

Weiming Chen Reestablishes CCP Virus Statue At Liberty Sculpture Park

Almost a year ago, on June 4, 2021, the Liberty Sculpture Park in Yermo introduced two sculptures by Weiming Chen, the “CCP Virus” Sculpture and another titled “Victims of Communism.”

A little over a month later in July 2021, agents of the Chinese Communist Party with ties to the Chinese Ministry of State Security, repeatedly attacked the CCP Virus sculpture, eventually burning it to total destruction July 23, 2021, according to



Construction crew drops Weiming Chen's replacement sculpture CCP Virus II, created less than a year after the destruction of the original CCP Virus sculpture, into place on June 1, 2022. Photo: Mark Gutglueck

Despite Cultivators' Perseverance, Reefer Eradication Effort At Last Gains Traction

By Mark Gutglueck

Following the investment of approaching \$8 million and more than 10,000 man-hours of effort by members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's department over the last 17 months, there are unmistakable signs that a corner has been turned on the effort to eradicate the bootleg marijuana cultivation activity that had proliferated in many of the vast outreaches of 20,105-square mile San Bernardino County since 2017.

A milestone in that effort was reached in March, when a division of the sheriff's department's task force unexpectedly came upon a vast subterranean “industrial-sized” farm

in the remote desert community of Newberry Springs, one with ties, the *Sentinel* is told by reliable sources, to an international tong which has sponsored the erection of literally hundreds of other greenhouses in the desert in the past five years. The takedown of that operation sent a signal, one louder and clearer than

any delivered before, to the decision-makers of a primary network heavily involved in the illicit production of marijuana in Southern California. In the aftermath of the serendipitous March operation, the *Sentinel* is informed, a decision was made by higher-ups in the organization that the time is propitious to withdraw from San Ber-

nardino County.

In December 2000, then-San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon, for both defensible and dubious reasons, committed to a New Year's resolution in which he had his department embark on a series of raids against illicit marijuana cultivation operations around the county, virtual-

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No Replacement For Spagnolo On RC Council Until December

Rancho Cucamonga's city council will remain at four-fifths strength until December in the aftermath of Councilman Sam Spagnolo's May 2 death.

The city council had the option of appointing someone who lives within the city's First District to fill the vacancy.

Potential replacements included Tim Johnson, Luis Cetina and Tony Guglielmo.

Johnson was a protégé of former Rancho Cucamonga City Councilman and Second District San Bernardino County Supervisor Paul Biane. In 2002, Johnson served as Biane's dep-

Judge Says Measure Z Won't Apply If It Passes

Taxpayer and government reform advocates will not be given a fighting chance to repeal a special fire district tax imposed on all landowners in the county's unincorporated areas, San Bernardino Superior Court Judge David Cohn ruled on May 31.

This marks the third time the Red Brennan

Group has been prevented from undoing the tax.

The Red Brennan Group, which was named after the late government efficiency and fair taxation advocate Kiernan “Red” Brennan, took up cause against the expansion of the Fire Protection District Service Zone Five (FP-5) assessment that was imposed

on all of the landowners within the county's unincorporated areas by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in 2018, seeking to overturn the tax after the county used a protest validation to put it in place.

FP-5 was originally created to pay for fire prevention and emergency medical service

Night Of George Gershwin Compositions At Gardiner Spring Auditorium On June 20

Gary and Miriam Keith will present the musicians of the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band in the performance of “Rhapsody in Blue: The Music of George Gershwin” on Monday June 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium. The Woodwind Celebration Ensemble will present a pre-concert

recital in the auditorium lobby at 7:00 p.m. Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium is located on the campus of Chaffey High School at 1245 North Euclid Avenue in Ontario. The concert will be narrated by David Allen, newspaper columnist for the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, and Ontario City Council-

man Alan Wapner. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public. The June concert is to feature a repertoire of George Gershwin's memorable compositions highlighted by a performance of “Rhapsody in Blue.” Featured soloists include the show band's assistant director, Pat Arnold,

longtime show band friend and vocal soloist Marilynne Sherwood, vocalist and frequent guest Brian Detwiler, guest conductor and violoncello soloist Matthew Keating, and concert pianist Dr. Maria Perez. The Chaffey Community Show Band's program pays tribute to one of the icons of American music

whose works spanned across both popular and classical genres. George Gershwin was born in Brooklyn New York on September 26, 1898 and passed away in Los Angeles on July 11, 1937 at the age of 38 from the effects of a brain tumor. His enormous body of work, composed in slightly more than two

Lawyer Casts Off Valdivia's Denials As So Much Political Rhetoric

The attorney representing five former San Bernardino city employees who are suing Mayor John Valdivia and their former employer over treatment they were subjected to by Valdivia this week rejected as political rhetoric assertions by Valdivia's re-election campaign that those claims were politically motivated ones.

Tristan Pelayes is representing Mirna Cisneros, Valdivia's one-time constituent service representative; Karen Cervantes, his former special assistant; Jackie Aboud and Don Smith, two of Valdivia's field representatives; and Matt Brown, Valdivia's former chief-of-staff. The three women have claimed that while working for the city, Valdivia pressured them to have sex with him. Cisneros related how Valdivia had solicited and received bribes. She also laid out how he used city money to travel nationally and internationally on business unrelated to the city, which included raising money for himself or his future political campaigns. Aboud has claimed Valdivia used his authority to deny municipal services to those areas of the city where he did not fare well during his 2018 election and where voters elected his rivals on the city council. Smith offered an account of Valdivia accepting bribe money. Brown claims he fell out with Valdivia for resisting the mayor's efforts to demonize and discredit his staff members who were willing to speak out about his misuse of the mayor's post.

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While San Bernardino County Authorities Have Aggressively Sought To Shut Down Unlicensed Marijuana Growers, They Have Tolerated Cultivators Who Obtained Their Growing Licenses By Bribing The County's Politicians *from front page*

ly all of which were in remote areas, primarily in the desert with a handful in the mountain communities or in the rural gaps between the county's cities and urbanized areas. Most of those raids were in unincorporated county areas generally off the beaten track, on property where the operators calculated there would be little attention toward or interference with their activities.

