

Wolfe Marks Ten Year Effort In Perpetual Battle With Transit Gridlock

By Mark Gutglueck

This month marks the ten-year anniversary of Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe's accession to the position of executive director of San Bernardino County's transportation agency.

The approach of that milestone in the past several months has occasioned some discussion with regard to the prospect of his remaining in that position beyond



Raymond Wolfe

2023, at which point the completion of the I-10 Freeway toll lanes in San Bernardino County will

be achieved. Among a significant cross section of knowledgeable people in the habit of observing governance in San Bernardino County are a good number who say the advent of road use charges will ultimately push Wolfe into a voluntary or forced departure.

All the same, there are others who insist that Wolfe's management of a key element of local collective governmental au-

thority and his mastery of planning, organizing, directing and controlling is the model of what a modern urban professional should offer to the political leadership he serves.

At issue is, essentially, Wolfe's position and function as San Bernardino County's transportation infrastructure czar.

For three generations at this point, the Inland

Empire has been the repository of a huge percentage of the human talent that is employed in the industrial and commercial sectors of Los Angeles, one of the most dynamic economic centers on the planet. Like their mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers and great grandmothers and great grandfathers before them, some half of a million com- See P 2

Effort To Root Out Cronyism Cost SBCUSD Superintendent His Tenure



Harry "Doc" Ervin

Less than a year after Harry "Doc" Ervin assumed the position of San Bernardino City Unified School District superintendent, he was forced to depart this week after a series of intense backroom clashes with no fewer than two of the school board's members relating to nepotism, cronyism and favoritism involving district officials, which were exacerbated by Ervin's personality conflict with another board member.

According to well-placed sources in and around the district, Ervin's agenda to concentrate district personnel and resources toward improving the academic performance of San Bernardino's students ran into stiff headwinds when he undertook a review of whether a multitude of existing contracts with educational specialists and specialized service providers fit those educational goals. Some of those contract holders had connections with elected board members, who began a pushback against Ervin's review as early as August 2021, less than three months after he assumed the position of superintendent.

In September 2021 and again in October 2021, Ervin's methodical evaluation of See P 3

Pacheco Singing To The FBI Everything He Knows About WVWD Graft

Reports have drifted in to the *Sentinel* suggesting former West Valley Water District Assistant General Manager Ricardo Pacheco has provided federal investigators with a window on multiple layers of corruption at the West Valley Water District backed with substantial evidence outlining specifics within that narrative.

At issue now, the *Sentinel* is told, is whether the U.S. Attorney's Office will act in a timely enough manner to ensure all of the issues uncovered through that investigation and attendant probes are included in any future indictments of the various players involved to keep certain crimes from falling outside the stature of limitations.

Pacheco nearly two years ago clandestinely pleaded guilty to accepting, while he was acting in his elected capacity as a Baldwin Park city councilman, \$302,900 in bribes.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Pacheco's depredations first loomed into focus when two Baldwin Park police officers approached the FBI with

concerns about the councilman, who had first been elected to the council in 1997. The FBI arranged to have one of the officers offer and then provide Pacheco with \$37,900 that was represented as coming from a group of Baldwin Park officers in exchange for the councilman's vote in March 2018 in favor of the employment contract for the city's policemen

negotiated between the Baldwin Park Police Association and the city. Among those payoffs was \$20,000 in marked bills stuffed into an envelope and handed over to Pacheco by the officer.

Later that year, after Pacheco took the money and delivered on his promise to support the contract, FBI agents obtained a search warrant for Pacheco's See P 5

Wonder Valley Residents See Resort As Urbanization's 'Foot In The Door'

Two developers and a civil engineering and land surveying specialist who in 2020 ran for a position on the San Bernardino City Council have raised the concerns of dozens of Wonder Valley residents with a proposal to develop a 106-room hotel, to include an all-night restaurant, spa/wellness center, conference hall and

event center to be located at the southeast corner of Amboy Road and Gammel Road in the sparsely populated desert community roughly 10 miles east of Twentynine Palms. The resort would include a 6,000-square foot swimming pool, hot tubs, outdoor showers, a 180,000-gallon water tank and a 205-space parking lot. See P 7

Sam Spagnolo Insisted On Going Out The Same Way He Lived, While He Was Still Standing Up



Sam Spagnolo

Sam Spagnolo, a member of the Rancho Cucamonga City Council for more than 17

years, died this week.

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Rancho Cucamonga City Council/Fire Board Member, Sam Spagnolo," a posting to the City of Rancho Cucamonga website states. "Council Member Spagnolo dedicated his life to public service."

After a stint in the Navy, Spagnolo attended Chaffey College, at which point he was a volunteer with the Alta Loma Fire Department. In 1968, at the age of 27, he obtained a position as a firefighter with the Foothill Fire District, which provided fire prevention and suppression service to a more-than-50-square-mile See P 7

Disney Tunes To Be Featured In Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band's May Program

The Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band will present "The Wonderful World of Disney" on Monday May 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Merton Hill Auditorium located at the southwest corner of North Euclid Avenue and Fifth Street on the campus of Chaffey High School in Ontario.

The performance is

sponsored in part by Al Boling, the retired city manager of Ontario, and Jennifer Boling.

Merton Hill Auditorium can be identified by its white bell tower.

The Woodwind Celebration Ensemble will present a pre-concert recital in the auditorium lobby at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be narrated by Al Boling and Susan

Petrocelli, the former director of community relations for the Chaffey Joint Unified School District.

The main performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

The show band's May concert features a collection of memorable hits from Walt Disney cartoons, television pro-

grams, and films, including several familiar to the baby boomer set.

Featured soloists include the show band's trombonist Stephen Cavaretta and musician/dancer Kathy Soderlund.

Cavaretta is credited with holding down the show band's trombone section. He will perform "Stay Awake" from the film *Mary Poppins*.

Soderlund, who plays the alto saxophone and is a dancer of some renown, has entertained the show band's audiences for many years with her performances. She will be featured in "A Whole New World" from *Alladin* and a medley of themes from the *Zorro* films. Soderlund has created the choreography for See P 17

Dr. Wolfe Answers To A Collective Made Up Of Individual Politicians Clamoring, And Waiting Patiently, For Projects Serving Each's Own, Rather Than The Larger, Need *from front page*

muters who live in San Bernardino County and Riverside County transit through San Bernardino County to their workplaces in Los Angeles County in most cases five days a week, spending not just minutes but hours, in many cases many hours, making that trip, much of that time at a standstill or near standstill on a freeway that resembles a parking lot rather than a thoroughfare.

For the past decade, the residents of San Bernardino County have paid Dr. Raymond Wolfe approaching \$4.8 million to wrestle with the issues pertaining to maintaining and improving the region's existing transportation system so that they need not squander one-tenth of their workday lives simply waiting for the traffic to clear out of the way in front of them so they can get where they are going. Measured in practical terms, Wolfe, like all of those who held like or related positions of authority over San Bernardino County's and Southern California's transportation systems before him, has failed, some say abjectly. The average commuter today spends more time going to and getting back from work than he or she did a decade ago, before Dr. Wolfe took on the executive director's assignment overseeing San Bernardino County's transportation agency.

To be fair, the question might best not be personalized to Dr. Wolfe, but rather posed as whether it is at all possible for anyone, including someone as skilled and experienced and as gifted as Dr. Wolfe, let alone someone who is not, to solve the transportation and locomotion issues of a region

that serves as the home for a population that has outgrown by a factor of three-to-one or perhaps more the infrastructure necessary to accommodate it.

It is, perhaps, not a matter of Dr. Wolfe or anyone who might have otherwise served in his place not having the wherewithal to conceive of, design, finance and construct a transportation system capable of supporting the interaction, commerce, livelihoods and lives of eight million people traversing 180 miles of highway and some 55 miles of railway per day, but rather a question of whether anyone could have embodied the courage to tell multiple phases and cycles of Southern California politicians that they needed to resist the dynamic social and financial pressure to permit the region to grow to a population beyond the practical means of accommodating it without first augmenting what was already inadequate infrastructure with the streets, roads, boulevards, highways, freeways, railways and other means to serve it in the daily course of life.

That Dr. Wolfe was unable to save the politicians he serves at the pleasure of from their own selfish and worst inclinations is hardly surprising; nor will it be a shock if in the end he falls victim to the county's politicians' inclination for self-survival and is sacrificed in an either successful or vain effort that they remain in office.

Wolfe was brought in as the executive director of what was known then as SANBAG in the spring of 2012.

San Bernardino Associated Governments, known as SANBAG, was created in 1973 as San Bernardino County's council of governments and its regional planning agency. It subsequently took on the role of the county's transportation agency overseeing freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings,

call boxes, ridesharing, congestion management efforts, freeway service patrols and emergency freeway service, and continued to serve as the county's council of governments. When voters in 1989 passed Measure I, a half-cent sales tax override, the proceeds from which were intended to provide transportation improvements countywide, SANBAG was entrusted with the administration of that funding.

In the late 1980s, when the advocates of a tax to pay for transportation projects put together what became Measure I, counterarguments emerged. Those counterarguments were myriad. Among them was that the destruction of the region's agricultural base, including vineyards, citrus groves, other means of fruit and vegetable cultivation and the dairy industry in favor of expansive residential subdivisions was irresponsible in that the proponents of such development were not providing infrastructure, including roads, highways, freeways and rail lines, capable of accommodating the growing population those subdivisions ultimately housed. Moreover, Measure I's opponents maintained, a local transportation tax would absolve the state government from maintaining and expanding a freeway system commensurate with the region's population growth.

Despite that opposition, the county's voters embraced Measure I.

Rather than bank the money coming in through the half cent sales tax until enough money accrued to undertake transportation improvement projects, San Bernardino Associated Governments' board, consisting of a representative of what were then the county's 21 cities and single incorporated town plus the five members of the board of supervisors, elected to bond against the future revenue from Measure I and utilize the proceeds from those bond sales to initiate projects at once. This was done because many

of those politicians who made up the SANBAG board had been Measure I advocates, and they wanted to be able to make a show of having achieved results with regard to transportation infrastructure improvements in their follow-on reelection efforts. While this doubtless generally redounded to those politicians' own personal political benefit in helping them obtain reelection, it cut into the amount of actual money available for transportation improvement projects, as it initiated debt service requirements for the bonds that were issued. That indebtedness persists until the present, nearly 33 years after Measure I's passage and 18 years after the 2004 passage of a Measure I taxing authority extension. Instead of Measure I revenue being devoted entirely to paying for transportation-related undertakings, a substantial portion of the tax revenue is perpetually dedicated to paying the interest on the bonds issued in advance of that money's coming in.

Over the years, projects funded with Measure I money have included ones at various spots throughout far-flung San Bernardino County. Among them have been the I-15/I-215 Interchange; creating a high occupancy lane from Haven Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga to Ford Avenue in Redlands on the I-10 Freeway; improvements to the Cherry Avenue exits and on-ramps; the I-10/Live Oak Canyon Interchange; the I-10/Riverside Avenue Interchange; SR-60/Euclid Avenue ramp improvements; I-10/Cherry Avenue, I-10/Citrus Avenue, I-10/Tippecanoe Avenue, I-15/Duncan Canyon, I-15/La Mesa Road/Nisqualli Road and I-15/Ranchero Road interchange improvements; fixes to the I-10/Cedar Avenue onramps and offramps in Bloomington and the SR-210/Baseline Road entrances and exits in Highland; improvements to freeway and road articulation involving SR-60/Central Avenue in Chino, I-10/Univer-

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sity Street in Redlands, I-215/University Parkway in the City of San Bernardino, I-10/Alabama Street in Redlands, I-15/Baseline Road in Rancho Cucamonga, SR-60/Archibald Avenue in Ontario, I-10/Monte Vista Avenue in Montclair and I-10/Pepper Avenue in Colton. SANBAG and SBCTA were involved, as well, with Metrolink service as part of the Downtown San Bernardino Passenger Rail Project; the sbX articulated bus project running from near the VA Hospital in Loma Linda to Cal State San Bernardino; renovations to the historic Santa Fe Depot Building in San Bernardino where the board for SANBAG and now SBCTA held and hold their meetings, the Redlands Passenger Rail Project to provide service between the San Bernardino Transit Center and the University of Redlands on the existing cargo rail line between the two cities; Omnitrans bus operations, the Mountain/Desert bus transit lines; rail line improvements generally; Victor Valley Transit Authority bus operations; Morongo Valley Transit bus operations; planning and engineering preparation for the extension of the Gold Line from Azusa to Montclair; grade separation/overpass or underpass projects at Palm Avenue in the City of San Bernardino and the County of San Bernardino, Laurel Avenue in Colton, Hunts Lane straddling the cities of San Bernardino and Colton, Milliken Avenue

in Ontario, 9th Street in Colton, Monte Vista in Montclair, North Vineyard Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga and Glen Helen Parkway near Devore; the Lenwood Grade Separation near Barstow, including preliminary engineering; the Barstow First Avenue Bridge; the Yucca Loma Road Widening in Apple Valley; the Needles Connector Project; improvements to Yates Road, Baker Boulevard and Park Boulevard in the county's unincorporated areas; signalization on Lear Avenue in Twentynine Palms; improvements at Green Tree Boulevard/I-215 in Victorville; the bi-county gap closure near the I-215 Barton Road Interchange; I-215 Corridor widening; State Route 210 construction; SR 210 lane addition widening; I-15 Express Lanes (South of SR-60 to SR-210); the I-10 Corridor Project; the I-10 truck climbing Lane; I-10 express lanes; Metro Link stations or parking lots in Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland; the Control Point Lilac to Control Point Rancho Double Track from Rialto to San Bernardino; Sierra Avenue Metrolink grade crossing pedestrian improvements and Juniper Avenue Metrolink grade crossing pedestrian improvements in Fontana; the Zanja Bridge removal near the intersection of North Lincoln Street and Sylvan Boulevard in Redlands; and the West Valley Connector Project, a 33.5-mile-long bus rapid

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Early On, Two Of The School Board's Members Were Gunning To Get Rid Of Ervin *from front page*

the educational merit of the services provided to the district under those contractual arrangements and their comparative value along with his continuing hesitancy to re-actuate those contracts created a dividing line among the board members. A little more than three months into his tenure, two board members had grown antagonistic toward him, a third was leaning against him and four members of the board remained steadily behind him.

The December 19, 2021 death of San Bernardino City Unified School District Board Member Margaret Hill had a critical impact on the prospects for Ervin's continuing tenure as superintendent, as Hill was a solid vote on the board in his favor. In the weeks and months after Hill's passing, the six remaining members of the board were unable to come to a consensus on an appointment of Hill's replacement. This left the board with two board members strongly in favor of Ervin's sacking and one leaning in the direction of cashiering him. When it became apparent that three votes to relieve him of his post were in place, Ervin's will to remain as superintendent began to waver.

Ervin started on the path that led him to San Bernardino and now away from it more than 35 years ago.

After being discharged from the U.S. Marines, he had walked off the grounds of Camp Pendleton and shortly thereafter matriculated at Alliant International University in San Diego where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies and a Master of Science degree in education administration. He began in the educational field as a teacher.

Upon obtaining his administrative creden-

tial from California State University, Fullerton, he moved into the position of assistant superintendent of the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, where he established programs specifically targeted at increasing students' Academic Performance Index scores.

Subsequent to that, he landed the position of superintendent of the Greenfield Union School District in Monterey County, where he was touted for reducing truancy rates. In 2016, he was hired as the superintendent of the Bakersfield City School District. He was nearly three-and-a-half years into and fully engaged in that assignment in December 2019 when 164 miles to the south, Dale Marsden abruptly announced his intention to leave as superintendent with the San Bernardino City Unified School District mid-contract four months later, in March 2020.

Ervin was not even vaguely aware of that development at the time. In San Bernardino, the district promoted Harold Vollkommer, then its deputy superintendent, to serve as interim superintendent. Vollkommer remained in the interim superintendent's position for more than two years. In March 2021, he announced that after an exhaustive search Ervin had been chosen to move into the superintendent's post, effective July 1, 2021. In actuality, Ervin moved into the superintendent's post a month early, on June 1, 2021.

A rare amalgam of an intense academic and a by-the-book Marine, Ervin took a formalistic approach to running the district and examining both what was being done well and what areas needed improvement, a process he referred to as "a listening-learning tour."

