one point, they ceased being an item, it seemed, and Cho considered Orell to be her ex-boyfriend. Orell told the sheriff's department that Cho was "dating" others, yet they continued to live together in the bus at The Whole. Orell had arranged with Ruspoli for Cho to work as a chef at the bed & breakfast inn, and Cho was reportedly able to support herself in this fashion, with at least some of the guests at the bed & breakfast inn willing to pay upwards of \$200 for the private group vegetarian meals she prepared for them and those in their entourages.

Orell indicated to the

sheriff's department that on the day of Cho's disappearance, she was upset and had even made statements to the effect that she was contemplating hurting herself. He thought she might have left to meet someone else, Orell told the sheriff's department, although he was not able to say whom, precisely. Cho could have taken their traveling car to do so, but she did not. When she walked off from The Whole, she was wearing Doc Martens hiking boots and headed toward hilly terrain separating Yucca Valley and Morongo Valley, generally in the direction of Hoopa Road, and she did not have her phone or any water with her.

Others with whom Cho

had contact the previous days said she seemed to be in good spirits, although one of Cho's and Orell's mutual acquaintances at The Whole, Jeff Frost, confirmed that Cho was in the doldrums when she left and that she had simply walked off into the desert, leaving her belongings behind.

Meanwhile, Orell, bereft of his girlfriend, must endure that loss, and await the revelation of the forensic findings relating to the grisly discovery on October 9, and any further inquiries by investigators.

The *Sentinel* left phone messages with Detective Ables, but has not spoken with her this week.

-Mark Gutglueck

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T.S. No. 19-20763-SP-CA Title No. 191072098-CA-VOI A.P.N. 1061-201-33-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/04/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE 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: Monica C Banacky, a widow Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 04/14/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0260110 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 10/28/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the North Arrowhead Avenue entrance to the County Courthouse, 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92401 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$601,414.96 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5070 Via Serena Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701 A.P.N.: 1061-201-33-0-000 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

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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 19-20763-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: 09/16/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021 CPP351474

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB2123514

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Ashley Williams; Dewayne Cannon filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Elijah Harlem Williams to Dewayne Kevin Cannon Jr.

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: 11/8/2021  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Department: S16  
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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: 9/8/2021  
Lynn M. Poncin  
Judge of the Superior Court.  
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SUMMONS - (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) CVMV2000661  
NOTICE TO JASLAYA EBONY WALKER; JESSICA WALKER; and Does 1 to 10  
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:  
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):  
DANIEL KINCAID  
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

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proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

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

Tiene 30 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), 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), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación da \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la dirección de la corte es):  
RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT  
13800 HEACOCK ST., STE D201,  
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553  
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
WILLIAM C. KENNEDY,  
ESQ., SBN: 076992 LAW OFFICE OF KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES 3576 ARLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 304

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210009661  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ETE Solar, 1155 S. Milliken Ave, Suite E, Ontario, CA 91761, Earthtech Enterprise Inc, 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 3450, Sacramento, CA 95825  
Business is Conducted By: A Corporation  
Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ Vanessa Pan  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/23/21  
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
Began Transacting Business: N/A County Clerk, s/ 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-20210009528  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ANOKI, 12824 Coriander Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739, Natively Inc, 12824 Coriander Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739  
Business is Conducted By: A Corporation  
Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ Dana Green  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/20/21  
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
Began Transacting Business: 08/30/21  
County Clerk, s/ D5511  
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FBN 20210009751  
The following person is doing business as: BLUE SKY MASSAGE 1964 W. NINTH ST. SUITE C UPLAND, CA 91786: MING LI 1962 CANOPY LANE LA VERNE, CA 91750  
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ MING LI  
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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).

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APN: 0225-391-01-0-000  
T.S. No.: 20-60065-ca Property Address: 6116 ROBERTS PL, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/22/2007. 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 drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan 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, 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: TRACIE GREATHOUSE Duly Appointed Trustee: DIRECT DEFAULT SERVICES, LLC Recorded 2/23/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0117710 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, Date of Sale: 10/25/2021 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: Near the front steps leading up to the City of Chino Civic Center, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$114,929.09 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 6116 ROBERTS PL RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 A.P.N.: 0225-391-01-0-000 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.