Those activities were an outgrowth of California voters' November 2016 passage of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which made the use of marijuana for intoxicative purposes legal in the state and reduced the cultivation of the plant, even in massive quantities, from a felony to at worst a misdemeanor. While a host of regulations relating to the cultivation and commercial availability of the drug were applicable, including the delegation to local jurisdictions of the permissibility of growing it, marketing it for wholesale or retail availability, the refining of it, the alteration of it into various products, the warehousing of it and its derivatives along with the transportation and distribution of it, there was a wide perception within the general population that trafficking in the drug was now essentially legal. Some individuals and enterprises sought to raise marijuana crops with the expectation that they would be free to market their harvest to retailers. Others, recognizing that there were or were to be yet established regulations relating to licensing and permitting of such cultivation and sales facilities, nevertheless embarked on cultivation and commercial enterprises involving marijuana or cannabis products on the expectation that state and local authorities would not be equipped to regulate the industry or enforce the restrictions

and regulations as they came into being.

Of note is that Proposition 64, while granting adults the legal right/privilege of using the substance, also provided local jurisdictions the authority to determine if they were to continue to prohibit cultivation of marijuana and commercial activity involving marijuana or cannabis-based products or whether growing marijuana or selling it and products derived from it were to be permitted and, if so, under what terms.

In San Bernardino County at present only five jurisdictions – the cities of Needles, Adelanto, San Bernardino, Hesperia and Barstow – have consented to marijuana-related commercial activity and only Needles, Adelanto, San Bernardino and Barstow have consented to allowing the drug to be cultivated within their respective city limits. All elsewhere in the county – including the 19 other cities/incorporated towns and the 19,073 square miles of unincorporated county territory – cultivation or commercial activity involving marijuana or cannabis products is illegal, with the exception of the sale of cannibidol-containing products used as liniments, salves and pain palliatives.

A handful of politically astute entities, recognizing that they could gain an inside track in the nascent cannabis industry by securing the acquiescence of a relatively small set of politicians and influential governmental officials and achieve if not a monopoly then a lock on a significant portion of the marijuana/cannabis market by securing what they knew would be a limited number of operating permits for such businesses, bought their way into the ground floor of the lucrative marijuanification of California by essentially

paying off – bribing – or otherwise involving in the profit-taking a key set of politicians in the county, including but not limited to then-Adelanto Mayor Rich Kerr, then-Adelanto City Councilman John Woodard, then-Adelanto City Councilman Jermaine Wright, Adelanto Mayor Gabriel Reyes, San Bernardino Mayor John Valdivia, San Bernardino City Councilman Juan Figueroa, then-Hesperia City Councilman Jeremiah Brosowske, Hesperia City Councilman Bill Holland and Hesperia City Councilwoman Rebekah Swanson and similarly influencing or compromising municipal officials, including Adelanto City Manager Jessie Flores, who had previously served as that city's contract economic development director. Several lawyers with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger, which offers legal service to a number of cities in San Bernardino County, did much to facilitate the establishment of franchised marijuana-related and cannabis-related businesses in certain cities. In those places, particularly in Adelanto and San Bernardino, monetary exchanges between business proponents and politicians greased the way for businesses cultivating, handling or selling marijuana and its derivatives to establish toeholds, thriving enterprises, near monopolies or monopolies. Adelanto City Attorney Ruben Duran and San Bernardino City Attorneys Thomas Rice and Sonia Carvalho, and special counsels Daniel Shimell and Christopher Moffitt, all of whom were members of the Best Best & Krieger firm, represented the cities of San Bernardino and Adelanto during crucial phases of those cities transitions into municipalities allowing marijuana-related and cannabis-related entrepreneurship, defending them against legal challenges by competing companies that applied for marijuana/cannabis-related business permits and were denied them in what have been widely alleged to be flawed selection processes tainted

by favoritism and graft. In making blanket denials of those challenges, Duran, Rice, Carvalho, Shimell and Moffitt were obliged to ignore anything that might suggest the cities that employed them had acted inappropriately. They could admit no discourse relating to the dishonesty, in their particular cases, of Kerr, Woodard, Wright, Valdivia and Figueroa. Nevertheless, in their capacities, Duran, Rice, Carvalho, Shimell and Moffitt were exposed to multiple indications that graft had permeated Adelanto's and San Bernardino's permitting processes, and that Kerr, Woodard, Wright, Valdivia and Figueroa were key actors in such activity.

Elaborate and not-so-elaborate protocols for delivering gratuities to the politicians serving as the ultimate arbiters of which entrepreneurs would get operating permits evolved, ones that involved payoffs separate from and independent of the "legitimate" permitting and licensing fees paid over the counter at City Hall, ones that entailed in some cases one blanket inducement provided to all of the city-in-question's officials, or in others gratuities handed around separately. The form for these kickbacks varied, from money in envelopes offered as donations either to an elected official's campaign fund or a charity run by his spouse done openly or more privately, to money in paper bags to greenbacks in valises or briefcases to checks ostensibly paid for the rendering of a service or work that was never in fact performed to other types of payment. Creative conduits for those gratuities were devised. Some elected officials received larger payoff than others. Some who made those payments learned that licensing and permitting did not come immediately. Thus, more than one layer of payoffs were involved. On top of a basic bribe, intended to achieve for the giver approval of his permit application, was a second round of generosity toward Adel-

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anto and San Bernardino officials, which existed as an expediting fee so that the waiting timetable for the licensing and permitting might be shortened.

After laying out hundreds of thousands of dollars and in some cases millions of dollars to get their marijuana businesses up and running, to their no little chagrin these new age "enfranchised" marijuana dealers discovered that they were competing against not just others like them who had paid both legitimate and illegitimate fees to get their permits and licenses and not just a few or a few dozen or even a score or two of bootleggers who had no permits and licenses for their enterprises, but indeed hundreds of illicit cultivation operations, ones that were growing prodigious amounts of marijuana that was increasing the supply and driving the price down. The reality was that virtually everyone in the marijuana business had cheated in some way to get established; it was just that some had cheated fair. They had cut the region's public officials in on the bonanza that was to come. They had taken care of officialdom. Those who were playing by the rules and making sure that the pillars of the community were getting their piece of the action were up against others who weren't cheating fair, ones who weren't paying San Bernardino County's public officials off.

Simultaneously, the groundswell of illicit marijuana farms, primarily in the desert, were causing real problems.

In some cases, those planting marijuana did so on property they actually owned or had some right to occupy. In many instances, the farms had materialized on land without the knowledge of the property owners. Boldly, banking on the possibility that an absentee landowner would be unlikely to visit property located in such remote reaches of the county's harsh desert outback very often, outlaws would trespass without regard for the implication of what they were doing and the violent reaction their action might provoke.