His hiring coming as it did, a year after the main manifestation of the coronavirus pandemic, which had resulted in the shuttering of classrooms throughout the state and the substitution of remote teaching/learning models, Ervin's

most visible initial role as superintendent was guiding the district as it reopened classrooms with the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year in August 2021.

Less apparent was that Ervin had proven highly energetic in examining the full range of the district's programs, educational services and contracts, a function that had not specifically been mandated upon him by the school board but which he considered an intrinsic element of his duty as superintendent. That evaluation included looking at the district's contracts in terms of effectiveness and financial integrity. That examination extended to demonstrable results, the qualifications of the entities offering the service and competitive bidding in the awarding of the contracts.

In this spirit, the school board consented in a vote taken on August 17, 2021 to contract with the Great Gains firm to conduct an audit of the district's financials and performance.

Ervin, having concluded that a select number of the contractual arrangements the district had entered into were questionable or worthy of reexamination, held off on reinitiating those contracts with the advent of the 2021-22 school year.

As it turned out, unbeknownst to Ervin, who had only recently arrived in San Bernardino, there were long-existing relationships between some of the purveyors of those contracted-for services and both members of the school board or other influential and politically-empowered members of the community. By September, the *Sentinel* is informed, at least two members of the school board were irate over the district's foot-dragging in committing to the continuation of those contracts.

Additionally, an inadvertent act on Ervin's part had poisoned his relationship with another school board member, Danny Tillman. Tillman's community involvement went beyond

his status as a member of the school board. Tillman previously ran for both Congress and San Bernardino mayor. He actively supports youth engagement programs, including those encouraging young people to participate in sports, community service and educational programs in a context outside of school. One of those programs involved making school district facilities available for semi-organized athletic competitions, including basketball games. Because the informal arrangements that had been made granting the youth sports program access to a district basketball court did not include the school board having voted formally to provide that access or any formal written agreement, Ervin deemed the risk of liability and the security hazard in allowing those involved in the program to use district facilities to be unwise and ill-advised. Accordingly, he instructed the district's police department to prevent district grounds from being accessed by those participating in the program. Thereafter, Ervin and Tillman were at loggerheads.

Relatively early on – by September – there was resistance to Ervin's leadership. At the September 21 school board meeting, several members of the public spoke, many of them expressing sentiment against Ervin and his leadership substance and leadership style as well as the restrictions and safety protocols relating to COVID-19 that the district had put in place. Some of those participating by way of the remote teleconferencing Zoom program spoke in Spanish. Ervin, who is fluent in Spanish, did not need to wait for the interpreter to inform him that he was the object of much of the criticism voiced. One theme reiterated by those speakers was that Ervin had misrepresented having been accessible to parents, and they characterized as untruthful his assertions of having met with them.

There was a simul-

taneous subtext to what was going on in terms of the public comment. While some of it had perhaps arisen organically as a consequence of what some considered to be the district's overbearing COVID precautions, there was also an element of some political oxen having been gored by the imposition of Ervin's policies.

The *Sentinel* is reliably informed that a handful of companies or individuals offering paid services to the district had been cut off or were facing being cut off as a consequence of the contract reexaminations Ervin was engaged in, and that the proprietors, managers and employees of those companies, some of whom were actively engaged in political support of members of the board, were pressuring the board to either induce Ervin to reinstate those contracts or fire him outright.

In the aftermath of the September 21 meeting, there was a suggestion that sufficient votes on the board existed to terminate Ervin. Because the Brown Act, California's open public meeting law, prohibits members of an elected governmental board from meeting together or in sequence to formulate a vote outside of an officially convened public setting, there was not certainty as to whether sufficient votes existed at that point to effectuate Ervin's removal. At least two of the board's members, nonetheless, were willing to explore whether there was resolve to banish Ervin from the district. At the board's next meeting, on October 5, a closed session item pertaining to Ervin was placed on the agenda which specified "Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release."

Indeed, during that session, which was held outside the view or earshot of the public, the board considered jettisoning Ervin as superintendent. The *Sentinel* has learned that board members Abigail Rosales Medina, Barbara Flores and Danny Tillman enter-

tained, at least, the concept of releasing Ervin as superintendent. Supporting Ervin in the face of those calls were board members Margaret Hill, Mayra Ceballos, Gwendolyn Dowdy-Rodgers and Scott Wyatt.

Ervin was chastened by the manifestation of three of the four votes required to chase him from his position, though he was yet convinced he was engaging in sound management by conducting the reviews he had undertaken. On October 11, he put out a public statement.

"I respect the concerns and appreciate the support of everyone who spoke at the past two meetings," Ervin said. "My goal is to help take SBCUSD to a higher level of excellence with better outcomes for the kids in our schools. Our district has great people and programs going for it and we want to build on the solid foundation that's already here. Change is not easy and educating children is hard work in the best of times. With COVID, these are not the best of times. My hope is that as we start moving forward everyone will come together to do what's right for kids just as they did in the past three districts I led."

In the ensuing months, Ervin persisted in continuing with the policies he had committed to and instituting the reforms he felt appropriate.

Prior to Hill's death, Ervin had 4-to-3 support of the board or what was represented to the *Sentinel* as an even more comfortable 4-to-2 support, with one of the board members neither fully committed to opposing Ervin nor supporting him. With Hill's passing, however, his position became far more precarious, such that Medina, Flores and Tillman were ready to change district management at once if another vote to do so manifested. The effort to find Hill's replacement to serve out the remainder of her term until it elapses in December 2024 reached its apex in February, at *Continued on Page 7*

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transit project with limited stops, running from Pomona to Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana. SANBAG and SBCTA have also supported the Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority, also known as Mountain Transit, the bus and shuttle transit service operator in the San Bernardino Mountains area of the county.

Despite the surfeit of transportation projects that SANBAG/SBCTA has involved itself in, its actual charter could be summed up as a single mission: eradicating the legacy of Alfred P. Sloan.

Sloan, a vice president of General Motors from its founding in 1916 until 1923 and then the president, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of General Motors from 1923 until 1956, utilized a multi-



Alfred P. Sloan

tude of strategies to establish, maintain and increase General Motors' sales and profitability, a primary one of which was to eliminate its major competition, those being the electric train lines that had come into existence in many major American metropolitan areas.

By 1910 the Pacific Electric Company had established 1,100 miles of track, which included the interurban Red Line along a network of tracks in Los Angeles and its environs that extended as far south as Newport Beach and included stops within view of the Pacific Ocean in Long Beach and Santa Monica and lines that extended to scores of communi-

ties in the greater Los Angeles area as far east as Redlands and Highland. Augmenting the Red Line was the Yellow Line, a network of streetcars throughout Los Angeles itself.

The San Bernardino Line, which ran from Santa Monica Boulevard via Beverly Hills, then to

Standard Oil of California, otherwise known as Chevron Oil, Phillips Petroleum and Firestone, General Motors utilized a bus company consisting of two buses in Minneapolis owned by E. Roy Fitzgerald and his four brothers to begin a corporate expansion of what became known

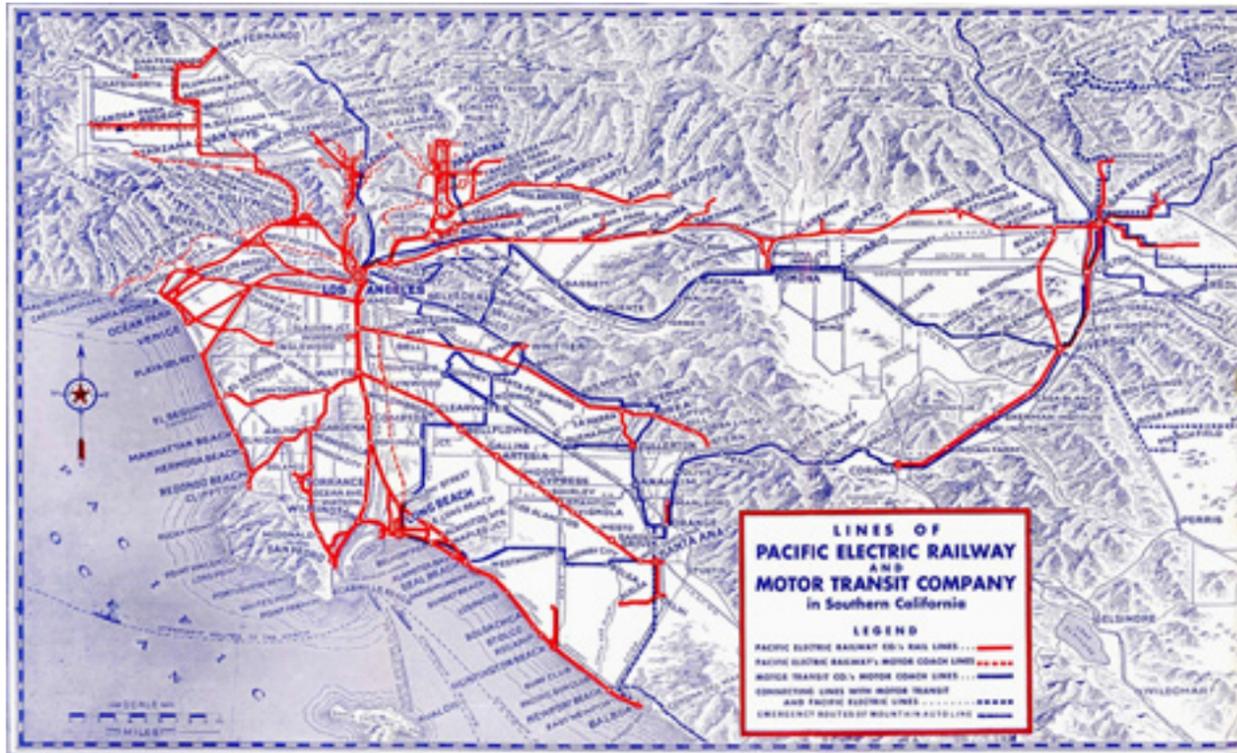
Burlington, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa and Sioux City, Iowa; Baltimore, Maryland; Jackson, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Saginaw and Pontiac, Michigan; Jackson, Mississippi; St. Louis, Missouri; Butte and Great Falls, Montana; Lincoln, Nebraska; Canton and Portsmouth,

Lines was to have that company purchase the rail and streetcar tracks in those cities and substitute buses as the form of public transportation used in those locations. Once that goal was accomplished, the rail and streetcar tracks were torn up and the rail cars destroyed.

to companies owned by National City Lines."

The matter went to trial and the companies and corporate officers in 1949 were convicted of antitrust violations. The court assessed a penalty of \$5,000 against the corporations involved and \$1 against each of their executives. No order to restore the rail lines and transportation system, which in today's economic terms would equate to a value of more than \$60 billion, was entered. Southern California's passenger rail system was effectively destroyed.

As a young man, Wolfe's focus had been on transportation, interplanetary transportation. He had obtained a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from USC. Thereafter, he had refocused on more down-to-earth technologies, obtaining a master's degree in civil engineering from the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. He qualified as a registered civil engineer, and in 1991 went to work for the California Department of Transportation as a transportation engineer. In 1997, he began work on his doctorate in civil engineering at USC's Viterbi School of Engineering. In 1998, he was promoted to the



Pacific Electric's Red Line, shown here in a vintage map, extended all the way from the Pacific Ocean, through Los Angeles and into San Bernardino County to Redlands and Highland at its eastern extent.

Pasadena, Temple City, Alhambra and through several eastern Los Angeles County cities to Pomona and thereafter eastward well into San Bernardino County to Highland, Redlands and the Arrowhead Hotel in San Bernardino, was yet operating in 1941 but was discontinued that year. Thereafter, there was still a line from LA's Union Station interurban yard on the west side of the terminal that departed at 12:45 pm and which reached San Bernardino at 4:40 pm daily, taking nearly four hours for the trip. It did not operate on Sundays or holidays. That train offered a myriad of services, one of which was an on-train post office. The last railroad post office car was eliminated on May 6, 1950. By 1951, the Pacific Electric Red Car Line's service to San Bernardino County was gone.

Sloan effectuated the destruction of interurban railroads not just in Los Angeles but throughout the United States in 45 other municipalities where light rail and streetcar systems existed. In conjunction with

as National City Lines, which in 1936 began purchasing existing transit companies all over the country, including ones that involved light rail and street cars in Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama; Tampa and Jacksonville, Florida; Aurora, Elgin, Bloomington,

Ohio; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Beaumont, El Paso, Houston, Port Arthur and Wichita Falls, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Bellingham, Everett and Spokane, Washington; and Oshkosh, Wisconsin; as well as in Burbank, Eureka, Fres-

In 1947, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles took up the matter of what was occurring to the Red Line and succeeded in having a grand jury indict nine corporations and seven individuals, including General Motors and Sloan, on multiple



After Alfred P. Sloan had his way, the coach fleet of Pacific Electric's Red Car Line reached the end of its line at a Terminal Island wrecking yard. Photo by Ernest Marquez Courtesy of the Huntington Library

Champaign, Danville, East St. Louis, Decatur, Galesburg, Joliet, Kewanee, LaSalle, Peoria, Quincy and Rock Island, Illinois; South Bend and Terre Haute, Indiana;

no, Glendale, Oakland, Sacramento, Inglewood, Long Beach, San Jose, Pasadena, Stockton and Los Angeles in California. The goal of investing in National City

counts of "conspiring to acquire control of a number of transit companies, forming a transportation monopoly" and "conspiring to monopolize sales of buses and supplies

position of senior bridge engineer, and in 2001 was entrusted with the assignment of opening a new bridge design office

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home. They found the \$20,000 at that time. In 2019 they returned, at which point they found another \$62,900 buried in two places in Pacheco's back yard.

Pacheco sought to launder the money provided to him by the police officers by representing the money as donations to the California Fire and Safety Committee PAC, and the California Education Coalition PAC, which he claimed to control but which he did not properly register with the California Secretary of State, as well as to his own and his wife's electioneering funds.

Pacheco, now 59, remained as a member of the city council after the FBI had initiated an investigation into his activities, which included the 2018 and 2019 searches of his premises. At that point, agents were endeavoring to determine the breadth and depth of the activity he was involved in, and who his accomplices were. His time on the council – a total of nearly 23 years – came to an end with his guilty plea to a federal bribery charge he entered on June 15, 2020 before United States District Judge Otis D. Wright II.

Following the plea, the FBI maintained secrecy with regard to elements of the investigation into Pacheco and others he was involved with directly and indirectly during his tenure as a councilman and as an employee of the water district in an effort to maintain the integrity of the ongoing investigation into others.

On January 26, 2021, federal prosecutors unsealed the criminal charges against Pacheco, as well as portions of his plea agreement, which included his assisting the FBI

and federal prosecutors in their efforts to bring others involved with him to justice. The disclosure of the plea was generally taken as an indication that the investigation relating to other Baldwin Park officials had concluded. At the time of his resignation, Pacheco publicly attributed his resignation to wanting more time to spend with his family and engage himself professionally, while he simultaneously denied rumors that there was any legal issue which had forced his hand. The January 2021 unsealing of the criminal charges revealed that his resignation from office was a condition of his plea. It was formally announced at that time that Pacheco was scheduled to be sentenced on August 2, 2021.

Federal officials now acknowledge that his sentencing has been postponed as a grand jury that was convened in 2020 is yet impaneled and continues to look into reports relating to irregularities in the nascent California cannabis industry and local governmental permitting processes for those business. The grand jury is tracking the filtering of money into the political war chests of politicians openly in the form of donations from prospective cannabis entrepreneurs as well as the provision of cash to elected officials originating with those same business interests that goes unreported. While he was yet in office in Baldwin Park, Pacheco was an advocate of liberal cannabis-related business licensing.

Information provided to and developed by the *Sentinel* indicates investigators are yet following leads obtained from Pacheco which are both directly and tangentially related to his activity as a Baldwin Park Councilman but which extend beyond that jurisdiction to others, including San Bernardino County, specifically Rialto, where the West Valley Water District has its headquarters.