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,

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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 (714) 986-9342 or visit this Internet Website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 20-60065-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. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 986-9342, or visit this internet website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 20-60065-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 9/13/2021 Trustee Sales Information: Sale Line: (714) 986-9342 www.superiordefault.com by: Gisela Clark, Authorized Signatory for Trustee Direct Default Services 3670 N Rancho Drive, Suite 101 Las Vegas, NV 89130 TS# 20-60065-ca SDI-21894) Published: 10/01/21, 10/08/21, 10/15/21

OTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: AGNOLIA DAVIS  
Case NO. PROSB2100347  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of AGNOLIA DAVIS  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WHITNEY DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WHITNEY 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 in Dept. No. S37 at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West 3rd St, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0212,

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Branch Name: San Bernardino Justice Center  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner:  
THOMAS M. ALEXANDER, JR.  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BERNARD ANTHONY SIOW SR.  
CASE NO. PROSB2100583  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of BERNARD ANTHONY SIOW SR.:  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAYLOR FRANCES SIOW in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TAYLOR FRANCES SIOW be appointed as personal representatives 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 a.m. on NOVEMBER 22, 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 per-



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as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-35 at 9:00 a.m. on November 15, 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. MADDUX, ESQ.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM H. COOPER. CASE NO. PROSB2100717

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of WILLIAM H. COOPER:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHERYL L. COOPER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHERYL L. COOPER 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

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ing 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-37 at 9:00 a.m. on November 4, 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. MADDUX, ESQ.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VALTON BERISHA

CASE NO. PROPS2100320 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of VALTON BERISHA:

A Petition for Probate has been filed by BRIKENA BYTYQ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRIKENA BYTYQ 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

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petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held OCTOBER 29, 2021 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S36 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

March 3, 2021 Bridjae Houston, Deputy

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: September 3, 2021 Attorney for Brikena Bytyq

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: NANCY ANN STERLING

CASE NO. PROSB2100699 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of NANCY ANN STERLING:

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JASAIROE'SHELL COMEGGER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JASAIROE'SHELL COMEGGER 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 NOVEMBER 10,

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2021 2021 at 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: September 3, 2021 Attorney for Jasairoe'shell Comeger

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIVSB2125667 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: BRIAN GAZCON GUTIERREZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BRIAN GAZCON GUTIERREZ to BRIAN GAZCON

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: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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: 9/8/2021 Lynn M. Poncin Judge of the Superior Court.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIVSB2122384 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ALEXIS NOUR KHALAF filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ALEXIS NOUR KHALAF to ALEXIS NOUR BOCANEGRA

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: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM Department: S16

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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: 9/21/2021 Lynn M. Poncin Judge of the Superior Court.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

[Probate Code Sec. 10300] Case No.: PROPS2100264 In Re: THE ESTATE OF FRED EDWARD CARLSON

Notice is given that Lilian Black and Ruth Dysart, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Fred Edward Carlson will set at private sale subject to confirmation by the Superior Court of San Bernardino, on or after November 10, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at Superior Court of San Bernardino 247 W. Third Street, San Bernardino CA, Department S36P, the following real property of the Estate: 406 N. 6th Avenue, Upland, CA 91786.

The terms and conditions of sale are: All cash, the amount of the sale is \$510,000.00. The required amount of the first overbid is \$526,500.00. At least ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be paid with the offer, and the balance must be paid on close of escrow after confirmation of sale by the Court. Bids or offers for this property must be made to the Court at the time and date shown above.

The sale is subject to confirmation of the Court.

A hearing on the petition will be held NOVEMBER 10, 2021 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. No. S36 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

S/ / Lilian Black, Personal Representative S/ Ruth Dysart, Personal Representative S/ James Lee, Esquire, Attorney for Lilian Black and

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Ruth Dysart Dated: October 7, 2021 James Lee, Esq. SBN: 110838

LA W OFFICE OF MARC E. GROSSMAN 100 N. Euclid Avenue Second Floor Upland, CA 91786 Jim@wefight4you.com Tel: (909)608-7426 Fax: (909)949-0119 Attorney for Lilian Black and Ruth Dysart

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FBN 20210010241

The following person is doing business as: FILM AND FLOWERS 8246 KINLOCK AVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 BRIGITTE N SUMMERS 8246 KINLOCK AVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/04/2021 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/ BRIGITTE N SUMMERS Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/06/2021 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 11327

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 on 10/08, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29, 2021.