Water, a crucial element in a marijuana growing enterprise, is a scarce and precious commodity in the desert, all the more so during the course of an historic drought. Only rarely are those growing marijuana illicitly using a water source to which they have legal access, such that virtually all of the water being used in the illegal marijuana farming in the desert is illegally diverted, in defiance of the established and adjudicated water rights in the region and the protocol in place to conserve the elixir of life.

Similarly, other utilities needed for such operations, primarily electricity, is in short supply in the remote areas where such farms are located. Thus, illicit growers routinely pirate electricity through bypasses, tapping into nearby power lines, riggings which, in addition to being thefts, carry with them some risk of electrocution or a

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Not Only Is Valdivia A Cad Of The First Order, Says Pelayes, He Has Also Demonstrated Himself To Be A Crooked & Corrupt Politician

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office, Valdivia is seeking reelection this year. His campaign has dismissed Cisneros, Cervantes, Aboud, Smith and Brown as malcontents whose criticisms of and observations about the mayor are self-serving utterances which should not be believed by the city's voters.

Pelayes, the one-time mayor of Adelanto and a former investigator with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, characterized what was being said about his clients as campaign rhetoric that bordered on libel and slander. He further charged that one of the candidates competing in the race against Valdivia, former San Bernardino Human Resources Director Helen Tran, had enabled Valdivia in the depredations he had engaged in against the employees of the city he is now suing on behalf of.

Cisneros, Cervantes, Aboud, Smith and Brown were all, Pelayes said, "victimized in various forms by the current mayor, John Valdivia."

Pelayes said that his clients had been subjected to "sexual harassment and bullying" as Valdivia engaged in "creating a hostile work environment." Ultimately, the lawyer said, his clients lost their jobs or resigned from them because "They refused to comply with his inappropriate demands."

That Valdivia and his campaign consultants are claiming political motivation in what Cisneros, Cervantes, Aboud, Smith and Brown are saying is preposterous, Pelayes said.

"It's been more than two years since the first claim was filed in early 2020 and three years since the proven documented acts by Mayor

Valdivia began to occur," Pelayes said. "It is important to note those timelines. The timeline refutes the political motivation angle of claims being falsely spread due to the upcoming election. The harassment included sexual advances towards my clients and vulgar comments and messages about various women and his sexual activity and desires."

Pelayes pointed out that "On numerous and separate occasions the mayor told the female victims they needed to spend more time alone with him after hours in order to be successful and secure their employment and when they didn't, he mistreated them and insinuated that their jobs were in jeopardy."

Beyond his caddish behavior, Pelayes said, Valdivia demonstrated an intrinsic dishonesty and untrustworthiness that his client's repeatedly came face to face with.

"The mayor repeatedly hid and misreported financial activities, which is a violation of the law and is being independently investigated," Pelayes said. "As a matter of fact, at least three of my clients have given statements to the FBI and the district attorney's office. That is still ongoing. Mayor Valdivia routinely used his consulting company to do business with companies with proposals and contracts pending before the city council, which is consistent with his pay-to-play model for doing business within the city."

City officials have had to reluctantly come to terms with what Valdivia did, though it is in their financial interest as the lawsuits proceed for them to minimize what the mayor did, Pelayes said.

"The city's independent investigation – their own investigation – confirmed some of the allegations but they have refused to release the detailed findings of the investigation, which is cause for suspicion," Pelayes said.

According to Pelayes, the accusations against the mayor are consistent from the bottom to the top.

He said that Valdivia's handpicked senior staff member, Brown, confirms what those serving at all of the staff levels within the mayor's office have recounted.

"Matt Brown was retaliated against by Valdivia for declining to provide false written statements and write fake poor work evaluations for Myrna Cisneros and Karen Cervantes after they filed their claim,"

Pelayes said. "From 2018 until 2019, Valdivia was served letters by the city warning him about liability surrounding his creating a hostile work environment and interfering with the administration of the city in violation of the city municipal code by using his position and staff to push his personal motives. He was also formally warned about having Mirna Cisneros work out of class by repeatedly assigning her to work various after hour events, which were not within the scope of her duties and also a Wages and Fair Labors Standards Act violation."

The claims by the plaintiffs in the five lawsuits filed against Valdivia and the city are "backed by witness statements, numerous text messages and investigative findings," Pelayes said. "Facts refute the recent lies being put out by the mayor and his attorney. You might have seen some of the campaign flyers he's put out lately. The mayor states that the claims are political slander and a smear campaign meant to negatively impact his current campaign efforts. If you recall the timeline, these issues date back to 2018, long before the mayor's race and before he even became mayor. Further, these issues were reported long before they left the city and filed their claims. This obviously makes the claims by the mayor false. The mayor's attorney states the testimony by the victims is inconsistent, conflicting and made up. Their documented, independent testimonies actually depict consistent patterns of behavior backed by witness statements, messages and the city's own documen-

tation. I also would like to add that when it came time for the mayor to participate in his deposition and provide sworn testimony, he failed to appear. He was issued a several thousand dollar fine and ordered by a judge to appear at a later date, coincidentally, after the primary election on June 7. He was ordered to appear for his deposition, come July 12 and July 14. He can't escape anymore."

Just as Valdivia did repeatedly during his first 18 months in office as mayor, Pelayes said he is again using the "disgusting angle of lying" which Pelayes said is the mayor's 'go to tactic' of bullying those who get in his way. Valdivia is claiming all five plaintiffs he is representing "were simply disgruntled employees who either resigned or fired," which he said was "another ridiculous claim refuted by documentation, evidence and the timelines. His customer service representative, two field reps, his own chief of staff: these are the people accusing him, and now he is claiming it was done for a political reason. None of these people wanted to go after the mayor's job and they have no political aspirations whatsoever."

Continuing, Pelayes said, "Something needs to be done. Valdivia's history of abuse and power has cost my clients their jobs, has cost the community millions of dollars in litigation, not just in these cases, but others that the mayor has been involved in."

Valdivia's continuing in office, Pelayes said, "is a complete disservice to the residents of the city who are in dire need of real leadership."

The campaign ploy of touting Valdivia as "'The People's Mayor' is just a farce and unfortunately you are all paying the price," Pelayes said.

The behavior Valdivia engaged in, Pelayes said, reflected poorly upon Helen Tran, another candidate in the race who previously oversaw the city's personnel in her capacity as human resources director during the first year of Valdivia's tenure as mayor. Tran has

since left San Bernardino to become the human resources director with the city of West Covina.

"She was there from 2018 to 2019," Pelayes said. "Sworn testimony has come out indicating that my clients reported all the allegations I just described to human resources. Whether Helen Tran is now claiming she was out on an injury or not, from my perspective, she was in charge of the department. I hold the department and the city responsible."