Pacheco was hired by

the West Valley Water District to serve in the post of assistant general manager in April 2018 at a salary of \$189,592. That hiring came five months after Michael Taylor, the former police chief of Baldwin Park, was elected to the West Valley Water District's board of directors. Less than two weeks after Taylor's election, on November 15, 2017, the Baldwin Park City Council voted to rehire Taylor, who had been dismissed as police chief the previous year, to return to his role as police chief under a contract that was to pay him \$183,368.08 in annual salary, another \$8,565.86 in other pay, \$54,782.03 in benefits and a \$47,878.57 contribution to his pension for a total yearly compensation of \$294,594.54. Upon Taylor being sworn in as a member of the water board the following month, in December 2017, the water district's board of directors moved to hire Baldwin Park City Attorney Robert Tafoya to serve as the water district's attorney. Subsequently, West Valley Water District Board Member Clifford Young, who as president of the water district's board of directors supported Taylor in his successful 2017 board election bid but later had a falling out with him, alleged that a corrupt bargain existed between Taylor, Tafoya and Pacheco by which Taylor was given a generous contract to serve as Baldwin Park police chief, Tafoya and his firm received a lucrative contract to serve as the water district's general counsel and Pacheco was given an essentially do-nothing but highly lucrative position with the water district.

Pacheco had little to recommend him for the West Valley Water District position, as he had no expertise, experience or licensing in water operations.

In 2019, Young, who had been replaced by Taylor as the president of West Valley Water District's board of directors, in conjunction with the district's chief

financial officer, Naisha Davis, and an analyst in the district's administrative services division, Patricia Romero, filed a qui tam legal action in which they alleged Taylor, Pacheco, Tafoya and several district consultants and lawyers were engaged in an elaborate bribery and kickback scheme to divert public money to themselves. In May 2019, Pacheco was placed on paid administrative leave.

That same month, the West Valley Water District hired another political figure, then-Hesperia City Councilman Jeremiah Brosowske into a newly created assistant general manager post. Like Pacheco, Brosowske had no background, experience, expertise or licensing in water operations. From his district office he served, in essence, as a political operative, working on political campaigns, including that year's water district board contests on behalf of three candidates favored by Taylor.

From May 2019 until November 2019, Pacheco continued to draw his salary and benefits while he was on leave, a total of more than \$135,000. In November 2019, Pacheco's employment with the district was terminated, at which point he was provided with a severance equal to nine months salary, \$146,459.82.

Young protested that payout, calling it a "gift of public funds." Young further lamented that in the 19 months Pacheco was employed by the district, including the 13 months he was reporting as the assistant general manager and the six months he was on leave, Pacheco "did no work. He simply accepted money for having hired Mike Taylor as police chief in Baldwin Park. In return, Mike Taylor hired him as assistant general manager. It was a straight trade-off. They were giving each other kickbacks in the form of jobs. Robert Tafoya was in on it, when he was hired as our [West Valley Water District's] general counsel."

Taylor has asserted

that when the decision to hire Pacheco had been made on March 29, 2018, it had occurred in a closed session in which he had not participated.

Young, who in March 2018 was yet on good terms with Taylor, pointed out that in December 2017 Taylor had participated in the 4-to-1 vote with then-Board Member Don Olinger dissenting to hire Tafoya and he insisted that decision as well as the March 2018 hiring of Pacheco, with whom Taylor had experience in Baldwin Park, had both been made upon Taylor's recommendations.

Taylor acknowledges making the recommendations, but nevertheless insists he had no part in the actual votes to hire Pacheco.

In April 2020, seven months after Brosowske's colleagues on the Hesperia City Council had removed him from office on non-residency grounds, the West Valley Water District terminated him, conferring upon him a severance package of \$154,884.80 in doing so. Taken together with the \$173,792.66 in salary he had been paid for his 11 months with the district together with the \$57,291.66 in benefits he had been provided over those same 11 months, that brought to \$385,969.12 in total compensation Brosowske took from the West Valley Water District to perform tasks which the district now acknowledges Brosowske was not qualified to carry out and was incapable of performing.

A state audit of the West Valley Water District determined that the district had used slipshod hiring practices and favoritism in both its hiring and promotions.

In October 2020, FBI agents served a search warrant at Tafoya's Los Angeles law office based upon information supplied to them by Pacheco.

According to federal investigators, legal documents drawn up by Tafoya are riddled with irregularities. Tafoya and his firm drafted the

City of Baldwin Park's commercial cannabis licensing program, which was approved by the city council in 2017. Elements of that program, it is alleged, involve conflicts of interest and favoritism toward businesses which are willing to engage in out-and-out bribery.

Baldwin Park Police Lieutenant Christopher Kuberry, who oversaw the city's cannabis businesses inspections, in 2020 filed a sworn declaration in which he said three different operators of commercial marijuana-related concerns told him they were put in the position of "having to pay \$250,000 in a brown paper bag to city officials." Under the city's licensing program, a company, Rukli Inc., was given an exclusive franchise as the city's sole transporter/distributor of marijuana in the city, such that cultivators and manufacturers had to use Rukli to transport their wares.

The 2017 Baldwin Park employment contract with Taylor was worded by Tafoya to preclude the city from firing him unless he was convicted of a felony, and the contract further disallowed the city council to engage in annual evaluations of Taylor's performance.

While he was still on the Hesperia City Council and employed by the West Valley Water District, Brosowske was advocating that Hesperia permit commercial marijuana activity within the High Desert city's confines, while he was simultaneously associated with the Bill Postmus Cartel and its subsidiary, Mountain States Consulting Group, which have militated on behalf of commercial cannabis concerns seeking to establish exclusive licensing and permits to operate marijuana cultivation and retail businesses by multiple means, including identifiable monetary donations to various politicians' campaign coffers and through the provision of laundered money to elected officials.

-Mark Gutglueck

Having Committed To The Single-Track & Infrequent Metrolink Train And Abandoned The Dual-Track & Teeming Gold Line, San Bernardino County's Transportation Officials Have All But Given Up On The Passenger Rail Option To Relieve Freeway Overcrowding *from page 4*

in Southern California as the region's supervising bridge engineer. In 2002, he was awarded his doctorate. Thereafter he managed the structure design implementation efforts related to accelerated bridge construction throughout Southern California. In 2008, the California Department of Transportation, known by its acronym Caltrans, designated him as the director of its District 8 office, overseeing both San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

During his time with Caltrans, Wolfe became intimately familiar with that agency's resources and its regional and local functions. Beginning in 2008, he was delegated an ex-officio member of the San Bernardino Association of Governments board. There were few on that board who were not impressed by his command of the technical issues relating to constructing roads, bridges or highways and his ability to adequately anticipate complications, costs and considerations relating to contemplated or actual transportation-related undertakings.

By that point, SANBAG had evolved beyond its beginnings as a council of governments and a subregional planning agency and had adopted as its primary role serving as the county's transportation agency. In that capacity, it was the service authority for freeway emergencies and the transportation system congestion management agency and, most significantly, the entity entrusted as both the custodian of and arbiter for the expenditure of the money collected in San Bernardino County as a consequence of the original 1989 passage and 2004 extension of Measure I, the county-wide half-cent sales tax override devoted entirely to transportation-related

improvements.

In November 1991, two years after the original passage of Measure I, roughly 95 percent of 20,105-square mile San Bernardino County was comprised of unincorporated county areas, 21 cities and one incorporated town. Later that month, on November 27, 1991, the Town of Yucca Valley became San Bernardino County's 23rd incorporated municipality. Four days later, on December 1, 1991, Chino Hills became San Bernardino County's 24th incorporated municipality. Since that time, SANBAG and its dual successors, SBCTA – the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority – and SBCOG – the San Bernardino Council of Governments – have boards consisting of 29 voting members, consisting of a mayor or council member from each of the county's 22 cities and two incorporated towns and all five members of the board of supervisors.

San Bernardino County is the largest county in the lower 48 states. Indeed, it is larger than Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware and New Hampshire, combined. With so much territory and so many voting constituents on the SANBAG board, the demands on its management were extraordinary, even for those of governmental entities. Typical city managers in San Bernardino County had to answer to five members of a city council or, in the cases of three of the cities, seven members.

With Deborah Barmack's retirement as SANBAG's executive director in 2011, Ty Schuiling served in the capacity of interim director for a duration, at which point Dr. Wolfe was induced to come in as Barmack's full-fledged replacement. In lieu of the \$124,869.89 in sal-

ary and roughly \$75,000 in benefits he was making with Caltrans, the SANBAG board offered him \$212,530 in annual salary, another \$21,000 in pay add-ons and \$74,967.81 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$308,497.81 to start.

Wolfe, as SBCTA executive director, has 29 political masters, each with different expectations, priorities and demands. Well before Wolfe's arrival as director, SANBAG had set its methodology for prioritizing the projects and programs that are to be paid for with the Measure I revenue along with any other state or federal funding the agency receives. An overarching principle in San Bernardino County has long been ensuring that traffic continues to flow on the regional transportation system by which the county's residents make their several ways to their places of employment on a daily basis.

The I-10 Freeway, which was conceptually laid out to span the continent from Santa Monica to Jacksonville, Florida by the Federal Highway Administration in 1947 and came into existence in California during the Eisenhower Administration, runs east from Los Angeles through San Bernardino County to Riverside County and Palm Springs and beyond. It was the original and remains the major freeway from San Bernardino County to Los Angeles. By the mid-1960s, it was beset with standstill traffic westbound beginning with the "rush hour" between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. involving commuters heading into the megalopolis to work in the morning and similar traffic backups of eastbound traffic beginning around 5 p.m. in the late afternoon and early evening of weekdays. In 1969, following the redesignation of a similarly numbered east-west route, the 60 Freeway running from Los Angeles County in the west through south San Bernardino County and then into Riverside County

opened, alleviating, for a time the logjam on the 10 Freeway. Nevertheless, with the explosive growth that took place in Southern California after the Second World War continuing apace throughout the latter half of the 20th Century, by the mid-1970s both freeways were overburdened.

In 2002, the western segment of the I-210 Freeway from Glendora opened, creating what was essentially a third east-west freeway in San Bernardino County linking it with Los Angeles County. Again, this temporarily alleviated some of the flow off of the 10 and 60 freeways in the morning and late afternoon/early evening, but within three years all three freeways again regularly jammed up on a daily basis, Monday through Friday.

In 1992, the Metrolink commuter rail system was established between Union Station in Los Angeles and the City of San Bernardino on a long existing track originally designed for heavy engines pulling freight cars. Metrolink utilizes diesel engines to pull its passenger cars and must share its track with four freight trains on a daily basis, such that at present it features 17 departures daily from Downtown San Bernardino to Union Station in Los Angeles and 17 departures daily from Union Station to San Bernardino. The most frequent departures of Metrolink from San Bernardino to Los Angeles are the ten between 3:41 am and 9:38 am, averaging one every 45 minutes and 42 seconds. The most frequent departures of Metrolink from Los Angeles to San Bernardino are the ten between 3:38 p.m. and 9:38 p.m. every afternoon and evening, one every 36 minutes. The traveling time between San Bernardino and Los Angeles on Metrolink runs between one hour and 35 minutes to one hour and 40 minutes. The traveling time between Los Angeles and San Bernardino on Metrolink runs between

one hour and 43 minutes and one hour and 48 minutes.

In 2003, the first link of the light passenger rail Gold Line was established between Union Station and Sierra Madre Villa in Los Angeles County. Over \$1 billion has been expended extending the Gold Line, consisting of a light rail train on two separate tracks running northerly from Los Angeles to the San Gabriel Foothill communities and then west-to-east, conversely, back from Azusa to Union Station. The Gold Line runs with significantly greater frequency than does Metrolink, with 106 departures daily from the station at Azusa Pacific University to Union Station per day from 4 a.m. to 12:50 a.m. The trains run every 9 minutes at peak usage times to every 20 minutes during late morning, mid-afternoon and later evening hours. The Gold Line offers 105 departures daily from Union Station to Azusa between 4:02 a.m. and 1:02 a.m., with trains running every 8 minutes during peak commuting hours and every 24 minutes during off-peak hours.

While at one point ridership on Metrolink neared 30 percent capacity, it dropped considerably, rarely achieving 20 percent capacity for nearly two decades. With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, ridership on Metrolink decreased precipitously. At present, Metrolink trains remain nearly 95 percent empty. In some cases, as in Rancho Cucamonga, elected officials took action which discouraged ridership, such as ending free parking at the Metrolink station and imposing a per day charge for use of the parking spaces at its car lot.

With each progression of the Gold Line eastward in the San Gabriel Valley, ridership increased until in eclipsed 50,000 riders on weekdays in 2016, continuing to expand thereafter. Though the number of

passengers dipped with the onset of the coronavirus crisis in 2020, usage has now returned to pre-pandemic levels. Enthusiasm for the light rail travel mode expanded by astounding proportions in comparison to that of Metrolink. During peak usage times, the cars would be filled to near or actual capacity.

Under Barmack's direction, SANBAG came to embrace the concept of extending the Gold Line to the Montclair Transit Center just across the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County boundary, with the tacit expectation that it would thereafter eventually continue to Ontario Airport, and the suggestion that the line would by the mid-21st Century reach San Bernardino and beyond, ultimately to be taken on as a project by transportation authorities in Riverside County, where the line would run to Palm Springs.

Upon Wolfe's hiring as SANBAG's executive director, the agency continued on a trajectory toward seeing the continuing eastern projection of the Gold Line, with a yet-to-be-realized phase extending it from Pomona through Claremont to Montclair.

To cover the portion of the distance on the San Bernardino County side of the county line, the cost for that span was projected to cost \$80 million. Upon the Los Angeles County-based Gold Line Construction Authority having committed toward what is to be the next nine-mile, \$806 million extension of the light rail line from Azusa to northern Pomona, Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County transportation officials began to look toward pressing forward with the 3.3-mile extension from Pomona through Claremont to Montclair's transit center that would come after that, which was estimated to cost \$450 million. In 2017, the International Olympic Committee committed to holding the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, a reprise of what

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With Board Trio On The Constant Look-out For A Fourth Vote To Cashier Him, Ervin Lost His Will To Stay *from page 3*

which point no consensus could be formed in settling upon one of the 19 people who had applied for that honor, including five – Travon Martin, Elsa Valdez, Albert Avila, Pamela Montana and Leticia Garcia – who were given serious consideration but could get only two or three of the four votes needed to be selected.

At two of the five regularly scheduled board meetings held since, on April 5 and this week's meeting on May 3, the board was scheduled once again to discuss "Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release."

It is not clear whether the employee being discussed was Ervin.

Within the last three weeks, the *Sentinel* has learned, Ervin resolved to leave the district with the close of the current school year. This precluded the need for Medina, Flores and Tillman

to find a fourth vote to force Ervin's departure.

According to a source highly placed within the district, upon Ervin enunciating his intention of stepping away from the district, Medina, Flores and Tillman readily supported him in that decision, Board President Scott Wyatt reluctantly acquiesced to it as Ervin's personal decision to make and board members Ceballos and Dowdy-Rodgers were opposed to accepting Ervin's departure.

After returning from the closed session at Tuesday night's meeting, the board and staff, including Ervin, continued with the meeting's proceedings as usual. Upon reaching that portion of the meeting relating to reports and comments from the superintendent and staff, Ervin took the floor.

A hint of what was coming was presaged by what appeared to be Ervin doing a recap of his accomplishments with the district. He said that the "district did a really good job of reopening schools for in-person learning by navigating an ongoing pandemic" and that under his di-

rection district staff and the board "engaged hundreds of our stakeholders...during our listening-learning tour... shining a light on the district's most urgent issues." He cited the district's effort to "establish the equity access and innovation division. I knew that was important to ensure that all students have the support and opportunity that they need to be successful. I really wanted to enhance our college readiness for high school students districtwide." He pointed out that the district "engaged parents to improve communication" and he referenced what he said was an important "pilot program for... literacy and math" laboratories, which he said the district would apply in wider venues throughout its schools in the future. He touted, as well, a "teacher-led effort to align curriculum and assessments. I hope the educational community was encouraged by our work," he said, saying that he has sought, while he has been in San Bernardino, to do what he has pursued throughout his career, which is to "accelerate student performance."

to become the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department. No longer an independent district, it shares the distinction with the Ontario Fire Department as one of only two such entities in the County of San Bernardino to have its financial books kept on a ledger separate from its city's general fund.

Spagnolo lived and worked through the Foothill Fire District's

around it into year-round resort.