FBN 20210010330

The following person is doing business as: CAFE WANG 2316 D ST LA VERNE, CA 91750 F W MINGLI, INC. 2316 D ST LA VERNE, CA 91750 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

The state of incorporation is California. Registration Number: C3620494 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2016 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/ FANG WANG Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/08/2021 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 15199

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 on 10/08, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29, 2021.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Marina Eugenia Polanco Case No. Prosb2100620 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Marina Euge-

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nia Polanco A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Pamela A. Hernandez in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. S36 at 9:00 a.m. on 21-Oct-21 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, 247 West 3rd St. San Bernardino, CA 92415-0212, San Bernardino District - Probate

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: Cicely T. Ray 4740 Green River, Suite 314

Corona, CA 92880 Telephone No: 951-735-2488

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIVSB2122384 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Alexis Nour Khalaf filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alexis Nour Khalaf to Alexis Nour Bocanegra

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 sched-



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uled 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: 11/4/2021  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Department: S16

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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: 9/21/2021  
Lynn M. Poncin  
Judge of the Superior Court.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ANTON TONI KUDJER, JR.

NO. PROSB 2100751

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ANTON TONI KUDJER, JR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PATRICIA JEAN KUDJER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PATRICIA JEAN KUDJER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedents 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. S35 at 9 a.m. on NOVEMBER 9, 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

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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: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ VILLALPANDO

aka RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ, CASE NO. PROPS 2000851

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ VILLALPANDO aka RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition has been filed by RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ, JR. be appointed administrator to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. S35 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO OF SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on November 9, 2021 at 09:00 AM

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the 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 subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing

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or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

Filed: July 23, 2021

Sabrina Felix, Deputy Attorney for the Petitioner: MARY M. BADER 9227 HAVEN AVENUE, SUITE 368 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 Telephone: (909) 945-2775 Fax: (909) 945-2778

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2126021

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: NAOMI RUTH DANIEL filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: NAOMI RUTH DANIEL to RUTH NAOMI DANIEL

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: 11/22/21  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Department: S16

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Dated: September 9, 2021  
Lynn M. Poncin  
Judge of the Superior Court.

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The following person is doing business as: GUZMAN DESIGN BUILD 1027 W JACARANDA ST ONTARIO, CA 91762 JONATHAN GUZMAN 1027 W JACARANDA ST ONTARIO, CA 91762

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2021 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/ JONATHAN GUZMAN Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/12/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office

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San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy I5199

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 on 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 & 11/05, 2021.

FBN 20210009434

The following person is doing business as: GERMAN'S AUTO REPAIR 544 W. 1ST ST. RIALTO, CA 92376; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); MAILING ADDRESS 2075 W. RIALTO AVE. SPC 7 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92376; SARA T RAMIREZ 2075 W. RIALTO AVE. SPC 7 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92376 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/ SARA T. RAMIREZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/16/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202109MT

FBN 20210008915

The following person is doing business as: A OMEGA BRAND I6331 CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE IRVINE, CA 92606; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); A OMEGA TERMITE & CONSTRUCTION CORP. 8502 EAST CHAPMAN AVE SUITE 203 ORANGE, CA 92869 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ VICTOR HERRERA, SECRETARY Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/26/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202111IR

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The following person is doing business as: TIP TOP TREE CARE 11217 MARYVNE ST EL MONTE, CA 91733; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); PEDRO SANDOVAL JR. 11217 MARYVNE ST EL MONTE, CA 91733

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUN 04, 2021 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/ PEDRO SANDOVAL JR., OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/08/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202104IR

FBN 20210009242

The following person is doing business as: CHINO CONCRETE PUMPING 14414 FROSTBURG AVE CHINO, CA 91710; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); MAILING ADDRESS 1301 S. GIBBS ST. POMONA, CA 91766; MIGUEL A RODRIGUEZ-IBANEZ 1301 S. GIBBS ST. POMONA, CA 91766 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JAN 26, 2021 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/ MIGUEL A. RODRIGUEZ-IBANEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/09/2021 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

FBN 20210009494

The following person is doing business as: AA & A KINGS 1027 E. ACACIA STREET ONTARIO, CA 91761; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO)

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The following person is doing business as: MAG INVESTMENTS SOLUTIONS 6713 HOMAN ST CHINO, CA 91710; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); JAIME E MILLAN DEL SALTO 6713 HOMAN ST 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/ ALBERT VARDUMYAN, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/14/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202106AC

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The following person is doing business as: GGG & SOA TRANSPORT. 925 S RIVERSIDE AVE APT. #5 RIALTO, CA 92376; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); GERARDO JR GALVEZ 925 S RIVERSIDE AVE APT #5 RIALTO, CA 92376. 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/ GERARDO JR GALVEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/03/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202102CV

FBN 20210009448

The following person is doing business as: SUNRISE PLUMBING 300 W OLIVE ST SUITE B COLTON, CA 92324; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); ANDREW J BORCSA 300 W OLIVE ST SUITE B COLTON, CA 92324 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/ ANDREW J. BORCSA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/16/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-BB37202108MT