Pelayes said the city, including Tran, failed to act forthrightly in the aftermath of what Valdivia was doing.

"The investigation obviously was slanted on behalf of the city from Day One," Pelayes said. "I asked the city to allow us to participate alongside the city's hired investigator." That offer was spurned, he said.

"The investigation was concluded and to this day they refuse to release the entire findings," Pelayes said. "What they did instead is cut and pasted the quote unquote executive summary about what they felt were the findings. We are currently fighting to get the actual investigation."

On her campaign website, Tran makes no criticism of Valdivia. The website states, "Helen Tran is a public servant, non-profit leader, and mother of three. The daughter of Vietnamese refugees in search of the American Dream, Helen grew up in San Bernardino. In 2006, Helen began working for the City of San Bernardino as the executive assistant to the director of human resources. Ten years later, Helen became the youngest director of human resources for the City of San Bernardino."

Pelayes said that as inadequate as the city's investigation was, it still documented enough to establish that his clients had been abominably treated.

"Even with the executive summary that they did provide, they sustained a bunch of the allegations against Mayor John Valdivia," Pelayes said. "He refused to par-

ticipate himself in that investigation and was never interviewed, though my clients were threatened to participate, even though some of them were still current employees under threat of being disciplined for insubordination."

According to Pelayes, "Nineteen out of 42 claims were substantiated. The reasons cited for not being able to substantiate those allegations are the lack of witnesses, some of those witnesses being the mayor's secretary, the mayor himself and Matt Brown and some of the other people who were not asked the questions that would have substantiated the allegations that ended up being inconclusive."

Valdivia, in conjunction with his lawyer, Rod Pacheco, and his campaign, is doing everything that can be done to duck the issues the five lawsuits have raised, Pelayes said.

"We're on the third or fourth judge now because both combined the city and Mayor Valdivia filed various motions to get these judges disqualified, basically when they [received] rulings they didn't like," Pelayes said. "From the inception of these cases, Mayor Valdivia and the city ha[ve] filed every conceivable motion that you can imagine to that the case is either dismissed, thrown out or gutted. And they were, so far, unsuccessful. So, when you see those campaign flyers saying that the cases are done or that there is evidence that these cases are going nowhere, that is a complete lie."

Whatever the outcome of the election, Pelayes said, he is angling to demonstrate Valdivia is a crook and a prevaricator. And he will take no prisoners in doing so, he said.

"I plan to call Helen Tran," Pelayes said. "Obviously the main deposition is that of Mayor John Valdivia himself, and that has been ordered by the court."

Valdivia's reputation will take more of a shelling than it already has, Pelayes said.

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Chinese Agents Angled Against Chen By Destroying His Work & Trying To Sic The IRS On Him *from front page*

Chinese government, one of which included a plan “to destroy the artwork of a dissident artist whose work is critical of the People’s Republic of China government.”

According to the Department of Justice, Liu

plication of Chen’s CCP Virus piece, which by its theme and form implies that the COVID-19 virus was deliberately unleashed by the Chinese government upon the Western Democracies.

Not only did Liu and Ziburis destroy the original CCP Virus sculpture, Liu, believing that Chen was generating considerable income from his work as a sculptor that he was



The handiwork of Communist Chinese agents who succeeded in destroying Weiming Chen’s original CCP Virus sculpture during the late spring and early summer of 2021 Photo by Mark Gutglueck

investigator provided to the federal government information about Liu’s and Ziburis’s activities.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Liu had acquired Chen’s tax information with the intent of publicly disclosing that Chen was underreporting his income and underpaying his taxes. This, it was thought, would alienate the U.S. Government from Chen and leave Chen bitter toward his adoptive country.

In March 2021, while cooperating with the FBI and with Chen’s full knowledge and consent, the private investigator passed along to Liu copies of two of Chen’s tax returns.

“Based on his high price quotes for his artwork, we believe he definitely took in a large sum and evaded taxes, a major crime in the U.S. After obtaining evidence, spend money for court and attorney fees to totally get rid of him,” Liu wrote to Qiang “Jason” Sun, another agent of the Chinese Communist Government.

Liu and Ziburis have



“Tank Man” is Weiming Chen’s depiction of perhaps the most dramatic moment of the 1989 Tianamen Square uprising. Photo: Mark Gutglueck

been in federal custody since March. Last year, when they were free, they succeeded in totally wrecking Chen’s CCP Virus sculpture.

Chen immediately vowed to rebuild. With the support of donations from those angered by the attack, including the Human Rights Foundation, the CCP Virus II Sculpture was created using the original molds as the guide to build a metal frame. Chen, welder Qien Yan, assistant Jonas Yuan, and David Jen spent seven months using rebar, sheet metal, cement, and paint to make the replica of the giant coronavirus molecule head with

a Communist Hammer and Sickie attachment and the face and skull of Xi Jinping, President of China and leader of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Liberty Sculpture Park maintains the installation “is the largest depiction of Chairmen Xi in the world that firmly holds his leadership accountable for the COVID-19 pandemic’s worldwide impact and devastation.”

An event to unveil

day June 5, starting at 3 p.m. The park entrance is 37570 West Yermo Rd. Speakers will make presentations in English and Chinese. A period of silence to honor the victims of COVID-19 is a planned portion of the unveiling ceremony. The unveiling will be followed by a memorial observance of the 33rd anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre (estimated to begin 6 p.m. in front of



Workers maneuver Weiming Chen’s replacement CCP Virus II Sculpture onto its pedestal at Liberty Sculpture Park in Yermo on June 1, 2022. Photo by Lise King

and Ziburis executed upon that plan and “the artist’s sculpture depicting [China President Xi] Jinping as a coronavirus molecule was demolished in ... 2021.”

The Chinese Ministry of State Security was quite intent on discrediting Chen, and was particularly sensitive with regard to the im-

not duly reporting to tax officials, employed a Queens, New York private investigator to deliver bribes to an IRS agent in an effort to obtain Chen’s tax returns.

The private investigator played along, but upon being directed to deliver a bribe to a federal employee, contacted the FBI. The in-

an environmental hazard.

In some cases, the cultivators have gone to elaborate and dangerous lengths to protect their crops from poaching or interference, including arming themselves and those overseeing the crops, booby-trapping the periphery of the cropland or the property involved and threatening, intimidating or outright assaulting adjoining or nearby property owners.