Mlynarski, a member of the American Planning Association, the Baldy View Chapter of the Building Industry Association, of which he is currently an executive committee member, the Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation, of which he is also the chief financial officer, and the National Association of Home Builders, ran as a pro-development candidate for city council in San Bernardino's

Seventh Ward two years ago. He possesses solid credentials relating to guiding developmental interests in achieving entitlements to build based upon his professional experience. He was an assistant planner with the City of Fontana and then an associate planner and zoning administrator with the City of Palm Dale. He left the public sector and parlayed his experience behind the planning counter to become the vice president of land development

Ervin said, "I think we all know its been a very challenging year. Even the last couple of years have been challenging and personally, I think we've made some really impressive steps forward as we think about the... framework for excellence as we've thought about the service delivery models. I think the team, and all of our stakeholders should be proud of the progress toward implementing strong curricular and strong instructional, operational, social, emotional and also wellness systems."

At that point, Ervin cut to the quintessence of what it was he was saying.

"After careful thought and consideration, and really after close to 30 years of public service, I've decided to retire from the San Bernardino City Unified School District, effective July 1. Is it tough? Yeah, of course it's a tough decision, but I made this decision, one, after talking to my family, my kids and my wife and you want to have those conversations when you make big decisions, but also my health, because I want

independent phase and then became a city employee with the district's unification with Rancho Cucamonga. In the meantime, he advanced career-wise, achieving the rank of captain.

He was an active member of the Rancho Cucamonga Professional Firefighters Association, Local 2274 of the International Association of

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with Moning Development in Fullerton, later becoming vice president of market development with Redlands-based Sierra Engineering. He worked with two civil engineering and land surveying companies before purchasing one of them and converting it to Transtech Engineers, Inc. He is guiding Greenberg and Landver in their application with the San Bernardino County Land Use Services De-

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to go into the future still being healthy. And then also – I know people are not going to agree with this or understand this – but in the best interest of the kids who attend our schools. I always think about 'This is bigger than me.' Everything we do is bigger than me. It's about kids. And I know that my presence sometimes can impact that, and I don't want my presence to impact that and the work we do for kids. I really came here to the district hoping to accomplish a few things in the last rodeo part of my career, specifically really to take the district to the next level of student achievement, because I still believe the district's got a lot of great things happening and I truly believe that. However, we all know that sometimes – and I believe publicly that people have to understand that sometimes – in educational institutions but in any organization there's occasional philosophy or philosophies that are not aligned. And when they're not aligned, it gets in the way of progress. That's okay. That's just the reality of the world we live in. I'm okay with that. But I do believe the future of the district will be better served by a superintendent who aligns more closely with not only the board's leadership style but the educational philosophy, because that's in the best interest of the kids and the students we serve. I believe they will be able to get someone, and the district can find someone that as they move forward that'll help them move forward and continue the work because there's already been a lot of good work done."

Having taken the high road and held back with regard to a number of issues roiling below the surface, Ervin then hinted that perhaps some of his political masters on the board were militating not for providing for the best educational opportunities for the students of the district but rather toward some unspecified venal goal.

"Our actions, attitudes behaviors and beliefs should always reflect our commitment in making decisions that are good for kids," he said. "When you don't do that, silence is acceptance."

Indication that Ervin was being forced from his post came a little later when Board Member Gwendolyn Dowdy-Rodgers said, "I'm clearly disappointed at how we arrived at this place. The vote I made for a qualified and seasoned superintendent that I would support has never wavered. Yet here we are." She lamented that the board and district are now at "an impasse when it comes to education," which she attributed to "a refusal to work as one body toward the success of this district."

Board Member Mayra Ceballos was even more explicit, saying that she was being pressured to "show a united front and say that 'Nothing's happening. Mr. Ervin's deciding to retire early.' Well, he's not. This is a forced retirement. Make no mistake about it. When he came on board, it was a 7-0 vote. He's leaving with a 4-2 vote. Obviously, I didn't vote for any of it. I voted against it. I believe he stepped on some very powerful or influential people's toes in the district, and he is being run out of town. That is my personal belief. Whatever repercussions we have to face as a board, then we own up to them. That is accountability, the same type of accountability that we ask for our employees, that we ask of our students, high expectations. That applies to us, as well. We are accountable to people out in the community. I still don't understand what the conflict has been. I don't see that he's done anything wrong, aside from personality differences, rubbing people the wrong way. Are we adults here? I am embarrassed to sit up here. Let's see how many other of our executives leave us. We've... wasted time, wasted resources, money, yes."

-Mark Gutglueck

Spagnolo Gone At 80 *from front page*

area of unincorporated San Bernardino County stretching from the Upland City Limits in the west to the unincorporated county area bordering Fontana's sphere of influence to the east.

In 1971, he purchased a home in what six years later would be incorporated as Rancho Cucamonga.

Wonder Valley Resort Proponents Seek Rezoning *from front page*

Alan Greenberg and Jason Landver have retained David Mlynarski and his company, Trans-tech Engineers, Inc., to seriously explore converting the 4,407-square foot former Southern California Edison facility most commonly known by locals as "the pink building" and a portion of the 134.6 acres

County Transportation Officials Have Now Turned To Freeway Toll Lanes As The Solution To Ending Gridlock *from page 6*

had occurred in 1932 and 1984. This provoked serious contemplation at multiple levels of dynamically speeding up the timetable for the construction of the Gold Line such that it would be intact all the way to Ontario Airport and running by Summer 2028.

The SANBAG/San Bernardino County Transportation Authority dedicated \$39 million in Measure I dollars toward the Gold Line project and did a joint application with the Los Angeles Metro Transit Agency for a State of California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant. That application was successful and it brought in \$250 million on the Los Angeles County side, which made a significant but not complete inroad on the funding deficit that jurisdiction had, and provided another \$41 million of the then-projected \$80 million cost for the San Bernardino County portion of the projected expense on the eastern side of the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County border in terms of getting the line to Montclair.

Subsequently, however, when the project went out to bid, it turned out the cost of building the line from Claremont to Montclair would not contain itself to an earlier \$73 million projection or the later \$80 million estimate, but had escalated to \$96 million.

In reaction to that projected cost overrun, Wolfe in September 2019 signaled to the authority's board his recommendation that "we throw in the towel" on the Gold Line extension effort.

Wolfe made good on that at the October 10, 2019 San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's transit subcommittee meeting,

telling the committee members that it was his recommendation that SBCTA dispense with constructing the new Gold Line track into San Bernardino County altogether and to instead have Gold Line passengers heading eastward from Los Angeles or the San Gabriel Valley load onto another train at the Claremont Station which will run on the existing Metrolink track. That system will use so-called diesel multiple unit trains in what he said was a "hybrid" plan which he dubbed the "Gold Link." Wolfe said San Bernardino County should return the \$41 million State of California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant.

The SBCTA Transit Subcommittee, composed of representatives from the cities of Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Yucaipa and the Third Supervisorial District, voted on his recommendation. Ultimately, the transit subcommittee backed Wolfe, with Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe and the representatives of the cities of Yucaipa, Highland, Rialto, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga supporting him. Only Montclair, Ontario and Chino Hills opposed his plan to scrub the county's support of the Gold Line.

Wolfe's leadership in this instance dismayed a number of decisionmakers, urban planners and futurists who took for granted that he shared with them a vision and understanding of what is to become the commuting methodology of the future. Among those were Assemblyman Chris Holden (D-41st District), State Senator Anthony Portantino (D-25th District) and a host of Wolfe's counterparts with transportation agencies in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties.

The 7 am-to-8 am and 5 pm-to-6 pm backup on the 10 Freeway in

the mid-1960s has now turned into 6 am-to-9:30 am and 3:30 pm to 7 pm gridlock on the 60, 10 and 210 freeways. The only prospect for resolving that issue is an alternative commuting option, some officials and urban planners say. The Gold Line – the 21st Century equivalent of the Red Line that Alfred P. Sloan destroyed, many insist, is that option.

Paul Leon was member of the Ontario City Council from 1998 until 2005, and he has been Ontario Mayor since 2005.

"We are faced with this monster we call addressing the gridlock on our freeways and we are continually paying huge amounts of money to feed that monster," Leon said. "But every time we do, we don't have enough money to slay the monster and it keeps growing and it's getting bigger and bigger."

Leon said, "We were told that if we built the 210 Freeway it would serve to end the congestion on the 10 Freeway, and so we built the 210 Freeway and now what we have is congestion on the 210 Freeway and 10 Freeway and the 60 Freeway."

The answer does not consist of trying to accommodate more cars on the freeway, Mayor Leon said. "The number of cars will continue, for the foreseeable future, to grow faster than we can add lanes to the freeway," he said. "There's an absolute limit on how wide we can go with the freeway. We're putting in four new toll lanes on the 10 Freeway now. That's close to the limit."

The Gold Line is the one available solution that can be pursued, he said. "The Gold Line consists of dual trains on two separate parallel tracks running into and out of Los Angeles with departures in either direction five to six times an hour," he said. "Go to Azusa, or Duarte, or Monrovia or Pasadena. Those trains are packed, in either direction. If you can't get on or you miss the train, there's another one in eight or twelve

minutes. It's reliable. In Los Angeles, it is diverting a significant number of commuters off the freeway. That is what we need here."

John Dutrey, Montclair's mayor, diplomatically stated that he harbors hope the October 2019 decision to abandon the Gold Line in San Bernardino County can be reversed.

For a multitude of reasons, futurists and those looking at the shortcomings in the current regional transportation system were baffled by Wolfe's decision to terminate San Bernardino County's participation in the Gold Line undertaking. Not only did that project offer the most likely means of transferring commuters traveling one or two people to a car into passenger rail cars carrying several hundred riders at once, they say, but substantial grant money – well over \$3 billion – from state and federal sources is available to the county to defray a substantial portion of the \$6 billion to \$6.55 billion cost of constructing the Gold Line to San Bernardino. Committing to the completion of the project now and securing right-of-way earlier rather than later will drive down that cost, the light rail project's supporters maintain. Wolfe's decision to limit San Bernardino County's rail passenger service operations to the single existing track in place now used by Metrolink and freight trains holds no realistic prospect in the current generation or the next of generating sufficient commuter rail ridership to put a dent in the overburdened freeway system and the gridlock that besets it, they insist.

Wolfe's counsel to the SBCTA board with regard to the Gold Line has not been the only element of his regional transportation strategy that has come under fire.

He has been assailed for failing to correct the financing arrangements committed to by the politicians heading SANBAG from the inception of the Measure I taxing/revenue

generating mechanism which his predecessors as SANBAG's/SBCTA's administrators simply went along with, that being reliance on bond issuances. In this way, many see the decision of the SANBAG board, in the immediate aftermath of the initial passage of Measure I in 1989, to use its taxing authority to issue and sell tax bonds to carry out the transportation projects described in the expenditure plan that had been developed by SANBAG staff and the politicians that made up the SANBAG board as a colossal faux pas. Because the previous staff leadership with SANBAG did not have the courage or character to stand up to its political masters and insist that SANBAG exercise patience so that it could devote the Measure I funds to making actual capital improvements rather than committing to spending a major portion of that funding on debt service did not mean that Wolfe had to shrink from insisting that the politicians he was working for impose financial discipline on themselves and reverse that course, fiscal conservatives say. Under Wolfe, they assert, the squandering of Measure I funds that was ongoing long before his arrival as head of SANBAG and what is now SBCTA, which they see as having been a flaw in SANBAG from its inception, was perpetuated after Wolfe arrived. It is their perception that Wolfe, just as his predecessors, lacks the character and courage to stand up to his political masters to inform them that their continuing to indulge their own political vanity is contrary to those politicians' constituents' true interests.

Wolfe, as one of the most handsomely paid government functionaries in San Bernardino County, with a total annual compensation package which has at this point grown to \$564,568.45 per year, values keeping his job and his salary and benefits too much to confront the politicians who employ him, they

say. Thus, they say there is no prospect Wolfe will take on the task of trying to convince the SBCTA board that having the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority continuing to rely on bond financing in a way that diverts taxpayer money to paying for bond debt servicing rather than capital improvements limits the inroads the county and its cities could otherwise be making against the region's transportation challenges. If from the outset of his time as SANBAG executive director Wolfe had been truly courageous enough to serve the taxpayers, they assert, he would have risked displeasing the SANBAG/SBCTA board by convincing them to defer further capital projects until the agency's bonded indebtedness was retired once and for all, such that the agency by this point would be able to directly use the influx of Measure I money and state and federal grants to pay as it goes using its taxpayer-provided revenue without relying upon bond issuances. In this way, Wolfe's critics maintain he has squandered the nearly ten years he has been in position as the SANBAG/SBCTA executive director by not standing up to his political masters and inspiring them to put the interests of their constituents and the taxpayers who pay his salary ahead of those politicians' crass political interest and lead them to correct the mistakes of the past by getting the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority off the bonded indebtedness debt-servicing treadmill.

There is a countervailing school of thought, one to which Wolfe adheres, that with the constant rise in costs, increasing wages and the price of materials it is better for an agency such as SBCTA to begin work on infrastructure projects immediately in an attempt to beat inflation by getting the projects done before costs escalate. This requires

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The following person is doing business as: G-MAN'S COLLECTIBLES & SERVICES 16555 ATHOL STREET APT 107 FONTANA 92335: EDUARDO R GUDINO

16555 ATHOL STREET APT 107 FONTANA 92335

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: December 6, 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/ Eduardo Gudino
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/05/2022

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 J2534

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T.S. No. 17-20197-SP-CA Title No. 170125209-CA-VOI A.P.N. 0225-711-11-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/03/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Terri L. Levesque, A Widowed Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 01/06/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0011068 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 05/31/2022 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Chino Municipal Court, North West Entrance in the Courtyard, 13260 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$742,825.82 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12202 Canyon Meadows Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739 A.P.N.: 0225-711-11-0-000 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

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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)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, 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 17-20197-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: 04/15/2022 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 04/22/2022, 04/29/2022, 05/06/2022 CPP352325

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA POMPA aka BONNIE POMPA CASE NO. PROSB2200411 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of VIRGINIA POMPA aka BONNIE POMPA has been filed by SABRINA RODRIGUEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SABRINA RODRIGUEZ 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

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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 MAY 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S35 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Filed: MARCH 23, 2022
Aspen Jackson, Deputy Court Clerk
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: MARCH 23, 2022 Attorney for Sabrina Rodriguez: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DENNIS BRYAN PRICE aka DENNIS PRICE CASE NO. PROSB2200478 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DENNIS BRYAN PRICE aka DENNIS PRICE has been filed by KAYLA DENISE PRICE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KAYLA DENISE PRICE 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

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held MAY 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S37P at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Filed: APRIL 5, 2022
Brittney Spears, Deputy Court Clerk
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: APRIL 5, 2022 Attorney for Kayla D. Price: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SALVADOR RICHARD SANCHEZ aka SAL SANCHEZ CASE NO. PROSB2200425 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of SALVADOR RICHARD SANCHEZ aka SAL SANCHEZ has been filed by SABRINA RODRIGUEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SABRINA RODRIGUEZ 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 MAY 25, 2022 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.

Filed: MARCH 28, 2022
Rebecca Hernandez, Deputy Court Clerk
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-

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tions 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: MARCH 28, 2022 Attorney for Sabrina Rodriguez: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JANEATTE ESTORGA AKA JEANEATTE ESTORGA CASE NO. PROSB2200474 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JANEATTE ESTORGA aka JEANEATTE ESTORGA has been filed by HEIDI GONZALEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that HEIDI GONZALEZ 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 MAY 17, 2022 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.