FBN 20210009185

The following person is doing business as: TIP TOP TREE CARE 11217 MARYVNE ST EL MONTE, CA 91733; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); PEDRO SANDOVAL JR. 11217 MARYVNE ST EL MONTE, CA 91733 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUN 04, 2021 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/ EDWARD VALENZUELA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/13/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202101CV

FBN 20210009329

The following person is doing business as: ALPHA RUNNERZ TRANSPORT. 1769 N VISTA AVE RIALTO, CA 92376; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); EDWARD VALENZUELA 1769 N VISTA AVE RIALTO, CA 92376. 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/ CHRISTIAN A MARQUEZ, PARTNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 02, 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202101CV

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The following person is doing business as: J & J FASHION. 516 W FLORA ST SANTA ANA, CA 91762; MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); CRISTAL LOPEZ 516 FLORA ST ONTARIO, CA 91762. 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/ CRISTAL LOPEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk

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[ MAILING ADDRESS 1038 ALLEN AVE, APT. 3 GLENDALE, CA 91201]; ALBERT VARDUMYAN 1027 E ACACIA ST ONTARIO, CA 91761 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUL 29, 2021 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/ ALBERT VARDUMYAN, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/17/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202103CV

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The following person is doing business as: HANDMADE PAPER ART. 10155 CLOVER DR OAK HILLS, CA 92344; [ MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701]; ( PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); ERNESTO AVIÑA 10155 CLOVER DR OAK HILLS CALIF, 92344. 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/ ERNESTO AVIÑA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/01/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202102CV

FBN 20210009101

The following person is doing business as: MARISCOS LUMBRE. 10269 STAFFORD ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); CHRISTIAN A MARQUEZ 10269 STAFFORD ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701; REBECCA MARQUEZ 10269 STAFFORD ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701 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/ CHRISTIAN A MARQUEZ, PARTNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 02, 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202101CV

FBN 20210009649

The following person is doing business as: UNALIKE DETAILING. 7739 SOMERSET LN HIGHLAND, CA 92346; (PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); RICKY D VAN 7739 SOMERSET LN HIGHLAND, CA 92346; TIANA S VAN 7739 SOMERSET LN HIGHLAND, CA 92346. The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. 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/ RICKY D VAN, HUSBAND Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/23/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202101CV

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The following person is doing business as: HANDMADE PAPER ART. 10155 CLOVER DR OAK HILLS, CA 92344; [ MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701]; ( PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); ERNESTO AVIÑA 10155 CLOVER DR OAK HILLS CALIF, 92344. 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/ ERNESTO AVIÑA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/01/2021 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 09/24/2021, 10/01/2021, 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021 CNB-B37202102CV

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The following person is doing business as: A.K.A GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, 15678 SAN JOSE AVE CHINO HILLS, CA 91709; ( PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO ); GUSTAVO ESPINOZA RUEDA 15678 SAN JOSE AVE CHINO HILLS, CA 91709. 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/ GUSTAVO ESPINOZA RUEDA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/24/2021 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 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021, 10/22/2021, 10/29/2021 CNB-B38202111IR

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The following person is doing business as: BEAM'S AUTO SERVICE, 1863 W LADDS CT #B SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO NICHOLAS L COLEMAN 1863 W LADDS CT #B 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/NICHOLAS L COLEMAN, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/21/2021 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 10/08/2021, 10/15/2021, 10/22/2021, 10/29/2021 CN-BB38202110MT

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Despite Need For A Manager Long On Experience & Leadership Skills, Upland Apparently Ready To Let A Dilettante Take The Helm *from page 4*

in municipal management. His hiring in Hesperia was based upon his close friendship with Hesperia City Manager Nils Bentsen, who similarly had no actual training in nor experience in municipal management.

Throughout its 33-year history, Hesperia has developed a reputation as being victimized by a dysfunctional governmental structure, one that has perpetuated a substantial infrastructure deficit, as the city's political leadership

and staff management since Hesperia's 1988 incorporation has pursued in the name of economic development allowing the building industry to flourish without a match in off-site improvements and infrastructure equal to the burden the growth in the community has wrought. Seventy-two-square mile Hesperia has a reputation of being marred by seriously dilapidating roads and streets, many of

which lack curbs, gutters and sidewalks, as well as inadequate drainage and flood control. Two of Hesperia's previous city managers, Robert Rizzo and Robb Quincey, were in place while what was essentially unbridled development was taking place in the city. That intensified growth occurred while the developers who profited from that growth were engaged in mak-

ing substantial monetary contributions to the city's elected leadership, which was widely perceived as graft and bribery. In the case of Rizzo, he left the city in 1992, just as revelations about his having served as a distributor of political payoffs originating with development interests to two of the city's council members and one of its planning members reverberated around the com-

munity. Those revelations had the effect of bringing to a halt an effort by ARC Rancho Las Flores to develop a massive 9,100-home subdivision at the city's extreme south near the mouth of Summit Valley, which as planned involved overburdening of the city's transportation infrastructure. Following Rizzo's departure from Hesperia, he resurfaced