For those reasons, the illicit marijuana farms

represent a hazard to the well being of county residents, most particularly those who live in the area where the illegal activity is taking place and the property owners whose land has been commandeered, who are therefore subject to danger when seeking to access their own property, either by armed and hostile intruders or by the booby traps strewn about their land, some involving particularly vicious means, including explosives and

antipersonnel ordinance that can blind, maim or kill, not to mention the legal risk a property owner uninformed in any such cultivation on his or her property is subject to if law enforcement officers or prosecutors resolve to redress the situation on the assumption he or she is involved.

For that reason, when Sheriff McMahon in January 2021 undertook a stepped-up effort to counter the illegal growing of marijuana in the

county’s rural area, his effort was widely hailed as a forthright move. Still, the sheriff’s department’s crusade against unlicensed marijuana growers is being exploited by an element of the San Bernardino County community no less sociopathic than the illicit cultivators authorities are seeking to rein in, ones who have wormed their way into the region’s political and governmental establishment and are engaging in profit-taking at

the expense of the county’s citizens, not only with impunity but the active assistance of the department Dicus has now inherited from McMahon and the machinery of city and county and state government over which those corrupt politicians have seized control.

Bill Postmus in 2000 experienced a meteoric rise as a then-29-year-old wunderkid of San Bernardino Republican politics by appealing to *Continued on Page 6*



Weiming Chen’s bust of Crazy Horse Photo: Mark Gutglueck

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fire hazard.

To ward off plant-eating bugs, growers utilize pesticides during the growing process, which when used unregulated, injudiciously or indiscriminately can represent

Chen Has Waged His Fight For Freedom With A Hammer And Chisel In America, New Zealand & China And A Gun In Syria
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ument. Speakers for the memorial will be mostly Cantonese and Mandarin dialects.

Chen is a sculptor born in 1970 who fled Communist China three

in the United States and which is suppressed by the regime in his native country.

In 2017, Chen, who characterizes himself as equal parts sculptor and



Weiming Chen's statue of Chinese labor rights activist Li Wangyang Photo: Mark Gutglueck

decades ago to avoid political persecution.

Closely visible from the northeast-bound lane of Interstate I-15, Liberty Sculpture Park is host to a number of statues and displays, most by Chen. The overriding theme of the venue is freedom, freedom of the sort that Chen maintains is available

freedom activist, began erecting his statues in the Mojave Desert to celebrate the human spirit in its longing for freedom in the face of the oppression of tyranny, which in the modern world, according to Chen, is represented by communism.

Among the existing pieces at the park are

a bust of Chief Crazy Horse, the inside of the headdress for which bears the phrase, "Give me liberty or give me death," a statue of Chinese labor activist Li Wangyang; "Tank Man," which shows the still-unidentified man with two shopping bags who stood down a tank on June 5, 1989 during protests that took place in Tiananmen Square that year; the number "64" or "Six Four," commemorating the Tiananmen Square protests, which, according to unverified reports contradicted by the Chinese Communist Government, ended in the massacre of somewhere between 200 and 2,000 protesters; and the work "Liberate Hong Kong."

Chen first came to prominence in 1991 when he was commissioned by the New Zealand government to create a 3-meter bronze statue of Edmund Hillary. In 2008, he created a 6.4 meters high replica of the Goddess of Democracy that stood in the Chinese University of Hong Kong until 23 December 2021.

Chen, who was born in Hangzhou, now resides in both New Zealand and the United States.

In 2011, Chen traveled to Syria to fight during the Syrian uprising alongside Free Syrian Army rebels, a faction



Weiming Chen's "Six Four," a 6.4-meter high monument to the 1989 Tiananmen Massacre, is located 6,400 miles, and at a 64-degree angle, from Beijing. Photo: Mark Gutglueck

of officers of the Syrian armed forces seeking to bring down the

government of Bashar al-Assad.

at the park remain intact.

The other sculptures

-Mark Gutglueck



Weiming Chen's "Liberate Hong Kong" Photo: Mark Gutglueck

Johnson, Cetina & Guglielmo Were Among Those Thought To Be Potential Replacements For Spagnolo
from front page

uty campaign manager. In 2010, before Biane was defeated for reelection as Second District supervisor in that year's race and after a falling out occurred between Biane and Matt Brown, who was both Biane's chief of staff and his campaign manager, Johnson rose to the occasion from his post as Biane's district field representative to serve in the capacity of Biane's de facto chief of staff and took on the official assignment of

his campaign manager. Johnson is the chief operating officer of Quality Management Group, which manufactures and sells high density housing and he was formerly the executive director for the California Apartment Association.

Cetina has been since 2012 and is still a board member of the Cucamonga Valley Water District. He is currently competing for Second District county supervisor against four others in the June 7 primary election. Cetina is employed as the governmental and regional affairs liaison with the Metropolitan Water District. He is the chairman of the Gateway Chambers Alliance, a member of the San Gabriel Val-

ley Legislative Coalition of Chambers, a Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce board member and an active participant in the Inland Empire

County Imposed Fire Service Tax Without A Vote
from front page

in a 5.6-square mile area within the unincorporated desert communities of Silverlakes and Helenale in 2006. Twelve years later, the county floated the concept of applying it to the rest of the county outside the city limits of the county's 22 cities and town limits of its two incorporated towns, a land mass equal to 94.87 percent of the 20,105-square mile

Chamber Alliance.

Guglielmo was from 2017 until 2021 a member of the Rancho Cucamonga Planning Commission, which included a

county or 19,073 square miles. Under the protest process, the county's residents were informed that they had 30 days to write letters contesting or protesting the imposition of the tax, amounting to an annual assessment of roughly \$55 dollars subject to a three percent per year increase to defray the cost of fire protection service offered in most cases by the county fire department. If 50 percent plus one of the property owners/voters had mailed in such letters, then the assessment would not

stint as that panel's chairman. He is a broker with Allied Commercial Real Estate.

There was concern that by conferring the

have been expanded to all of the county's unincorporated areas. If 25

Performances From The Gershwin Canon At Gardner Spring On June 20
from front page

decades, included orchestral compositions such as "Rhapsody in Blue," "Concerto in F," and "An American in Paris," solo piano works, several operas including the groundbreaking Porgy and Bess, 18 Broadway musicals, and

District 1 council post on Johnson, Cetina, Guglielmo or anyone else, the council would give that person an advantage
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percent of the county's landowners had protested
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over 500 popular songs. Sherwood will perform three Gershwin hits, "Embraceable You," "The Man I Love," and "Summertime" from the folk opera Porgy and Bess. Detwiler will sing "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me." Pat Arnold will be the featured vocalist on "Our Love Is Here To Stay."