Filed: APRIL 5, 2022
Aspen Jackson, Deputy Court Clerk
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

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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: April 5, 2022 Attorney for Heidi Gonzalez: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ERNESTINA OLIVA VELASQUEZ CASE NO. PROSB 2200477 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ERNESTINA OLIVA VELASQUEZ A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by REBECCA OLIVA CALDERILLA in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that REBECCA OLIVA CALDERILLA 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. S-37 at 9:00 a.m. on MAY 12, 2022 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

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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. 1894 COMMERCENT-ER WEST, SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 Telephone No: (909) 890-2350 Fax No: (909) 890-0106

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The following person is doing business as: RIG RUNNER 2941 N. LOCUST AVE RIALTO, CA 92377: EZE TRUCKING, LLC 2941 N. LOCUST AVE RIALTO, CA 92377

Mailing Address: 24955 145 NORTH SUITE 300 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered in Delaware 200907710317.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 1, 2018

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/ DATREN WILLIAMS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/08/2022

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 I1327

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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The following person is doing business as: BIG BEAR PHYSICAL THERAPY & WELLNESS 39031 WATERVIEW DRIVE BIG BEAR LAKE, CA 92315: RECREATE PHYSICAL THERAPY & WELLNESS, 2108 N ST. STE N SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

Mailing Address: PO BOX 120821 BIG BEAR LAKE, CA 92315

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered in California 4862859.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: APRIL 8, 2022

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/ THOMAS BRADLEY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/15/2022

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 J2534

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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The following person is doing business as: MOO MOO COWS 6870 ROVATO PLACE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701:

BLUE WHALE LOGISTICS INC 1825 W MOSSBERG AVE WEST COVINA, CA 91790

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California as C4681738

The registrants 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

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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/ YING GUAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 03/08/2022

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 I1327

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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FBN20220002009

The following person is doing business as: INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM 14264 VALLEY BOULEVARD FONTANA, CA 92335; TRACY J COFFMAN 3115 HEATHER DRIVE FULLERTON, CA 92835

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/01/2007

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/ TRACY J COFFMAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MARCH 7, 2022

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 I1327

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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The following person is doing business as: GOLD STANDARD EVENTS 11100 4TH STREET G301 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

VISIONAIRE CONSULTING GROUP LLC 11100 4TH STREET G301 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Mailing Address: 11100 4TH STREET G301 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California 202016011125

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: February 13, 2022

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/ JENNIFER JONES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/18/2022

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 I8296

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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T.S. No. 21-00641-LC-CA Title No. 2049831 A.P.N. 1089-371-19-0-000 NOTICE OF

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TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/14/2003. 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: Esther Abijana, a widow Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/25/2003 as Instrument No. 2003-0121321 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 05/31/2022 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Chino Municipal Court, North West Entrance in the Courtyard, 13260 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$109,970.59 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11511 Amelia Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701 A.P.N.: 1089-371-19-0-000 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)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the

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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 21-00641-LC-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: 04/20/2022 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 04/29/2022, 05/06/2022, 05/13/2022 CPP352362

SUMMONS – (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) 30-2021-01224356-CL-BC-CJC

NOTICE TO WEI ZHENG, an individual; GEXIN ZHAO, an individual

(AVISO DEMANDADO): YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: FUYI GAO, an individual

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): TAYLOR STRICKLAND

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

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

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

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uen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una repuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no le protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida si secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratis de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelp-california.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la dirección de la corte es): ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER 700 CIVIC CENTER WEST SANTA ANA, CA 92701

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Pu Huang, Esq. Law Offices of Pu Huang 2102 Business Center Dr. Suite 105 Irvine, CA 92612 Phone: 626-378-5287 DATE (Fecha): 10/05/2021 Clerk (Secretario), by DAVID H. YAMASAKI

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FBN20220002850
The following person is doing business as: THE COZY BUDDHA 6724 PASITO AVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701: CRISTA CAME 6724 PASITO AVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

[and] WAYDE CAME 6724 PASITO AVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: FEBRUARY 19, 2022

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/ CRISTA CAME
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 03/31/2022 J2534

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

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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 4/29, 5/6 5/13 & 5/20, 2022.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIVSB 2207240 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: DAMON WARD THOMPSON filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DAMON WARD THOMPSON TO DAMON WARD NELMS

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: 06/02/2022 Time: 08:30 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: April 15, 2022 Judge of the Superior Court: JOHN M PACHECO

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 04/29/2022, 05/06/22, 05/13/22 & 05/20/22

T.S. No. 20-20197-SP-CA Title No. 200079866-CA-VOI A.P.N. 1050-661-09-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/22/2007. 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(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, in-

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terest 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: Haidee S Royval, wife of Grantor herein, a married woman as her sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 01/31/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0062975 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 06/09/2022 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main (South) Entrance to the City of Chino Civic Center, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino, CA. 91710 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$231,917.67 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1459 South Euclid Avenue #17 Ontario, CA 91762 A.P.N.: 1050-661-09-0-000 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)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 20-20197-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: 05/02/2022 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Di-

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ego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 05/06/2022, 05/13/2022, 05/20/2022 CPP352433

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD GREEN aka RICHARD ARTHUR GREEN Case No. PROSB2200589

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD GREEN aka RICHARD ARTHUR GREEN

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David Green be appointed as special administrator with general powers to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 31, 2022 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. S37 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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

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

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

YOU MAY 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: LOREN J CASTRO ESQ SBN 168623 CASTRO LAW A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 377 E CHAPMAN AVE STE 220 PLACENTIA CA 92870 CN986584 GREEN May 6,13,20, 2022

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Ramona Tafolla Case NO. PROSB2200530

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Deborah Tafolla 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

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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 09:00 AM on 05/19/2022 Room: at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Probate Division at 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

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

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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Ellis Charles Salyer aka Ellis C. Salyer aka Ellis Salyer Case NO. PROB2200581

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Ellis Charles Salyer aka Ellis C. Salyer aka Ellis Salyer

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Salyer in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael Salyer 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. S35 at 09:00 AM on 05/26/2022 Room: at

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Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Probate Division at 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

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

Richard G. Anderson 1365 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 2, Upland, CA 91786

Telephone No: (909) 949-2226 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on: 05/06/2022, 05/13/2022, 05/20/2022

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV CB 2207721

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

Genesis Danielle Garcia to Genesis Danielle Aguilar 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: 06/27/2022 Time: 08:00 AM Department: S1B

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil Division 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: 04/26/2022 Judge of the Superior Court: John M. Pacheco

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 05/06/2022, 05/13/2022, 05/20/2022, 05/27/2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-FBN20220003583

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: KJ FLIP FLOPPING, 6302 APPLE AVE, RAILTO, CA 92377 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Mailing Address: 62302 APPLE AVE, RAILTO, CA 92377, JOSEPH F SANCHEZ, 6302 APPLE AVE, RAILTO, CA 92377, KERRI SANCHEZ, 6302 APPLE AVE, RIALTO, CA 92377 Business is Conducted By: A MARRIED COUPLE Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/JOSEPH F SANCHEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 04/18/2022

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 04/11/2022 County Clerk, 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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s/JOSEPH F SANCHEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 04/18/2022

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 04/11/2022 County Clerk, 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).

05/06/2022, 05/13/2022, 05/20/2022, 05/27/2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-FBN20220003232

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LITTLE BEAR BOTTLE SHOP, 28578 STATE HIGHWAY 18, UNIT A, SUITE 3, SKYFOREST, CA 92385 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Mailing Address: PO BOX 857, SKYFOREST, CA 92385, LITTLEBEAR LLC, 28578 STATE HIGHWAY 18, UNIT A, SUITE 3, SKYFOREST, CA 92385 STATE OF INC./ORG./REG. CA Business is Conducted By: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/NATHAN SAMUEL HAZARD This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 04/11/2022

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 06/04/2021 County Clerk, 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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2205209

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

JIEYING YU to EILEEN JIEYING YU

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: June 22, 2022 Time: 08:30 AM Department: S-17

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

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.

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s/ LUCIANO SOTO VALENCIA Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/04/2022

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s/ DALIA E. VAZQUEZ GONZALEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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s/ ISIDORO GONZALEZ ALMADA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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s/ CIRILO SANTIAGO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/19/2022

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s/ JOSEPH P. ADAMS JR, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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The following person is doing business as: ROYAL BITES CUISINE OF INDIA 9928 SIERRA AVE FONTANA, CA 92335 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO; MAILING ADDRESS 16576 OEGASYS BAY PL FONTANA, CA 92335; TALWINDER SINGH 9928 SIERRA AVE FONTANA, CA 92335 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAR 21, 2022

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s/ TALWINDER SINGH, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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s/ MICHAEL R. EDWARDS, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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s/ ISIDORO GONZALEZ ALMADA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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s/ JOSEPH P. ADAMS JR, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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s/ JEVITA R. WEBSTER, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 01, 2022

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s/ MICHAEL D. DRANEY, MANAGING MEMBER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MARCH 31, 2022

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s/ RICHARD L. GAPKO, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 04, 2022

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Despite His Engineering Acumen, Administrative Expertise & Command Of Public Agency Operational Principles, Wolfe Lacks The Ability And Courage To Conform The Legion Of Self-Oriented Politicians He Advises To Forget Themselves And Pull Together For The Greater Good, His Critics Say from page 8

borrowing against the agency's assets and future revenue when interest rates are low enough to get ahead of inflation. That strategy can indeed work, but it is a risky venture subject to market rates and unpredictable economic vicissitudes.

An outgrowth of the diversion of Measure I money to cover the agency's bonded indebtedness is that funding for actual capital improvements that would provide a wider and better range of transportation options is lacking and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority finds itself in the position of turning to solutions that are less than ideal. One of these is the county's reliance on the underused single-track Metrolink system with its infrequent departures and arrivals rather than the heavily used double-track Gold Line, which is also referred to as the L-Line, with its highly reliable and frequent departures and arrivals.

Another crucial shortcoming because of the diversion of taxpayer revenue is that SBCTA does not have adequate

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funds to maximize the width of the existing freeway rights-of-way through San Bernardino County through the addition of lanes. So, instead of simply adding those lanes and paying for that expansion with Measure I revenue and whatever available federal and state grants might come its way, SBCTA undertook to widen the 10 Freeway by four lanes running from the county line in Montclair all the way to Fontana, a project that is yet ongoing, through a funding scheme that involves developing both lanes going east and both lanes going west as toll lanes.

It is the I-10 toll lane project, one that critics say will upon its completion be readily apparent as a failure of the county's political leadership to deal with its transportation challenges, that represents what will predictably be the most serious threat to Wolfe's tenure as SBCTA's leader.

There is no mistaking that the work on the I-10 Freeway now under way is both impressive and extensive; upon completion the existing four

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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/ JUAN E GARRIDO, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 13, 2022 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 04/29/2022, 05/06/2022, 05/13/2022, 05/20/2022 CN-BB17202210MT

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The following person is doing business as: PRO TILE & DECOR, 1101 W 9TH ST UPLAND, CA 91786 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO PRO KITCHEN Z7 BATH INC 1101 W 9TH ST UPLAND, CA 91786 YANETTE CASTILLO, PRESIDENT; 1101 W 9TH ST UPLAND, CA 91786. 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

lanes in both directions will be increased by two each, transforming the freeway in that span from a modern eight lane interstate to a 12-lane superhighway.

Since last September, the *Sentinel* has spoken with a cross section of county residents who use the Interstate 10 Freeway on a constant basis, primarily in traveling to and from their place of employment. Most lament the construction along the freeway, involving lane closures and temporary narrowing of the entire thoroughfare, as bothersome, indeed irritating, but generally reflect a stoic and understanding resignation at having to deal with a situation in which they have no choice. A recurrent theme is that they are putting up with the hassle because they anticipate being patient will, in time and upon the completion of the project, make the freeway safer and more travelable, increasing the freeway's current capacity by half again.

Upon being told that the new lanes will not be in place until 2024, most expressed dismay at having to endure the current situation for another two years.

That sentiment was mild, however, in comparison to the reaction members of the common citizenry express upon being informed that the construction work they

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are encountering on a daily basis is taking place to make way for toll lanes being added to the freeway, ones they will need to pay for in order to use.

While it is true that many or most local elected officials know the nature of the lanes being constructed, virtually no citizens at large know they are to be charged a fee for using them.

The arguments against establishing freeway toll lanes are myriad.

The right-of-way where the toll lanes are to be established are public property, paid for decades ago by the state's taxpayers. In addition, Californians pay the highest state gas taxes in the nation, creating a revenue stream that is intended to provide highway infrastructure and defray the cost of transportation improvements.

While toll roads, sometimes referred to as turnpikes, have long existed in the United States, they were historically nonexistent in California until relatively late in the 20th Century, when they emerged as privately owned routes that were alternatives to public roads and highways. Toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area were extant. In Northern California there are toll lanes, referred to as express lanes, on the 580, 680, 880 and 237 freeways. More than three

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decades ago, toll lanes were established on State Routes 73, 133, 241 and 261 in Orange County followed by express lanes on the 91 Freeway. There are express lanes on the 15 Freeway in San Diego County. What are referred to as Metro Express lanes debuted in Los Angeles County in 2012 on the I-10 and 110 freeways.

San Bernardino County was a holdout against toll lanes, but in 2014, after Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Lloyd D. Michael became the president of SANBAG, Wolfe, wrestling with intractable financial issues, began pushing for San Bernardino County to construct toll lanes.

The concept was by no means universally accepted.

Then-Fontana City Councilman Michael Tahan, who represented his city on the SANBAG board, resisted the idea, as did others. The proposed additions to the freeway were denounced by opponents as "Rolls Royce lanes" or "Cadillac lanes" or Mercedes lanes" or "Lexus lanes" or "Diamond lanes for the rich" by opponents, who said only the wealthy would be able to afford to use them.

There were arguments presented against the toll lanes along practical grounds, including that they would not lessen gridlock but intensify it. Observation of toll roads

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elsewhere in Southern California – in Los Angeles County and Orange County – demonstrates that the freeways where they are located are regularly tied up, with the toll lanes being marginally used, with occasional solo drivers purchasing the ability to drive in what are otherwise carpool lanes

This creates a spectacle whereby three, four or even five lanes of traffic will be very slow moving or not moving, while next to them is or are one or two lanes being hardly used at all in which cars are zooming by at speeds nearing, at or exceeding the speed limit. In this way, travel space on the freeway is squandered, and the lion's share of traffic moves at a far slower pace than it would if all lanes were available to the freeway's users.

Whether out of principle or financial consideration, the majority of freeway motorists in Southern California are unwilling to pay the money required to utilize toll lanes. For a significant number of people – perhaps even a majority of people – this comes across as unfair and an unwise apportionment of public money. California's motorists pay substantial vehicle licensing fees and an exorbitant gasoline tax. In San Bernardino County, resi-

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dents have elected to pay the Measure I tax based upon the assurance the money would be used to facilitate the construction of adequate transportation infrastructure. Yet, in San Bernardino County at present, those using the 10 Freeway are being forced to spend more time on the freeway than they would otherwise because of the ongoing construction of the toll lanes, and when that construction is completed, the vast majority of them will see virtually no personal benefit whatsoever. Those residents, as taxpayers, were and are in some fashion supporting the cost of creating a freeway system for collective use. Yet the toll system being built will exclude them from using the lanes being built within the freeway system they are paying for, unless they are willing to pay more money on top of the taxes and fees they have already paid.

The SANBAG board in 2015, upon considering all factors, in particular that there was inadequate revenue flowing into SANBAG's coffers to pay for increasing the number of lanes on the freeway, opted to undertake the toll lane project.

Of note is that in Orange County, the toll lanes built on state routes 73, 133, 241 and 261 were completed without, officials claim, the use of public funds, but rather were financed through the issuance of a special class of bonds dubbed "toll revenue bonds" sold to private investors. The bonds are debt serviced by the tolls and development impact fees imposed on the development industry and collected by the various local governments where the toll roads exist. The concept in Orange County was that over the 30-year life of the bonds, the debt to the bondholders would essentially be serviced by the tolls

paid by the toll road users, and after the bonded indebtedness was retired in full, the toll roads, which are owned by the California Department of Transportation, would cease being toll roads and become integrated with the existing non-fee lanes on those state routes. Because the toll roads were not used to the extent anticipated, the bonds were not debt serviced in conformance with the scheduled pay-off plan. As a consequence, the absorption of the toll roads into the regional road infrastructure such that everyone can use them without paying – which was supposed to have occurred by now – has not yet taken place. Those stretches of state highway will remain as toll roads until 2050.

In the case of the toll roads in San Bernardino County, involving both those to be constructed on the I-10 Freeway and on the I-15 Freeway as well, the financing is being handled through the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. Yet there has been no explicit public discussion with regard to the eventual sunset of the lanes as ones requiring a toll for their use, leaving open the possibility that they will remain toll lanes into perpetuity.

The circle of those responsible for the conception and actuation of the San Bernardino County toll lane plan is a small one. Foremost within that group is Wolfe, as SBCTA's executive director, and the politicians that represent the cities where the toll lanes are to be located. Those include Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Lloyd D. Michael, who was president of the SANBAG board when the San Bernardino County toll road plan was hatched, former Montclair Councilman and now Mayor John Dutrey, his city's representative on the SBCTA

board; Upland Councilman Carlos Garcia, Upland's representative on the SBCTA board; Ontario Councilman Alan Wapner, his city's representative on the SBCTA board; along with Second District County Supervisor Janice Rutherford, who represents a portion of Upland and all of Rancho Cucamonga, and current SBCTA President Curt Hagman, who represents a portion of Upland and all of Ontario and Montclair.