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### Measure K Sponsors Dispute Judge's Ruling That The Initiative's Term Limit Provision Is Invalid; Supervisors Challenge His Finding Their Pay Can Be Reduced *from page 3*

of supervisors violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution by infringing on voters' and incumbents' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

In coming to that conclusion, Judge Alvarez reasoned that a single term did not provide "a supervisor sufficient time in the governing body position. Additionally, although an electorate has no constitutional right to vote for a particular candidate, the desire to ensure a candidate seeks

to serve the public interest cannot justify then precluding a candidate or electing an incumbent he believes is serving the interest of the voters at least for one or two additional terms of office. And a reasonable remedy exists if the incumbent seeking reelection is not performing competently: the electorate [can] vote for the other candidate."

Judge Alvarez took up the issue of the severability of the two provisions of Measure K, one being the pay reduction element and the other term

limits. The question was whether one of the provisions would still be applicable if the other was not. Judge Alvarez ruled that the Red Brennan Group had "fail[ed] to demonstrate the two provisions are volitionally separable. Nothing is offered that the voters would have voted yes for Measure K if they knew the one-term limit provision would be invalid leading to the measure only covering the board's compensation. Rather, the two provisions, although grammatically and functionally separate, are intertwined associated with the proponents' advocacy to the voters for Measure K's passage. Thus, it cannot be said Measure K would pass if one provi-

sion were missing. And without establishing [the provisions are] volitionally separable, severance cannot be obtained."

Judge Alvarez's ruling was filed August 31. The Red Brennan Group gave notice it would appeal almost immediately. On September 22, it lodged that challenge with the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Riverside.

The Red Brennan Group is not contesting Judge Alvarez's finding that Measure K's provision calling for the reduction in the supervisors' pay passes constitutional muster and that the charter authorizes the county's residents to determine what the level of pay the supervisors are to receive.

Rather, the nonprofit is taking issue with the judge's finding that the single term provision of Measure K is unconstitutional and that its unconstitutionality provides the basis to invalidate the measure or invalidate the accompanying compensation reduction contained in the initiative. One of the Red Brennan Group's legal theories is that in making his finding that a single term limit could not be imposed, Judge Alvarez used language similar to or precisely the same as the arguments that were made against term limits in general that were rejected by the California Supreme Court decades ago in a decision which allowed for California's

current imposition of term limits.

The board of supervisors in response has filed a cross-appeal, one that is diametric to the Red Brennan Group's. The supervisors do not challenge that Judge Alvarez correctly assessed that citizens do not have the right to limit a politician to a single term in office or that putting such a provision into an initiative invalidates the entire measure. Rather, the county supervisors maintain, Judge Alvarez was in error when he made a finding that citizens have the right to set the rate of remuneration their elected representatives are to receive.

-Mark Gutglueck

### San Manuel Tribe Says It Paid \$6 Million For Insurance To Cover Disasters & In The Aftermath Of \$300 Million In COVID-Related Losses, Carriers Have Now Welshed On The Deal *from page 3*

gaming operations amid the unprecedented challenges presented by the pandemic, their businesses have suffered physical loss or damage caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19, including substantial losses resulting from the related suspensions and interruptions to the business. In this regard, the casino gaming and hospitality operations were shut down in March

2020 pursuant to orders from the tribe's duly authorized governing body and guidance from the San Manuel Tribal Gaming Commission, which regulates all gaming activities within the tribe's jurisdiction consistent with tribal, federal, and state regulations. The closure resulted from... the ubiquitous presence of SARS-CoV-Z and COVID-19. To help mitigate

these impacts and ensure the casino did not become [a] vector for the spread of SARS-CoV-Z, the casino remained closed for three months until June 9, 2020 (opening to the general public on June 15), during which time the property was unfit for its intended purposes until safe occupancy and limited operation could be assured through the undertaking of extraordinary remedial and preventive measures."