County Politicians Have Taken Money From Licensed Marijuana Purveyors & Encouraged Sheriff With Funding To Arrest And Obstruct Their Contributors' Competitors *from page 4*

voters as a rock-ribbed conservative Christian and family values-oriented, pro-military and pro-law enforcement politician to get elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors representing the First District. Four years later, he became the second youngest chairman of the board of supervisors in county history while simultaneously achieving the position of chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee. Two years later, he was elected assessor, county government's highest ranking taxing authority. He shortly thereafter fell from grace, slipping into scandal which led to criminal charges being filed against him in 2009, relating to action he had engaged in while assessor, and in 2010, stemming from the misuse of his voting authority while he had been a supervisor prior to that. In 2011 he was convicted of 14 felony political corruption charges, including criminal conspiracy (Penal Code Section 182), soliciting a bribe (Penal Code Section 86), accepting a bribe as a public official (Penal Code Section 165), engaging in a conflict of interest as a public official (Government Code Section 1090), and misappropriation of public funds (Penal Code Section 424), misuse of public facilities, fraud and perjury, along with a single misdemeanor drug charge relating to a supply of methamphetamine found in his home during a January 2009 search of those premises when investigators with the district attorney's office were looking into his misuse of his governmental authority and government assets.

His legal travails had necessitated that Postmus resign from office and his convictions banned him for life from again holding office in California.

Yet he could not abide being forced out of politics and he thereafter reinvented himself as a political facilitator and lobbyist, one who would assist politicians in engaging in the sort of depredations he had been involved in by obscuring what they are doing so that they do not get caught as he did. In this way, Postmus has gravitated to assisting businesses, individuals and entities intent on influencing politicians to approve proposals – including projects, contracts and franchises – that those seeking that influence need to gain that approval and make money. He has utilized several enterprises he had or has ownership, control or influence over – including Mountain States Consulting Group, The Inland Empire political action committee, the Conservatives for a Republican Majority political action committee and the Citizens Against Wasteful Spending political action committee – to launder political donations to elected officeholders. Using such entities and by sponsoring fundraisers for current officeholders, Postmus has created and continues to create the opportunity for individuals to provide money to politicians in a way that the individuals or companies from whom or from which the money originated could not and cannot be traced.

While prior to the implosion of his personal political career, Postmus had been a committed opponent to the liberalization of marijuana policy in San Bernardino County, in his newfound role as a political consultant and political operative, Postmus has proven acutely conscious that a significant amount of money is being invested by business interests in marijuana-related enterprises and he abandoned his anti-cannabis orien-

tation to become the primary operative of a set of what were at first loosely affiliated interests seeking commercial cannabis permits which have since become known and widely recognized as the Postmus cartel, an entity which includes Postmus's longtime political associate and business partner John Dino DeFazio, with whom he has partnered in an marijuana cultivation and cannabis-project marketing enterprise.

In April 2021, Bill Postmus held a fundraiser for Supervisors Paul Cook, Dawn Rowe and Curt Hagman at the Tartan of Redlands at which Adelanto Mayor Gabriel Reyes, Adelanto City Manager Jessie Flores and DeFazio were prominent attendees.

In the Spring of 2021, Thurston "Smitty" Smith, who had started his political career as a councilman in Hesperia in 2006 with the backing of Bill Postmus and acceded to the California Assembly in 2020 with Postmus's support, went on record as being in support of McMahon's effort to eradicate illicit marijuana crops wherever they might be found.

In May 2021, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors made a special \$10.4 million augmentation/appropriation to the county's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget earmarked to provide for enhanced code enforcement, with instructions that the lion's share of the funding was intended to finance further sheriff's department raids against unlicensed marijuana cultivation operations.

The following month there followed in quick succession two events which revealed the questionable motivation behind the intense illicit marijuana eradication effort.

On June 8, 2021, in a presentation before the Apple Valley Town Council during which he briefed town officials and the public on the dozens of operations his department had carried out over the previous five months, raids aimed at rooting up literally tens of thousands

plants his officers had found, Sheriff McMahon in reporting on the energetic efforts his deputies were making sought to publicize and promote what his department was engaged in while explaining the legal limitations and challenges his department faced. In so doing, McMahon inadvertently acknowledged that his department was working to protect the marijuana growers who had obtained permits to cultivate the drug and safeguard the monopolies they had established. Without referencing the bribery and pay-to-play principles involved in getting those who had obtained licenses into their advantageous position, he referenced both Adelanto and Needles, the county's two most prolific cities with regard to the production of marijuana, which both happened to employ his department as their contract law enforcement providers. He decried the "illegal grows" in those two places which were detracting from the revenue the two cities might otherwise realize if they were not constrained by a free market. The bootleggers his department was shutting down were, Mahon said, "in direct conflict and competition with the legal growers that are paying taxes and paying fees to the cities to operate. It is obviously impacting their business."

McMahon, a resident of Apple Valley with close relationships with several of the Apple Valley Town Council members, felt he was among friends with whom he could speak intimately as if he were among friends. He let his guard down, essentially acknowledging that his department was making it possible for the more sophisticated operators, the new breed of marijuana entrepreneurs who had the savvy to pay off politicians, to profit and profit handsomely as a consequence of his deputies suppressing the competition. McMahon's remarks made their way beyond Apple Valley, however, as the meeting was broadcast far and wide, virtually anywhere

in the world, courtesy of the internet, the World Wide Web. Within days, the county was abuzz with how McMahon and his department were the official enforcement arm of the Postmus cartel, which had wrapped its tentacles around virtually every "legal" marijuana operation in the county, obtaining for itself a piece of the action, delivering payoffs to the county's most powerful politicians such as Cook, Rowe and Hagman in the form of hefty political contributions or more elaborately hidden bribes. On June 18, overmatched by events and the perception that he was a mere lackey of Postmus, the political boss and head of the criminal enterprise that actually runs and controls the county, McMahon announced he was ready to call it quits, saying he was resigning as sheriff as of July 16, 2021.

In relatively short order, the board of supervisors selected McMahon's second-in-command, Undersheriff Shannon Dicus, to succeed McMahon.