The majority of the past and current members of the SBCTA board acceded to establishing the I-10 toll lanes.

In addition to being SBCTA chairman, Hagman, is now the chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. Moreover, the cities of Montclair, Upland and Ontario, through which the I-10 toll lanes will run, lie within Hagman's Fourth District. Nevertheless, Hagman steadfastly refuses to publicly discuss SBCTA's commitment to establishing the toll lanes on the 10 Freeway. In referencing the project, he makes allusion to adding lanes, but does not mention that motorists will have to pay to use them. He is standing for reelection this year.

Similarly, Wapner is set to run for reelection in Ontario this year. He, too, has refused to go on record with regard to the toll lanes, aware that the vast majority of his constituents have no inkling that in order for them to use the lanes on the I-10 Freeway that are now being constructed in their city and are scheduled for completion in two years they will be charged a fee. Keeping those who will be called upon to vote either for him or his competitors in this year's election in the dark on that issue will enhance his reelection chances.

Dutrey is likewise up for reelection this year.

Councilman Garcia was not a member of the Upland City Council and therefore not a board member with SANBAG when the decision to go forward with creating

the I-10 toll lanes was made.

Supervisor Rutherford said that she "reluctantly" supported the toll lane project because SANBAG/SBCTA had committed its available revenue elsewhere and the funding to widen the freeway was not available. She will be termed out of office at the end of the year.

Mayor Michael was unwilling to get into a public discussion relating to the toll lanes. He, too, is scheduled to stand for reelection this year.

In this way, Hagman, Wapner, Dutrey, Garcia and Michael are whistling past the political graveyard, seeking to ignore an issue in the here and now that will not manifest as truly problematic until after this year's election. Thus, they hope, they can parlay their incumbency into reelection this year without having to answer the questions regarding the I-10 toll lanes that many of their colleagues whose terms will elapse two years hence will be faced with then.

For virtually all of those involved with SBCTA – board members or staff – they currently enjoy the luxury of the public's lack of awareness that the current augmentation of the I-10 Freeway consists of toll lanes, and the concomitant misassumption that the project involves a widening of the freeway which upon completion will be of use and benefit to all motorists using the freeway.

That grace period will come to a close as soon as the lanes are in place along with the signs and electronic devices that will warn against and restrict anyone who has not paid a toll from using them, at which point more the nearly 200,000 residents of San Bernardino County who traverse the I-10 Freeway every weekday to get to work will be angrier than wet hornets. Thus, the situation will be getting ugly, some members of the SBCTA board acknowledged.

"I would imagine there is going to be some

controversy," Chino Mayor Eunice Ulloa, her city's SBCTA representative, told the *Sentinel* in January. "Though many articles informing the public of what is going to happen have been written and published, I don't think people know that is what is coming. I don't think the public is



Eunice Ulloa

tuned into what's happening. I would guess that the majority of people will not be real happy with having to pay to use the freeway."

Ulloa said the county's residents rightfully feel that they have paid for the extra lanes on the I-10 that are being built.

"The people passed Measure I, the half-cent sales tax, and it was supposed to help with transportation issues, but like everything these days, the money does not go as far as we would like it to," she said. "In order to reduce congestion on the freeways, the powers that be felt that toll lanes would help to reduce the gridlock. That remains to be seen. Many of us were not convinced that was the best way to go."

Ulloa continued, "There is a question about the best and most efficient way to spend our local tax dollars."

If the current schedule holds, the toll lanes on the I-10 will open in the spring of 2024. That year, some 13 of the 29 elected members of the SBCTA board are scheduled to stand for reelection. There exists a possibility, indeed a likelihood, that those politicians will seek a scapegoat to deflect the voter anger that will manifest that year in an effort to remain in office, if indeed those 13 do not opt out of seeking reelection. As the top staff member who formulated and recommended the I-10 toll lane program, Wolfe is that logical scapegoat.

Certainly, there are those who defend freeway toll lanes conceptually and practically, maintaining that they represent a means of decreasing freeway congestion and offer a practical way of defraying the cost of constructing additional lanes.

Nevertheless, several San Bernardino County politicians, including those involved in the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, have indicated that Wolfe's continued tenure as the agency's director is virtually inconceivable beyond 2024, and that the only question is whether Wolfe will voluntarily choose to depart or be subject to an ignominious removal against his will.

Beginning last year, the *Sentinel* peppered Wolfe with dozens of questions pertaining to issues relating to the county's transportation challenges. Expressing concern that allowing himself to be pinned down with regard to specifics might play into the hands of his critics, Wolfe declined to answer those inquiries.

In doing so, Wolfe declined to mount a defense of constructing toll lanes on the 10 Freeway, and he was unwilling to say whether a compromise could be reached by which just two of the lanes – one eastbound and one westbound – would be utilized as toll lanes to allow the other additional lanes to be available as general-purpose lanes. Similarly, Wolfe was not prepared to say what SBCTA anticipates will be the percentage of the traffic flow on the 10 Freeway that will pay to use toll lanes nor whether SBCTA expects the toll lanes to be constructed to bear less traffic on average, per lane, than the freeway's non-toll lanes. Wolfe did not engage in a discussion relating to whether the right-of-way for the entirety of the 10 Freeway had been acquired independent of and previous to the effort to augment it with toll lanes and he refused

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Fire Fighters.

In 1998, he was provided with the Cucamonga Peak Award. Rancho Cucamonga recognized him with its Harvest Award in 2001. In 2002 he garnered the Fire Quest Volunteer Award.

On October 21, 2003, what became known as the Grand Prix Fire began to burn out of control in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains above Fontana. On October 25, further to the east, the Old Fire ignited and then raged through the San Bernardino Mountains. Ultimately, the two fires would

join when a few days later when the Old Fire jumped the I-215 Freeway and the Grand Prix Fire jumped the I-15 Freeway.

His fighting of the Grand Prix Fire, which burned 69,894 acres and destroyed 194 residences but claimed no lives, was the last hurrah of Spagnolo's professional career. He subsequently received Congressional recognition for his leadership in the Grand Prix firefight. On December 31, 2003, at the age of 62 – an advanced one in modern times for those who engage in the young man's profession of firefighting – Spagnolo retired from the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Dis-

trict.

He lost little time in retirement before he ran, successfully it would turn out, for city council in 2004. Also elected in 2004 was Lloyd D. Michael, who had been the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department's fire chief, and who had retired at about the same time Spagnolo did. Virtually all of Michael's and Spagnolo's careers with the Foothill Fire District/Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department overlapped.

Michael and Spagnolo joined Mayor Bill Alexander on the city council. Alexander was a fireman himself, having previously retired from the Ontario Fire Department. Thus, Rancho

Cucamonga had a city council in which three of its five members – a majority and potential controlling voting bloc – were retired firefighters pulling comfortable taxpayer-paid public pensions. This created some degree of controversy as concern was mounting statewide over the unsustainability of the public employee pension system in California. Despite the growing alarm over the cost of government in general, in Rancho Cucamonga it was not as pronounced as elsewhere, since 34 percent of all of the households in the city had at least one government employee living within them. And while Alex-

ander was bounced from the mayor's position in 2006, the voters returned him to the council in 2010, as the city's voters collectively seemed to have no problem allowing members of the firefighting profession to possess tremendous sway in running the city. To this day, Rancho Cucamonga firefighters are remarkably well treated, and the city's fire department has a yearly budget that is larger than the general fund budgets of twelve of San Bernardino County's 24 municipalities.

Spagnolo was reelected to the city council in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020. He was serving as the president of the

League of California Cities Inland Empire Division and as chairman of the Omnitrans Board of Directors.

He championed efforts to provide children safe walking routes to school, ban smoking on city-owned property and eliminate the use of Styrofoam products in the city.

He was the creator of the Ashley Smith Fund for child burn victims, a prime mover in the city's cardio-pulmonary resuscitation program, a past board member of the American Heart Association and active in the firefighters' annual Christmas toy drive.

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partment to build what Greenberg and Landver have dubbed the Wonder Valley Inn.

The initial phases of the development would extend to no more than 25 acres, including the 4,407-square foot building on the property. It is not clear whether the building, which was used by Southern California Edison in the 1970s for switching and storage purposes, would be incorporated into the

design for the project or razed entirely to make way for a completely revamped set of structures.

Greenberg and Landver in November 2021 applied for a conditional use permit, including a rezoning request for 21.22 of the acres on the site which are currently zoned for low density housing under the county's RL-5 zoning designation to CS, or commercial service use. The current RL-5 designation allows single family homes on lots no smaller than five acres. Greenberg and Landver either own outright or have tied up approxi-

mately 135 acres at the Amboy/Gammel corner. The 3.18 acres closest to the two roads is already zoned for commercial service use.

Thus, it appears that Greenberg and Landver envision the hotel/resort occupying roughly 24.4 acres.

Greenberg and Landver's plans have not been gladly received by many of Wonder Valley's approximate 640 residents. One of those, Eric Hamburg, created the website StopWonderInn.org.

“This project would be unlike anything in the wide-open spaces of Wonder Valley,” ac-

cording to the website. “It would permanently change the quality of life by imposing unwanted light pollution diminishing our irreplaceable, beautiful dark skies, increased vehicle traffic with its associated dangers and air pollution, increased energy consumption in these times of climate change, and significant water use affecting out shared aquifer. It would strain the area's already under-resourced fire and law services. Why allow this development to be the first step in beginning the degradation of this unique and special

place?”

Included on the website is a plea to Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe, who represents Wonder Valley on the board of supervisors, as well as Michael Stoffel, the planning commissioner representing the county's Third Supervisorial District, and Azhar Khan, the county land use services department planner assigned to the project. It reads, “The Wonder Valley community is a rural desert area with low density housing and residents, many of whom are retirees living on fixed incomes, other retirees,

as well as a thriving artistic scene. They enjoy a quiet lifestyle and value the rare wide-open spaces, quiet environment and dark night skies available here. The Wonder Inn project as proposed would be unlike anything currently existing in Wonder Valley. It would increase traffic and associated dangers, lead to increased air pollution, noise pollution, light pollution, stress to the water supply in our aquifer, increased dust pollution and pose challenges to our underfunded and already stretched thin, local fire and law

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to be drawn into detailing how much of the cost of constructing the toll lanes was being defrayed by Measure I revenue or other taxpayer-derived funding. Wolfe was similarly unwilling to address assertions by the toll lanes' opponents that the tolls to be collected for their use would amount to double, triple or even quadruple taxation given that the state's residents were already subject to general taxation and were pay-

ing gasoline tax expressly collected to pay for highway improvements and that San Bernardino County residents had voluntarily subjected themselves to an added half-cent sale tax burden to pay for transportation fixes. Wolfe was unwilling to state whether he did or did not recognize that the vast majority of the county's residents did not know that the construction activity ongoing on the 10 Freeway from Montclair to Fontana was being undertaken to create toll lanes. Wolfe would not say whether he anticipated a significant manifestation of citizen, resident and commuter discontent upon the opening of the toll lanes or if he

believed that the citizen discontent that might manifest will translate into calls for his removal as the executive director of SBCTA. Asked if he believed that in the face of such resident and commuter discontent whether the SBCTA board would stand by him, Wolfe ventured no response.

Leon addressed the varying perceptions of whether it is Wolfe who is in charge of the machinery relating to the formation of regional transportation policy or whether he is merely trying to be responsive to an unwieldy number of political masters – those composing the SANBAG/SBCTA board – who are going in mul-

multiple directions at once and therefore are making the formulation of a



Paul Leon

cogent and productive policy nearly impossible.

“From the time right after I was elected mayor in 2005 until 2008, when Alan Wapner replaced me, I was Ontario's representative to SANBAG,” Leon said. “I was also the city representative on the Southern California Association

of Governments and the regional airport authority. At that time, I was very sensitive to the dynamics of the varying leaderships of the groups who made up the majority of those boards. I had to know all the players in order to be effective and to get anything done. The manager of every one of those collectives – Hasan Ikh-rata, who was the head of SCAG [the Southern California Association of Governments]; Mark Pisano, who held the position before him; Deborah Barmack, who was the executive director of SANBAG – everyone I have ever seen in those positions, in order to do anything creative, had to keep fulfilling the

wishes of that meandering authority that is their board of directors. To accomplish anything in a position like that, they have to keep their jobs. The executive is the person driving the buggy, and there is a concerted effort to get him or her on board so that person could be in control. Hasan [Ikh-rata] was able to hold the reins and listen to the riders in the carriage and go left and then go right, speed up when there was an open road and slow down to avoid a collision or overturning the buggy and keep a hold of the reins and the whip. It was the same way with Deborah [Barmack]. Ray [Wolfe] is now the main guy, and

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he knows how to hold the reins and control the horses and listen to all of the riders at the same time. I used to disrespect him until I realized how good he was at doing that. There are things he can do and there are things he can't do. If he puts his foot down and says, 'There is a better way than the way we are doing it and we need to do it this way,' and it gets contentious, the board majority is very likely to say, 'We disagree. We need to do it this way,' and then they will say 'We do not need you anymore.' They will take the reins out of his hand, and he won't be driving the buggy anymore. When you look at the executive directors of these large regional joint power authorities, like SCAG and SBCTA, the people in those positions are great at keeping their jobs and they are able to compromise their goals vs. doing what the people on the board who are in the majority want to do."

Someone like Wolfe is intelligent and foresightful enough to understand what should be done and what is best overall but he is also sensitive to political nuance and the reality of power to recognize that sometimes what needs to be done for the collective good and what can be done given the political lay of the land are two different things, Leon said. Moreover, Wolfe is efficient and competent as an administrator who can run a large organization, capable of delivering most if not all of what the board expects, the mayor said, and this makes Wolfe a survivor. By delivering on the little things that matter in all the separate jurisdictions – a bridge in Apple Valley, a grade separation in Montclair, new freeway on and off ramps in Fontana and Yucaipa, a rail extension to Redlands, a railroad underpass in Hesperia, a fast bus line in San

Bernardino – Wolfe has pleased virtually everyone on the board, even if the grandest achievements he could achieve – a dual-tracked rail line that will carry tens of thousands of commuters into and out of Los Angeles on a daily basis and 14-general purpose lane freeways traversing the county with no gridlock back-ups – have not been attained, Leon said.

"You can fight for something you believe in, but you have to consider what the point is of fighting for something if you lose the position you are in that allows you to accomplish what you are fighting for," Leon said. "Fighting can mean you lose the job you have been given. The executive management game is managing. Managing means putting into effect what you are being asked to do. When you look at the way that works, in time you come to understand why and who seems to come and go in like positions. It doesn't matter if he has lofty thoughts and ideas if he can't carry them out because he doesn't have the support of the board. He understands his job security comes with working with the leadership of the board. He stays in his own lane. If he had pressed his personal agenda, he'd be gone by now."

From his perspective, Leon said, he wishes Wolfe was more willing to push the SBCTA board to commit to the light rail concept. He said the current board has lost the resolve it had a decade-and-a-half ago when he was a member.

"When Deborah Barmack was the executive director, there was a consensus to bring the Gold Line to Ontario Airport," Leon said. "She loved the idea. She never once said, 'How are we going to do this?' It was understood by the board, or most of it, that light rail was the wave of the future. When Ray came

in, it looked like he was on board. I think he was on board. But then he took over that whole idea and eventually changed it, eliminating the dual tracks, with preferences to buses."

Chino Hills Mayor Ray Marquez said the perception that Wolfe is not committed to the rail component of the region's transportation



Ray Marquez

system is inaccurate. He pointed out that he had championed the concept of the Redlands Rail Project, which effectively extended the Metro-link line from San Bernardino to Redlands. He pointed out that Wolfe is doing everything he can to facilitate Brightline's effort to construct a high-speed rail line from Victorville to Las Vegas, and that the Brightline system will at some later date entail an extension from Victorville to Rancho Cucamonga and then future highspeed connections from Los Angeles and Anaheim to Rancho Cucamonga.

To say Wolfe is responsible for the discontinuation of the effort to bring the Gold Line through into San Bernardino County is not exactly fair, Marquez said.