The suit maintains the tribe undertook efforts and precautions to "maintain the health and safety of its employees and patrons. The casino continues to take [a] vigilant stance on providing [a] safe physical environment for its guests and team members by implementing health checks, incorporating [a] team of hundreds of health screeners, and employing guest safety concierges to enforce mask wearing and social distancing. Other steps, including closing restaurants for in-service dining (or altogether in some cases), closing or reducing occupancy in retail stores, converting the casino to [a] non-smoking facility, reducing the number of available gaming spaces in both slots and table games, and reducing overall occupancy of the casino, greatly affected casino operations. Yet even operating with these significant limitations and adopting world-class mitigation techniques, the risk and impact of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 persists."

The suit propounds that "As of this filing, plaintiffs' estimated losses stemming from the presence of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 – first from the compulsory closure of the casino and then the subsequent implementation of restricted and limited operations – exceed \$300 million (along with related mitigation expenses), and will continue to mount until the casino can resume its normal business activity."

According to the suit, the all risk policies were secured by the tribe "to preserve the continuity of the tribe's business. Yet [the] defendants have steadfastly refused to pay for these devastating losses."

There is no loophole for the companies being sued to slip through, the suit maintains.

"These risks associated with viruses, communicable diseases, and pandemics have been known to the insurance industry for [a] century and have been evident in recent decades through outbreaks and pandemics," the suit states. "Because these risks are well known, there are exclusions in common usage in the insurance industry that specifically reference losses caused by viruses, communicable diseases and pandemics. In fact, many of the most common 'boilerplate' insurance policies covering businesses include this exclusionary language, which largely prevent recovery due to

losses incurred by pandemics. Here, however, the tribe's 'all risk' policy wording is [a] unique or 'manuscripted' program designed specifically for the risks associated with the tribe's property. The policy form includes no such virus or communicable disease exclusion. All of the highly sophisticated insurance companies issuing the all risk policies had multiple opportunities to review the policy form. Each insurance company could either sign on to cover plaintiffs under the policy form wording or make changes, including carving out coverage through exclusions, creating policy sublimits, or adding, editing, or eliminating endorsements. Indeed, anticipating the type of risk, loss, and damages posed by virus such as SARS-CoV-2 or the COVID-19 pandemic, two of the tribe's all risk insurers added endorsements – modifying the policy form – to exclude losses caused by virus or communicable disease. Those two all risk insurers are not named here as defendants. All of the tribe's other all risk insurers did not include such exclusions and, therefore, expressly agreed to cover such losses as part of their insurance policies. The tribe bought \$1.6 billion of insurance for business income losses precisely to cover catastrophic situations at its properties. Defendant all risk insurers have refused to honor their obligations and pay for the tribe's devastating losses.

This ongoing failure has compelled plaintiffs to commence this lawsuit."

Covered under the insurance policies were the casino, a separate hotel, nearly 5,000 gaming machines, approximately 150 table games, over 100 hotel rooms, food service facilities and restaurants, three retail establishments, bars, and four service bars and more than 4,000 individuals or employees, according to the suit.

"Under normal circumstances, the tribe welcomes on average tens of thousands of guests onto the casino property per day," suit states. "Most of the tribe's revenue derives from gaming, with [a] smaller portion generated by hotel, dining, retail, concessions, and certain other ancillary activities. However, all of these revenue streams depend on the volume of customers physically present at the casino and affiliated properties."

According to the suit, "As [a] direct and proximate result of the defendant all risk insurers' breach, plaintiffs have sustained losses, including interest thereon, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs [of] more than \$300 million with the exact amount to be proven at trial."

The *Sentinel* was unable to get any corporate officers with the Westport Insurance Corporation to offer a reaction to the lawsuit.

-Mark Gutglueck

### Without Any Formal Education In Public Administration Blay's Sole Orientation To Municipal Operations Was Based On Hesperia's Dysfunctional Model *from page 10*

in the City of Bell in Los Angeles County where 20 years later he was indicted and convicted on public corruption charges.

Likewise, Quincey moved on from Hesperia to become city manager in Upland, where he was forced to leave in 2011 after acts of wrongdoing surfaced there and he was charged in 2012 by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office with felony corruption charges including unlawful misappropriation of public money, gaining personal benefit from an official contract, and giving false testimony under oath. He was ultimately convicted on a perjury charge in a plea deal.

With Bentsen in place as Hesperia's city manager and Blay as development services director, the Hesperia City Council approved the Tapestry project, which was a revival of the Rancho Las Flores project in 2017, uprated to 15,663 homes. Like its Rancho Las Flores predecessor as planned for under Rizzo, the Tapestry project entailed a similar overburdening of the city's infrastructure, primarily its roads.