Dicus thereupon found himself and his department at a crossroads. Faced with the option of making a break from the past pattern by which Postmus and the Postmus cartel were given a free ride and allowed to purchase protection for themselves and the virtual monopoly the cartel has constructed for itself or instead including the Postmus cartel in his department's sights and dismantling it in the same way his deputies were taking down illegal greenhouse after greenhouse in the desert by holding the cartel to account for the kickbacks being passed through to key politicians, Dicus chose to "dance with the ones who brung him," as it would be considered poor form to bite the hands of the county supervisors who had just fed him the honor of conferring upon him the sheriff's post. Dicus opted to not only leave Cook, Rowe and Hagman alone but to ignore the action Valdivia, Figueroa, Kerr, Woodard, Wright,

Reyes, Brosowske, Holland, Swanson and Flores had engaged in along with Postmus and DeFazio. Instead, it was Dicus's call to double down and continue to press the marijuana eradication effort against the county's weed farmers who were not sophisticated enough to figure out a way to share their profits with the politicians who grant licenses to operate to those who want to grow and sell marijuana and its derivatives.

On August 10, 2021, Dicus, who at that point was comfortably into place as county sheriff for slightly less than a month, announced the rebranding of McMahon's effort as Operation Hammer, one that would entail expanding the program from one team to six.

Three days later, the FBI on August 13, 2021 executed an arrest warrant for Kerr, based on the U.S. Attorney's Office having charged him with accepting more than \$57,000 in bribes and kickbacks in exchange for having acted to promote and voting to approve marijuana-related and cannabis-related business proposals in Adelanto while he was the mayor there.

On August 31, 2021, the five teams having been formed and fleshed out, Operation Hammer Strike was initiated.

Over the eight months during which Dicus's department carried out the continuation of McMahon's anti-marijuana cultivation effort in the form of Operation Hammer Strike, the sheriff's department gobbled up more than \$4 million of the \$10.4 million the board of supervisors had set aside in the current budget for code enforcement efforts, while utilizing a like amount of money available to it from other funding sources. A tally of what had been accomplished under the auspices of Operation Hammer Strike through May 24 showed the department's deputies and detectives, supervised by sergeants, lieutenants, two captains and a deputy chief, had served 875

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO-
FBN20220003620

The following person(s) is(are)
doing business as: NIEVES EL
KEVIN, 1115 1/2 WILSON ST,
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411

SAN BERNARDINO COUN-
TY
LUCIA E ONOFRE, 1115 1/2
WILSON ST, SAN BERNARDI-
NO, CA 92411, AMANDO DIAZ
OLAGUIVER, 1115 1/2 WILSON
ST, SAN BERNARDINO, CA
92411

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 Rec-
ord upon filing.

s/LUCIA E ONOFRE 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 state-
ment on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business:
N/A

County Clerk,

NOTICE- This fictitious busi-
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the office of the county clerk. A new
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must be filed before that time. The
filing of this statement does not of
itself authorize the use in this state
of a fictitious name in violation of
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state, or common law (see section
14400 et. Seq. Business & Profes-
sions Code).

05/13/2022, 05/20/2022,
05/27/2022, 06/03/2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO-
FBN20220004369

The following person(s) is(are)
doing business as: COZY LIL
LIGHT BUG CREATIONS, 14191
REDONDO COURT, FONTANA,
CA 92336

SAN BERNARDINO COUN-
TY

Mailing Address: PO Box
3594, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
91729.

DAWNAE B MALDONADO,
14191 REDONDO COURT, FON-
TANA, CA 92336

Business is Conducted By: AN
INDIVIDUAL Signed: BY SIGN-
ING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT
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05/27/2022, 06/03/2022

SUMMONS - (CIT-
ACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO
DEL CASO): CIVDS2014180
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
(AVISO DEMANDADO): CTX
MORTGAGE COMPANY, a
Nevada corporation; ESTATE
OF EVELYN M. TORRES; the
Testate and In testate Succes-
sors of EVELYN M. TORRES,
Deceased, and ALL PERSONS
CLAIMING BY THROUGH
OR UNDER SUCH DECE-
DENT; ALEXANDRO TOR-
RES, an individual; LUPE
TORRES ISHIZUKA, an indi-
vidual; TERESA TORRES, an
individual; NELLIE TORRES,
an individual; KENNY P. TOR-
RES, an individual; MANUEL
H. CEBALLOS, an individual;
THE SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DEVELOP-
MENT, a governmental
entity; VILLAGE OF PEACH-
WOOD HOMEOWNERS'
ASSOCIATION, a Califor-

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nia Domestic Non-Profit; and
DOES I through 20, inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED
BY PLAINTIFF (LO
ESTA DEMANDANDO)
EL DEMANDANTE):
BANK OF NEW YORK MEL-
LON TRUST COMPANY,
N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR
MORTGAGE ASSETS MAN-
AGEMENT SERIES I TRUST
NOTICE! You have been
sued. The court may decide
against you without your
being heard unless you re-
spond 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 re-
sponse 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/self-
help), 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 require-
ments. 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 pro-
gram. You can locate these non-
profit groups at the California
Legal Services Web site (www.
lawhelpcalifornia.org), the Cali-
fornia Courts Online Self-Help
Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/
selfhelp), or by contacting your
local court or county bar asso-
ciation. 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 con-
tra sin escuchar su versión. Lea
la información a continuación
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALEN-
DARIO después de que le en-
treguen 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 telefónica
no le protegen. Su respuesta
por escrito tiene que estar en
formato legal correcto si de-
sea que procesen su caso en
la corte. Es posible que haya
un formulario que usted puede
usar para su respuesta. Puede
encontrar estos formularios
de la corte y mas información
en el Centro de Ayuda de las
Cortes de California (www.su-
corte.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 pre-
sentación, pida si secretario de
la corte que le de un formulario
de exención de pago de cuotas.
Si no presenta su respuesta a
tiempo, puede perder el caso
por incumplimiento y la corte
le podrá quitar su sueldo, dine-
ro y bienes sin mas advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es
recomendable que llame a un
abogado inmediatamente. Si no
conoce a un abogado, puede lla-
mar 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 gratu-
to de un programa de servicios
legales sin fines de lucro. Puede
encontrar estos grupos sin fines
de lucro en el sitio web de Cali-
fornia Legal Services, (www.
lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el
Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes
de California, (www.sucorte.
ca.gov), o poniéndose en con-
tacto con la corte o el colegio de
abogados locales. AVISO: Por
ley, la corte tiene derecho a re-
clamar las cuotas y los costos ex-
tensos gravamen sobre cualquier
recuperación de \$10,000 o mas
de vaioir recibida mediante un

Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 10, 2022
Time: 08:30 AM
Department: S-17
The address of the court is
Superior Court of Califor-
nia, County of San Bernardino,
247 West Third Street, San
Bernardino, CA 92415,
San Bernardino District-
Civil Division

IT IS FURTHER OR-
DERED that a copy of this or-
der be published in the San Ber-
nardino 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: 04/13/2022
John M. Pacheco
Judge of the Superior
Court.