"I don't think he abandoned it as much as he just realized what the cost was," Marquez said. "He was very conscious of the expense. [Montclair Mayor] John Dutrey wants it to move through our county, certainly to Montclair, and all the way to the airport [in Ontario], as do the folks there."

Marquez suggested that Los Angeles municipal officials and Los Angeles County officials, who are hugely committed at this point to the light rail concept, needed to be more conscientious with respect to keeping their counterparts in San

Bernardino County up to speed on the project and assist in bringing in funding from federal and state sources if they want to extend the project further east.

"I was not a part of that ad hoc committee, but my understanding was that the Gold Line Authority was not communicating with SBCTA like it should have," Marquez said. "Questions abounded as to who would pay for the extension going into San Bernardino County. Many of us thought we were going to get funding that would cover a substantial degree of the development of that line. That money hasn't materialized. Ray wanted to be crystal clear on who was going to pay that. That was his push back, or at least that is how I understood it."

Rhodes Rigsby, who has been on the Loma Linda City Council since 2006 and was elevated by his council colleagues to serve as mayor from 2010 until 2020, has been a constant member of the SANBAG/SBCTA board for more than a decade.

Those criticizing Wolfe have little or no conception of the milieu in which he must function, Rigsby said. He pointed out that under SBCTA's organizational structure, no single board member can dominate the funding priorities.

"There are dozens of highway, highway interchange, and surface street projects that are needed in our county," Rigsby said. "SBCTA studies each project's needs and costs and prioritizes and sequences the projects, with the most dire needs met first. As an organization we live within our means, so as the funding becomes available, whether from Measure I or local matching dollars or federal or state grants, we fund the projects in order of their pre-determined priority. Only rarely is the sequence changed. Once the priorities have been set, there is not supposed to be any jockeying for position. When the funds come in, the projects are initiated in

order. We fill each cup with as much money as comes in that year. There is not really much the board members can do to affect that. If someone wanted to change the priority list, it would be one vote in favor and 28 against. Nobody ever changes the order because that order was determined objectively. If you try to reprioritize or jump your project ahead, you gore the other oxen who have all waited ten or fifteen years for their projects to begin."

Functioning within those parameters, Wolfe is as good a director of its transportation agency as San Bernardino County is going to get, Rigsby opined.

"When I look at what he does, he knows the corridors of power, where the state and federal dollars are," said Rigsby. "He knows how to get money. He knows how to get our regional priorities registered with the state on a par with Los Angeles County. That is one of his skills. Because of his prior association with Caltrans, he has access in Sacramento, connections. He is accomplished at running a large and sophisticated operation such as SBCTA. He is highly intelligent and superbly educated. Not many executive directors of governmental agencies have a PhD in engineering. He is a good manager, and he has recruited an excellent team. He has a well-balanced skill set. I, personally, could not be more pleased with his performance. He does very well with things that are possible to do. He can't do miracles. He does a pretty good job of making us a high priority for state funding, and that is about the most he can do or what we can expect for SBCTA's advocacy work."

Attacks aimed at Wolfe because the region's commuter rail system is underperforming are ill-placed, Rigsby suggested.

"Trains are a special subject mainly because there are a lot of people who like trains, regardless of the cost," Rigsby said in reference to ur-

ban planners and futurists. The problem is that the vast majority of the population in Southern California is wedded to the automobile, he said.

"There is insufficient interest in Southern California in riding a commuter rail system," Rigsby said. "My concern and the concern of others is over the dollar value of mass transit. You can



Rhodes Rigsby

do a standard analysis and calculate how much it costs per trip to build it and to operate it. It is an astoundingly high amount of subsidy per ride, but advocates always toggle between two responses to cost concerns: 1) 'Every transportation modality needs subsidy,' and 2) 'Don't worry, the feds will print the money, so you don't have to pay for it.' You have officials who just shovel money into these transit projects on the Field of Dreams model of 'If you build it, they will come.' One example is that the federal transit bureaucracy permits use of overly optimistic ridership projections, and there are no negative consequences when the error is revealed, because their entire bureaucratic purpose is to fund transit, and fund it they will."

The simple truth, Rigsby said, is the rail system can only handle a fraction – a minute fraction – of the Southland's commuters.

"Do the math," he said. "You can fill that train up and have people crammed in there clown-car-like as they do in India, and it still won't do that much to alleviate the traffic on the freeway. Look at the number of people plodding along on the freeway. That number is huge compared to these trains, and actual ridership is far, far lower,

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both selections.

The Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band's special guest artist is a young and talented vocalist, Charlie Nolte. Nolte was raised in Pomona, though he spent the last year completing his first year of college at Brigham Young University Idaho in Rexburg.

Nolte has sung from an extremely young age and spent his childhood honing his craft alongside both his mother Aimee, who has performed with the Ontario Chaffey

Show Band several times, and his top-notch vocal coach, Sara Leib.

Nolte has appeared on stage and screen since the age of five, appearing in national commercials for Suave and Mercedes Benz. He has played the role of Pinocchio in *Shrek, The Musical* and performed with the Bonita High School Chamber Singers. In the fall, Nolte plans to attend Fullerton College and study music and then continue on to the Berklee School of Music to finish up his vocal performance degree. He's thrilled to be singing some of his very favorite Disney songs with the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band. Nolte will be featured on "Evermore" from *Beauty and the Beast*, "When She Loved Me" from *Toy*

Story 2, and "Tonight" from *West Side Story*.

The musicians of the show band will open the performance with a



Kathy Soderlund

medley of memorable hits entitled "Disney's Magic Kingdom" that include "When You Wish Upon a Star," "Someday My Prince Will Come," "Mickey Mouse March," "Heigh-Ho," and "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah." The concert's finale is entitled "Disneyland Adventure" and is a collection of Disney melodies that Disneyland visitors have been hearing for many years. The medley includes "It's a Small World," "Ballad of Davy Crockett," "Chim Chim Cheree," "The One and Only Genuine Original Family Band," "Beauty and the Beast," "Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo," "Whistle While You Work," "Yo-Ho-Ho" and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

Community members

are invited to come to Merton Hill Auditorium for a night of music and to bring their family and friends.

Those inclined to do so can support the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band by visiting and feeding the Hungry Tuba located in the lobby of the auditorium. The concert will be broadcast on local Ontario cable Channel 3. Check your cable listings for the date and time.

The show band will also perform in the Memorial Day Remembrance Program at Bellevue Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. on Monday May 30, 2022. The show band will join members of the Ontario Fire Department, Ontario Police Department, and local veterans from each branch of the services in paying tribute to military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. The program will be narrated by former Ontario Mayor Gary Ovitt. The guest vocalist will be Brian Dettwiler and the keynote address will be given by Dr. Chris Hollister, assistant superintendent in the Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

The Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band was founded in 1985 by R. Jack Mercer and is now under the direction of Dr. Gabe Petrocelli and assistant directors David Schaafsma and Pat Arnold. Band members represent at least two dozen communities throughout Southern California. Adult musi-

cians and students are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Chaffey High School Jack Mercer Band Room. The band performs monthly concerts on the campus of Chaffey High School as well as at other venues throughout the community. All performances are free to the public.

For more information about the concert visit the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band website at www.showband.net or contact Dr. Petrocelli at gabe@showband.net. The "Friends of the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band"

is a registered charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3); EIN # 46-1422958. Donations are welcomed. Checks may be made out to: Friends of the OCC-SB, P.O. Box 1512, Ontario, CA 91762. Concertgoers interested in being included on the show band mailing list are encouraged to fill out an information card at the band's events. The Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and its website at www.showband.net.



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enforcement resources and potentially disrupt local wildlife corridors. The establishment of this proposed project would also be a 'foot in the door' for further development projects further degrading the quiet, peaceful desert environment that Wonder Valley residents, Morongo Basin residents, visitors and others currently cherish and enjoy."

There is concern that Mlynarski, who has been active in making donations to the electioneering funds of lo-

cal politicians and who has deep connections within the government, will convince the planning commission and the board of supervisors to give go-ahead to the project.

The *Sentinel* is informed that Mlynarski and Greenberg met with roughly 18 Wonder Valley residents at the Wonder Valley Community Center on Sunday, May 1 to preview the project. Reportedly, Mlynarski told those present, the project was meant "to benefit the community" and to "blend and fit into the community."

Neither Mlynarski nor Greenberg made a positive impression on those assembled, the *Sentinel* was told.

-Mark Gutglueck

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of service to our Rancho Cucamonga Community, this loss will be felt for years to come," the city's website states. "Sam Spagnolo was also a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Sam leaves behind his wife of over 50 years, Vi, three children, and seven grandchildren. As we remember this pillar of our community, it is important to acknowledge the positive impact his work has had in Rancho Cucamonga."

A particular passion Spagnolo had was to establish in Rancho Cucamonga a memorial to the New York City firefighters who perished in the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. He worked with

the non-profit organization Freedom's Flame to obtain remnants from the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania on the day of the attack and brought them back to Rancho Cucamonga. He and Freedom's Flame were working toward erecting the memorial on the grounds of one of the city's fire stations or a city park when he passed away.

"Myself and my fellow city council/fire board members are deeply saddened by the loss of our colleague and friend," said Mayor Lloyd Dennis Michael. "We are mourning his passing along with his family and friends. Council Member Spagnolo's service to our Rancho Cucamonga Community will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

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compounded by the fact that only a small portion of the cars on the freeway have a destination anywhere near the railway station. State legislators are planning to combat this unpopularity of transit systems, not by improving transit's attractions, but rather by erecting more barriers to automobile travel, such as limits on freeway widening, and taxing by vehicle miles traveled."

Some people want to see public transportation as a panacea, Rigsby said, and that is simply not realistic until automobiles become impossible to use.

Rigsby said he was baffled at any discontent with Wolfe.

"So, is the angle that trains are too expensive or the county wasn't supportive enough of the Gold Line?" he asked. "I am at the wrong end of the San Bernardino Valley to care much about the Gold Line, and any money spent on it subtracts from, and delays, funding for our long-standing freeway and surface street priorities."

Rigsby said that at present focus in San Bernardino County on the Gold Line is most intense at the far western extreme of the county in Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, and Ontario. He said that the October 2019 SBCTA transit committee vote to delay San Bernardino County's involvement in extending the Gold Line to Montclair was appropriate until two things change: 1) the Los Angeles County portion is funded and progressing, and 2) the cost overruns on the San Bernardino County side are covered by something or someone other than San Bernardino County's residents.

"In order to get something funded by the state and feds, you have to engage in a negotiation strategy and say, 'No. We are not going to buy it because it is too ex-

pensive,'" Rigsby said. "SBCTA's decision was partly to see if the federal and state governments would sweeten the pot, and partly because we have higher priorities, and the Gold Line can wait, just like everyone else has waited. It simply does not have a good-enough cost/benefit ratio to jump the line."

Rigsby said the state routinely engaged in flimflam in the budgetary process by withholding from local jurisdictions the share of transportation-related funding due them.

"The state accumulates surpluses and spends like drunken sailors on pet programs, but chronically underfunds transportation," Rigsby said. He expressed the view that by originally voting to approve Measure I in 1989 and recommitting to the tax in 2004, San Bernardino County had consented to being "a self-help county. We have agreed to fix our transportation infrastructure ourselves because the state won't do it. The state has created a logjam every budgetary cycle and by taxing ourselves with Measure I, we are absolving the state's political leadership for not coming through with the money collected here by the state and which we are owed," he said, obliquely referencing the gasoline tax and other taxes paid by San Bernardino County's residents. "That is basically double taxation," he said. "I resent it. The state legislature has its priorities backward. People are supportive of Measure I. They truthfully say, 'Measure I has done wonderful things. It has allowed us to build these roads and this bridge and improve our streets.' I say, 'Those project should have been funded 100 percent by the state and feds.'"

What Wolfe was doing with his Gold Line recommendation, Rigsby said, was working toward getting San Bernardino County taxpayers their fair share of what is due them by maximizing the state's

contribution toward what is likely to eventually be the biggest-ticket item in the region's transportation armamentarium.

"The major issue with the Gold Line was prioritization," Rigsby said. "The most realistic timetable for its completion runs for a period of 30 to 40 years or beyond that. That does not fit our priorities. If that project is to be realized, we will need to apply for grants and federal and state money. It is not the primary or even secondary focus of Measure I money. The consortium building the Gold Line in LA County failed to federalize the project and has thus run out of money. It is not our job to backfill the costs of their errors and missteps. That is why it is not a priority. It would divert too much of our precious freeway funds to the Gold Line. The feds need to step up with the money. What I see is that Ray Wolfe is playing deep chess. He is a smart guy. We are fortunate to have him."

Like many others, Rigsby is not enthusiastic about the toll lanes on the I-10 or elsewhere in the county. He expressed the view that tolls would be tantamount to quadruple taxation—general taxes, fuel taxes, Measure I, and tolling. He did not, however, lay the responsibility for their advent at Wolfe's feet. He said it remained possible for the added lanes to serve as a means of improving the flow on the freeway by calibrating the toll charge to an amount that would induce a large enough segment of commuters on the freeway to use them to alleviate back-ups of the general use lanes. "When correctly priced, responding to varying demand for use of the toll lanes, they should theoretically accommodate 900 cars per lane per hour and maintain free flow at the speed limit, whereas general purpose lanes during rush hour degenerate to a crawl, allowing fewer than 200 cars per lane per hour. So if they are managed correctly, two new toll lanes would carry about 1,400

more cars per hour than two new general purpose lanes."

Deborah Barmack, who was Wolfe's predecessor at SANBAG, did not hand control of the agency over to Wolfe directly, as her second-



Deborah Barmack

in-command, Ty Shuiling, had served as the interim SANBAG director during the nearly nine months after her departure in August 2011 and the time Wolfe assumed the post he yet holds. She remains knowledgeable about the issues and challenges he faces, though she said, "I am no longer there, having been retired for more than ten years. So, I cannot speak in the capacity of official authority."

She offered a positive assessment of her successor.

"My observation is Dr. Wolfe has done an excellent job bringing services and express lanes to the freeways. He has overseen numerous important and well-engineered projects to completion with others ongoing. He has done exceedingly well in bringing new technology into the rail service we have in this county."

Barmack's latter reference was to the Redlands Passenger Rail Project, a nine-mile rail extension from Downtown San Bernardino to Downtown Redlands, also known as the Arrow Passenger Rail Service. The trains on the route are to be drawn by diesel electric low-floor Flirt multiple units manufactured by the Swiss-owned Stadler Company at its Salt Lake City plant, otherwise known as diesel multiple units. The diesel multiple units are powered by an on-board low-emission, clean diesel engine and are smaller, quieter, more effi-

cient, and less expensive to operate than standard locomotive haul coaches. The Arrow Passenger Rail Service is to work interoperably on the same track as Metrolink and freight train services which allows for all three train modalities to use the same track in the existing corridor. In addition to local commuter service, a Metrolink locomotive-hauled coach train will also provide round trip express service from Redlands-to-Los Angeles each morning with a return trip from Los Angeles-to-Redlands each evening. The Arrow Passenger Rail Service is to feature five stations on the corridor between the San Bernardino Transit Center and the University of Redlands. The diesel multiple units have already been delivered and the Redlands Passenger Rail System is to begin operation later this year. In addition to the diesel multiple units, Stadler is contracted to deliver to SBCTA a hydrogen-powered train by 2024 and SBCTA has an option to order four more hydrogen-powered vehicles in the future.

"These are the first diesel multiple units to be used in the United States," Barmack said. "SBCTA is now operating the first rail line to use what is the cleanest technology available. Dr. Wolfe is a supporter of smart and efficient rail transportation."

Just as she and the SANBAG executive directors before her had to wrestle with coordinating a large and oftentimes unwieldy organization, Wolfe must spend a good amount of time getting everyone on the same page, she said. But those involved are by their nature as elected officials goal oriented, she said, making a concerted effort possible and putting meaningful progress toward things that are worthwhile within reach.

"The SBCTA board is large," she said. "It is diverse. But I think in normal situations, they understand they are there to make regional deci-

sions, which is different from when they are acting in the capacity of a city council or as county supervisors. It is difficult to get or gain consensus and keep momentum going when you are working on or involved with large programs and services to different jurisdictions. I think it is an advantage that every city representative and member of the board of supervisors has an opportunity to vote on projects. I think that every member of that board is there to represent their city or jurisdiction, but hopefully they work in a manner that is intended to develop reasonably efficient policies. Building a consensus is a challenge."