No evidence has emerged to suggest that Bentsen and Blay were on the take and actively militating for the developmental interests and land speculators promot-

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ing the Tapestry Project as Rizzo was with the Rancho Las Flores Project. Nevertheless, both came in for heavy criticism for allowing the city, under their watch, to engage in land use decisions that will overburden the city's existing and future infrastructure and erode Hesperians' quality of life.

Another derogatory registered against Hesperia that came during Bentsen's and Blay's shared managerial tenure in the city was the U.S. Justice Department's lodging of a discrimination suit in December 2019 that took the city council and city administrators and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to task for the Hesperia Crime Free Rental Housing Ordinance drafted in the main by Bentsen while he was the commander of the Hesperia sheriff's station in 2015, passed by the city council in November 2015 and implemented by the city in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, while Bentsen was city manager and Blay was both development services director and assistant city manager.

According to prosecutors with the Civil Rights Section in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office and the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, the City of Hesperia and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department misused the ordinance, which was in effect in its original form between January 1, 2016 and its amendment on July 18, 2017 and in a revamped form thereafter, to unfairly banish from the city African-American and Latino renters in violation of the Fair Housing Act.

The Crime Free Rental Housing Ordinance required all rental property owners to evict tenants upon notice by the sheriff's department that the tenants had engaged in any alleged criminal activity on or near their property. The federal lawsuit alleged that the sheriff's department exercised

its substantial discretion in enforcement to target African-American and Latino renters and areas of Hesperia inhabited in the main by racial and ethnic minorities. The U.S. Attorney's Office maintained in its suit that although the ordinance purported to target "criminal activity," the sheriff's department notified landlords to begin evictions of entire families – including children – for conduct involving one tenant or even non-tenants, evictions of victims of domestic violence, and evictions based on mere allegations and without evidence of criminal activity.

The federal lawsuit alleged that the city, with substantial support from the sheriff's department, enacted the ordinance with the intent of addressing what one city council member called a "demographical problem" – the city's increasing African-American and Latino population. The city's records show the ordinance resulted in the evictions of numerous African-American and Latino renters.

The lawsuit has yet to be resolved, and the situation is marred by the consideration that the city now finds itself without legal representation in the face of the federal government's legal onslaught against it. Throughout the first 19 months after the suit was filed, the sheriff's department was represented by Hesperia City Attorney Eric Dunn and his law firm, Aleshire & Wynder. In July, the sheriff's department sought and obtained different legal representation after Aleshire & Wynder asserted it had determined a conflict exists between the sheriff's department and the city in the defense to be presented at trial, which is scheduled to commence on March 22, 2022. The sheriff's department's new law firm, Lynberg & Watkins, filed a motion with the federal court, which has been granted, seeking to remove Aleshire & Wynder as the city's counsel, such that the city is now scrambling to find a new legal team by October 26, a date mandated by the court.

Blay's slender résumé as a municipal employee/administrator/manager does not include any sub-

stantial experience in finance or budgeting or public works.

Aside from those considerations, the circumstances of Blay's departure from both the sheriff's department in 2009 and Hesperia earlier this year are, for some, an area of concern.

It is known that prior to Blay leaving the department in 2009, the sheriff's professional standards division, otherwise known as internal affairs, had opened an investigation of him and what has been characterized as his failure to adhere to department protocol in certain circumstances. Blay, a department source told the *Sentinel*, "has never wanted to follow the rules."

While he was a patrol sergeant in Victorville in 2005, 2006 and 2007, Blay had failed to properly supervise Deputy Matt Linderman, who was ultimately forced to resign and then prosecuted for having used his position of authority and the threat of arrest while on patrol and interacting with the public to stalk, harass and make sexual demands of women he encountered. Ultimately Linderman was convicted by a jury of sexual battery by restraint, oral copulation under the color of authority, 11 counts of soliciting a bribe and two counts of solicitation to engage in lewd conduct involving 11 women, identified only as Christina, Sheila, Cassie, Jill, Carrie, Christina D. Jenifer, Jaime, Dana, Jessica and Andrea. Linderman was sentenced to a 20-year prison term. He subsequently appealed his convictions. The appeals court reversed one of the solicitation to engage in lewd conduct convictions, finding it was barred by the statute of limitations, but upheld the remainder of the case against him.

An internal sheriff's department investigation into the matter was begun, at which time Blay had been promoted from the patrol supervision role into a more prestigious position in the department's special weapons and tactics [SWAT] detail, which at that time was supervised by Bentsen, who was then a lieutenant. The investigation determined that Blay knew about Linderman's activity through complaints and observa-

tion, and that he had failed to take action to stop it, in part because Blay had inappropriate verbal exchanges with women he encountered in the field himself. Blay was then demoted out of SWAT while he was brought up on charges before a discipline board relating to failure to provide proper supervision and making misrepresentations up the chain of command. The discipline board came back with a recommendation for termination. Before that was acted upon by the department, Blay made a claim of injuring his shoulder and went out on medical leave, and never came back to duty, retiring thereafter.