Los Angeles County officials have achieved something beneficial with the Gold Line, Barmack said.

"The Gold Line project is something that has been developed in Los Angeles County and has been moving forward for some time," she said. "The Gold Line Authority has to date delivered effectively and efficiently a project that benefited Los Angeles County's regional plan."

Whether the Gold Line's success to the west can be reproduced in San Bernardino County is another question, she said.

"For over a decade the plan has been to bring the last segment of that project to Montclair," Barmack said. "I know that SBCTA, which was called SANBAG when I was there, was committed to adhering to that plan. At present, the funding for that portion is inadequate and to date they haven't identified the funding. I think Dr. Wolfe's strategy at this point is to move forward in exploring transit options that will make it technologically and financially feasible to proceed. I believe SBCTA is doing that at this time. They have a contract underway to evaluate all forms of transit operations. During my tenure the proposed line to be constructed by the Gold Line Authority was in

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Coroner Report #702204158: On Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 11:43 PM, officers from the Upland Police Department responded to the intersection of Campus Avenue and Foothill Blvd. in Upland for a vehicle collision. A driver was pronounced deceased at the scene at 11:53 PM. The name is withheld pending identification. For additional information please contact the Upland Police Department. [05052022 1605 SC]

Coroner Report #702204157: On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 3:16 AM, officers from the California Highway Patrol responded to the eastbound I-10 freeway at the Waterman Avenue off ramp in Colton for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene at 3:27 AM. The name is withheld pending identification. For further information please contact the California Highway Patrol. [05052022 1605 SC]

Coroner Report #702204120: On Monday, May 2, 2022, at 2:03 P.M., officers with San Bernardino Police Department responded to the intersection of Base Line Street and Perris Hill Road in San Bernardino for a possible homicide. 19-year-old Trayshawn Rodrick Earl Webb of San Bernardino was pronounced deceased at the scene at 2:17 P.M. For further information please contact the San Bernardino Police Department. [05032022 1145 SC]

Coroner Report #702204098: On Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 7:05 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to northbound I-15 transition to westbound SR-210, Fontana for a traffic collision. The driver, Ivan Salcido, a 17-year-old resident of Rialto was pronounced dead at the scene at 7:21 p.m. For additional information contact California Highway Patrol, Rancho Cucamonga Division. [05032022 1145 SC]

Coroner Report #702204083: On Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 12:41 am, San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) personnel responded to a possible homicide on the 200 block of W. Highland Avenue, San Bernardino. Ernesto Banuelos, age 31, a resident of San Bernardino was pronounced dead at scene. For additional information please contact San Bernardino Police Department. [05032022 1145 SC]

Coroner Report #702204075: On Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 1:56 p.m., Barstow Police Department responded to the area of Perth Avenue and Norwich Avenue in the city of Barstow. A 31-year-old subject was pronounced dead on scene at 2:13 p.m. The name is withheld pending notification of next of kin. For additional information contact Barstow Police Department (760) 255-5111.

Coroner Report #702203956: Back on April 15, 2022, at approximately 5:51 am, Katie Sue Browder, a 43-year-old Apple Valley resident, was involved in a major injury traffic collision on Village Drive and Puesta Del Sol Drive, Victorville. She was transported by air ambulance to the Loma Linda University Medical Center. She was pronounced dead on April 27, 2022, at 10:05 pm. The collision is being investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department - Victorville Station. [05032022 1145 SC]

Coroner Report #702204054: On Friday, April 29, 2022, at 12:12am, officers with Chino Police Department responded to the intersection of Central Avenue and Francis Avenue in Chino for a traffic collision. Motorcyclist, Roberto Huizar Pinedo, age 30, resident of Ontario, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information please contact Chino Police Department. [05032022 1145 SC]

Coroner Report #702204032: On Saturday, April 23, 2022, Mike Williams, a 74-year-old resident of Lucerne Valley, was the driver of a vehicle that crashed into a building on the 20000 block of Yucca Loma Road, Apple Valley. He was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center where he died on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 1:45 pm. The Victorville office of the California Highway patrol is investigating the incident. [05032022 1145 SC]

Coroner Report #702204013: On Wednesday, 04/27/2022, at 8:11pm, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Deputies responded to Palmdale Road and Pearmain Street in Adelanto for a traffic collision. Motorcyclist, Shane Lussier, age 29, resident of Victorville, was pronounced dead at Victor Valley Global Medical Center on 04/27/2022, at 8:55pm. For additional information please contact San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Adelanto Station. [04292022 0955 SC]

Coroner Report #702203960: On Monday, 04/25/2022, at 9:38 pm, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department personnel responded to Main Street near Walnut Street in Hesperia for a reported traffic collision. The driver, Brianna Osorio, age 18, a resident of Hesperia, was pronounced dead on scene at 9:48 pm. For additional information contact San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. [04292022 0955 SC]

Coroner Report #702203962: On Monday, April 25, 2022, at 2312 hours, officers from the San Bernardino Police Department responded to the 2900 block of Mountain Avenue in San Bernardino for a suspected homicide. 43-year-old Victor Manuel Ramirez of San Bernardino was pronounced deceased at the emergency department at St. Bernardine Medical Center at 2347 hours. Please contact the San Bernardino Police Department for further information. [04262022 1405 SC]

Coroner Report #702203924: On Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 4:29 am, California Highway Patrol officers responded to I-10 westbound freeway west of Cherry Avenue crossover in Fontana. Motorcyclist, Robert Mullins, age 28, resident of Fontana, was pronounced dead on scene at 4:44 am. For additional information please contact California Highway Patrol Rancho Cucamonga Station. [04252022 1020 SC]

Coroner Report #702203919: On Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 6:13 pm, Ontario Police Department officers responded to a possible homicide. A 29-year-old male resident of Long Beach was pronounced dead at the scene 6:43 pm. The name will be released after the next of kin is notified. For additional information please contact Ontario Police Department. [04252022 1020 SC] UPDATE: Name released. Alejandro Topete a 29 year-old resident of Long Beach. [04292022 1325 SC]

Coroner Report #702203921: On Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 12:03 am, officers with San Bernardino Police Department responded to a report of a possible homicide on the 3000 block of Sanchez Street, San Bernardino. Alexis Mendez, a 41-year-old resident of San Bernardino was transported from the scene to St. Bernardine Medical Center and pronounced dead at 1:18 am. For additional information please contact San Bernardino Police Department. [04252022 1020 SC]

Coroner Report #702203922: On Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 9:50 pm, officers from the San Bernardino Police Department responded to the 1000 block of West Highland Avenue in San Bernardino for a possible homicide. The victim's name is withheld pending further investigation by detectives. For further information please contact the San Bernardino Police Department. [04252022 1020 SC]

Coroner Report #702203923: On Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 12:53 am, officers with San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) responded to the 3600 block of N. E Street to investigate a traffic collision. Driver, Paul Iborogu, a 28-year-old resident of San Bernardino was pronounced dead at the scene at 1:07 am. For additional information contact SBPD. [04252022 1020 SC]

Coroner Report #702203928: On Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 11:10 a.m., officers with San Bernardino Police Department responded to the 400 block of East Base-line Road in San Bernardino for a male found deceased on the sidewalk. Andrew Wills, a 55-year-old resident of San Bernardino, was pronounced dead on scene at 11:14 a.m. For additional information please contact the San Bernardino Police Department. [04252022 1020 SC]

Coroner Report #702203747: On Sunday, April 17, 2022, at 0047 hours, officers from the San Bernardino Police Department responded to a vehicle collision at the intersection of Bobbet Drive and 9th Street in San Bernardino. The driver, 30-year-old Ashley Samantha Rodriguez, a resident of San Bernardino, was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:15 AM. The name if the deceased is being withheld pending positive identification. For further information please contact the San Bernardino Police Department. [04182022 1245 SC] [04292022 1345 SC]

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Despite Wolfe's Brilliance, Toll Lanes & Gridlock-Might Well Presage His Demise *from page 18*

the regional plans to connect all the way to Montclair. At that point, it was to connect with other rail projects on the existing rail line in San Bernardino County. During my tenure, the Gold Line project ended at Montclair. In recent years there has been a lot of talk of it expanding to Ontario. From my knowledge it is operating in an efficient manner. I do not have any criticism of the Gold Line."

The key to the success of public transportation is in the hands of the public, Barmack said.

"Frequency of service on a rail line is much like consistency on a transit bus, which is based on ridership," she said. "If you have riders who fill your buses and pay for tickets and have density, you have the ability to provide more frequent service. I cannot speak to efficiency and rider frequency on the Gold Line at present. I can tell you about Metrolink. Prior to the COVID pandemic, the San Bernardino line had the highest ridership in the Metrolink system, so it has a history of very good performance. Ridership into Los Angeles on Metrolink dropped significantly after the mandated closures."

The expense of constructing the Gold Line into San Bernardino County, which requires two tracks, represents a major challenge to its viability, Barmack said.

"The financial feasibility of constructing a new line is going to be a significant factor," she said.

San Bernardino officials should observe, listen to and learn from Los Angeles County and the officials running that jurisdiction's transportation agencies and monitor their progress, but should not be dictated to by them, Barmack said.

"One of the biggest challenges of extending the Gold Line into

San Bernardino County is determining if it will meet the needs of the residents who live here and must commute to get to work," she said. "That determination lies with the SBCTA board. That is whose job it is to make that determination, not those in outlying communities."

There is no question that Dr. Raymond Wolfe is uncommonly accomplished and capable. Like many competent people entrusted with responsibility, he does not suffer meddlers and dilettantes gladly. When he speaks, even softly, it comes across as a certain psychological roar. He realizes he has critics, most of whom he tends to ignore or isolate. Where inquiries arise with regard to the San Bernardino County Transit Authority that carry with them the potential for stirring up trouble or raising further questions, they often go unanswered.

A case in point is the SBCTA budget in the years the authority has been overseen by Wolfe.

In 2012-13 SBCTA expended \$734,349,843 against \$589,174,180 in revenue.

In 2013-14 SBCTA expended \$733,069,185 against \$631,157,582 in revenue.

In 2014-15 SBCTA expended \$617,734,235 against \$443,079,738 in revenue.

In 2015-16 SBCTA expended \$504,344,651 against \$420,603,094 in revenue.

In 2016-17 SBCTA expended \$485,606,037 against \$380.4 million in revenue.

In 2017-18 SBCTA expended \$493,553,348 as a transportation agency and \$3,345,582 as the county's council of governments for a total outlay of \$496,898,930 against revenue of \$383.8 million.

In 2018-19 SBCTA expended \$732,118,122 as a transportation agency and \$977,472 as the county's council of governments for a total outlay of \$733,095,594 against revenue of \$556.1 million.

In 2019-2020 SBCTA

expended \$925,365,267 as a transportation agency and \$1,834,285 as the county's council of governments for a total outlay of \$927,199,552 against revenue of \$749.9 million plus \$45 million in short term borrowing.

In 2020-2021 SBCTA expended \$959,567,686 against \$711.8 million in revenue and \$22 million in short term borrowing.

In yet ongoing 2021/2022 SBCTA is on a trajectory to spend \$1,018.6 million – i.e., \$1.0186 billion – against \$722.7 million in revenue plus \$15 million in interfund borrowing.

Wolfe for the last decade has consistently maintained he has worked within the framework of a balanced budget each year. When well-meaning and sincere inquiries, from journalists and others, have been made on that point of discrepancy and how the variances between estimated revenues and appropriations could be reconciled using transfers, debt proceeds and balance carryovers from proceeding years given the decade-long unbroken string of deficit spending, Wolfe prevented SBCTA staff from explaining or resolving that incongruity.

SBCTA's staff, in particular its inner circle, is densely packed with Wolfe's fierce loyalists, most of whose advancing careers and paychecks are linked to his continuing success. This has served Wolfe well, but created on occasion political enemies, who have grown into a fissure in the foundation of the SBCTA edifice. When the upheaval over the toll lanes comes, that fissure may well expand along lines both predictable and unpredictable.

Wolfe, an engineer by nature, temperament, training and choice, functions best in an atmosphere of stability and order. If the organization he heads drifts towards recrimination, anarchy and chaos to become subject to dissent from within and without, if the center does not hold, he very well may be swept away in the en-

suing shuffle.

Leon said the imbalance between the county's road and rail infrastructure has created a physical and institutional impasse that is likely to trigger a reckoning at SBCTA.

"Our efforts are not going toward promoting public transportation," Leon said. "Our efforts continue to make it easy for the average person to get into and out of his or her car. We have to figure out how to provide alternatives."

San Bernardino County, the Inland Empire and the whole of Southern California is living under the curse of Alfred P. Sloan, Leon said.

"If you think of it in terms of efficiency and energy use, look at the metal and weight around you when you are in your car," he said. "When you look at light rail, which has the advantage of being something that is used and does not just go from here to there empty, one of those coaches holds 40 people or more."

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority is the one entity with the power and in the position to make what needs to be the evolutionary shift back to a transportation system that was stolen by Alfred P. Sloan and his cohorts from the region's past and current residents, Leon said.

"There is a whole population of people who need mass transportation and its affordability," Leon said.

It's incumbent upon Wolfe to be bold enough to prepare the way for shifting the commuting modality used by upwards of 100,000 San Bernardino County residents from personal vehicles to public transportation through the incentive of convenience and by being energetic and aggressive enough to tap into governmental subsidization of passenger rail systems, the mayor said.

"If SBCTA has a shelf-ready program, a project ready to go, if we apply for the money and the feds or the state come

through with it, then we can apply it immediately or very rapidly toward whatever project – track construction or grade separations, repairs or upgrades – and then move onto the next phase of the project," Leon said. "We can't take the attitude that we'll explore the idea after we get the money. That's not the way it works. We have to be ready, with a plan in hand, because when the feds come through and we aren't ready to act, they will pass right over us and give the funding to someone who is ready. Ray has to be proactive to go out and get what is available or is coming to be available."

Wolfe is hamstrung, Leon said, by being at the beck and call of the SBCTA board, which Leon characterized as "too many parochial interests, each with their own narrow agenda. I don't want to use the term 'small-minded,' but too few of them are focused on the opportunity that's here for us to bring into existence a sweeping regional transportation solution."

"They are not interested, and they will try to find excuses not to act," Leon continued. "What they have is not an excuse. An excuse means you have a sound reason to have done something or to not do something. There is not a sound reason not to extend the Gold Line to Ontario Airport and there is not a sound reason not to extend the Gold Line to Ontario Airport at the earliest date possible. The people who are in control – the majority of those who are on the SBCTA board – don't want to hear it from us. We have to open their eyes. We have to help them see the reality. There is a terminal in my city, at Ontario Airport, with a massive amount of parking and the available land to build more structures. You can live in Redlands or San Bernardino and drive to Ontario and take the train to Los Angeles and be there in 40 or 45 minutes without having to sit on the freeway for two-and-

a-half hours. Will that ease the congestion on the 10 Freeway? I think so. We need to stop feeding the monster by building lanes that people will have to pay to use that they've already paid for as taxpayers. People should not be throwing tax money toward building freeway lanes they can never afford to use themselves."

Government, in this case SBCTA, should not be tailoring its policy to cater to a minority, but the vast majority of those it serves, Leon said.

"You keep hearing people saying that electric cars are the answer," Leon said. "People are saying that the toll lanes are the solution. Well, they're not, not for the average Joe. That is elitism at its finest, or its worst. How many people can afford electric cars? Who can afford, every day, day in and day out, to pay an 85-cents-a-mile-toll to get to work? It's the elitists out there who want Lexus lanes. They don't consider anything beyond their own personal spot in the sunshine. You have to consider the people who cannot afford these things, who still must travel west every morning and east to get back home at the end of the day."

"I don't have the results of a survey, but I would bet you that most of the people in Redlands are working someplace west of their city," Leon went on. "If you look at the rail commuting opportunities the people on the east side of county have, they are not that impressive. The train scheduling is inferior. Parking is insufficient. People would love to come to Ontario Airport and get on the Gold Line. They would if it was there."

Leon paused.

"Ray Wolfe is making how much?" he mused. "More than half of a million dollars a year? That's how much we're paying him. He'll be worth twice that if he succeeds in getting the Gold Line to Ontario Airport before he retires."