Blay was 44 at the time, six years below the age of what is normally the minimum retirement age and 18 years short of mandatory retirement age. He had at that point achieved the rank of sergeant, such that before he was felled by the fallout from the Linderman case there was a prospect of his acceding to the rank of lieutenant and perhaps captain in parallel with several of his contemporaries and colleagues in the department such as Bentsen, given his educational level, which included a master's degree.

Blay's parting with Hesperia earlier this year is equally problematic. His hiring as development services director in 2016 and his promotion to assistant city manager in 2018 were largely or wholly dependent upon his connection with Bentsen, who was characterized by a former member of the department as Blay's "best friend."

Hesperia, which had traditionally prohibited any cannabis-related commercial activity, in 2017 moved to allow companies delivering marijuana or cannabis-related products to operate within the city. Blay, as development services director and then as assistant city manager, was entrusted by Bentsen with regulating commercial marijuana and cannabis activity within the city. Bentsen and others became concerned that Blay was uneven in the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to those businesses, as Blay appeared to be or actually was closer to some of the marijuana entrepreneurs

than he was to others. Bentsen removed cannabis regulation as one of Blay's duties, giving that assignment to another city employee.

Early this year Bentsen learned that Blay had been having an affair with one of his municipal underlings. In February, the *Sentinel* is told, there was a shouting match between Bentsen and Blay over the matter that was audible throughout several office suites at City Hall. By April, Bentsen was no longer employed by Hesperia. One source told the *Sentinel* that Bentsen had fired Blay. There was no confirmation of that. Another told the *Sentinel* that Blay did not leave the assistant city manager's post of his own volition and that, essentially, he was forced to do so.

The *Sentinel's* efforts to get from Bentsen or Hesperia Mayor Cameron Gregg an explanation of the events surrounding Blay's departure were unsuccessful.

In June, according to the social and professional networking service Linked-In, Blay landed a position as the regional director of corporate security for Stanley Black & Decker, Incorporated. Efforts to locate Blay at any of several Stanley Black & Decker corporate offices and outlets in Southern and Northern California were unsuccessful, and the *Sentinel* was unable to get his version of events by press time.

There was indication that Blay's application for the Upland city manager's post had found positive traction based upon his prior association through the sheriff's department with Darren Goodman, Upland's police chief. Generationally and in other respects, Blay is at one with Goodman and Bentsen. Bentsen joined the sheriff's department in 1988, Blay in 1989 and Goodman in 1991. All are college educated; Blay has bachelor's and master's degrees, Goodman has a bachelor's degree along with a master's degrees in public administration from the University of Southern California and a doctorate from USC's Rossier School of Education, and Bentsen has an associate's degree in administration of justice from Victor Valley Col-

lege. All three were climbing the promotional ladder in the sheriff's department simultaneously in the 1990s and 2000s.

Goodman was serving as the sheriff's station commander in Chino Hills when in 2018 he was lured to Upland to serve as police chief.

Chino Hills and Hesperia, like 12 other of San Bernardino County's 24 cities and incorporated towns – Rancho Cucamonga, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Highland, Apple Valley, Victorville, Adelanto, Big Bear, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms and Needles – contract with the sheriff's department for law enforcement services. The sheriff's department functions as those cities' and towns' police departments, and the sheriff station commanders are those departments' police chiefs.

In 2020, Upland City Manager Rosemary Hoerning and then-Mayor Debbie Stone suspended Goodman and placed him on administrative leave, based upon a complaint lodged against him by the department's executive secretary, whom Goodman had demoted. A firestorm of protest ensued, as a spontaneous showing of support for Goodman manifested from a cross section of Upland residents. Goodman was reinstated as police chief in short order, and later that year, Stone was voted out of office and replaced with Velto, a member of the city council at the time who had not supported Goodman's suspension.

Because of the inhospitality shown toward Goodman by Stone and Hoerning, there is concern among residents and some members of the city council that Goodman, who was a finalist among candidates considered for placement as the City of Riverside's police chief in late 2019 and January 2020, might jump ship if an opening as police chief with another mid-size or larger municipal police department presents itself.

Within certain quarters in Upland, installing Blay, Goodman's one-time colleague at the sheriff's department, as city manager is perceived as a means of achieving the imperative of ensuring that Goodman remains in Upland.