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2022.

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF: FELIPE G. PEREZ
CASE NO. PROSB2200572
To all heirs, beneficiaries,
creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may other-
wise be interested in the will
or estate, or both of FELIPE
G. PEREZ has been filed by
ROBERT PEREZ in the Super-
ior Court of California, Coun-
ty of SAN BERNARDINO.
THE PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE requests that ROBERT
PEREZ be appointed as per-
sonal representative to admin-
ister the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests
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(This authority will allow the
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acuerdo o una concesión de
arbitraje en un caso de derecho
civil. Tiene que pagar el grava-
men de la corta antes de que la
corta pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the
court is: (El nombre y la dire-
cción de la corte es): Superior
Court of California, County of
San Bernardino, 247 West Third
Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210
The name, address and tele-
phone number of plaintiff's
attorney, or plaintiff without
an attorney, is: (El nombre,
la dirección y el número de
telefono del abogado del de-
mandante, o del demandante
que no tiene abogado, es):
William G. Malcolm, Esq.
MALCOLM & CISNEROS
2112 Business Center
Dr., Irvine, CA 92612
Telephone: (949) 252-9400
DATE (Fecha): July 9, 2020
Clerk (Secretario), by Me-
lissa Perez, Deputy (Adjunto)
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ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

CASE NUMBER CIV SB
2205956

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Petitioner: ROSS
EDUARDO CACHO filed with
this court for a decree changing
names as follows:

ROSS EDUARDO CA-
CHO TO EDUARDO CACHO
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 objec-
tion 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
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jection is timely filed, the court
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independent administration
authority will be granted un-
less 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at 9:00
a.m. in Dept. No. S35 at Super-
ior Court of California, County
of San Bernardino, 247 West
Third Street, San Bernardino,
CA 92415, San Bernardino
District.

Filed: APRIL 22, 2022
REBECCA HERNAN-
DEZ, 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
decendent, you must file your
claim with the court and mail a
copy to the personal represen-
tative appointed by the court
within the later of either (1)
four months from the date of
first issuance of letters to a gen-
eral personal representative, as
defined in section 58(b) of the
California Probate Code, or (2)
60 days from the date of mail-
ing or personal delivery to you
of a notice under Section 9052
of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes
and legal authority may af-
fect your rights as a credi-
tor. You may want to consult
with an attorney knowledge-
able 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 Pro-
bate Code section 1250. A Re-
quest for Special Notice form is
available from the court clerk.
Filed: APRIL 27, 2022
Attorney for BRET ROYAL:
R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603
PRICE LAW FIRM, APC
300 E STATE
STREET SUITE 620
REDLANDS, CA 92373
Phone (909) 328 7000
Fax (909) 475 8800
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2022.

ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

CASE NUMBER CIV SB
2207605

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Petitioner: SA-
MANTHA CHRISTINA HER-
NANDEZ and JOHN JAMES
LU filed with this court for a
decree changing names as fol-
lows:

KADEN JAMES LU to
JAMES CALVIN LU

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WRIGHT, Deputy Court Clerk
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defined in section 58(b) of the
California Probate Code, or (2)
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ing or personal delivery to you
of a notice under Section 9052
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or account as provided in Pro-
bate Code section 1250. A Re-
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ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

CASE NUMBER CIV SB
2207605

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Petitioner: SA-
MANTHA CHRISTINA HER-
NANDEZ and JOHN JAMES
LU filed with this court for a
decree changing names as fol-
lows:

KADEN JAMES LU to
JAMES CALVIN LU

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 objec-
tion 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 ob-
jection is timely filed, the court
may grant the petition without
a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 13, 2022
Time: 08:30 AM
Department: S-17
The address of the court is
Superior Court of Califor-
nia, County of San Bernardino,
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FBN 20220004468
The following person is do-
ing business as: DSA FREIGHT
INC 6142 GLEN ABBEY WAY
FONTANA, CA 92336: DSA
FREIGHT INC 6142 GLEN AB-
BEY WAY FONTANA, CA 92336
Mailing Address: POST OF-
FICE BOX 4607 RANCHO CU-
CAMONGA, CA 91729

The business is conducted by:
A CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or names listed
above on: JANUARY 14, 2012

By signing, I declare that all
information in this statement is true
and correct. A registrant who de-
clares 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/DARLENE S ARITA
Statement filed with the Coun-
ty Clerk of San Bernardino on:
05/09/2022

I hereby certify that this copy is
a correct copy of the original state-
ment on file in my office San Ber-
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J2282

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 au-
thorize the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation of
the rights of another under federal,
state, or common law (see Section
14400 et seq., Business and Profes-
sions Code).

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FBN 20220004511
The following person is doing
business as: PLUM TREE MAR-
KET 6325 PUMA PLACE RAN-
CHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737;
GEORGE ROLAND SLIVKA
6325 PUMA PLACE RANCHO
CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

The business is conducted by:
AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to
transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or names listed
above on: MAY 2, 2022

By signing, I declare that all
information in this statement is true
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or she knows to be false is guilty of a
crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also
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s/ GEORGE ROLAND SLIV-
KA

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I hereby certify that this copy is
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NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF: EDWARD LEE HOOVER
CASE NO. PROSB2200681
To all heirs, beneficiaries,
creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may other-
wise be interested in the will
or estate, or both of EDWARD
LEE HOOVER has been filed by
CHRISTINE MARIE BO-
BICK aka CHRISTINE MA-
RIE HOOVER in the Superior
Court of California, County
of SAN BERNARDINO.
THE PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE requests that CHRIS-
TINE MARIE BOBICK aka
CHRISTINE MARIE
HOOVER be appointed as per-
sonal representative to admin-
ister the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests
authority to administer the
estate under the Independent

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Administration of Estates Act.
(This authority will allow the
personal representative to take
many actions without obtain-
ing court approval. Before
taking certain very important
actions, however, the personal
representative will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or consented to the pro-
posed action.) The independent
administration authority will be
granted unless an inter-
ested person files an objec-
tion to the petition and shows
good cause why the court
should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will
be held JUNE 20, 2022 at 9:00
A.M. in Dept. No. S35 at Super-
ior Court of California, Coun-
ty of San Bernardino, 247 West
Third Street, San Bernardino,
CA 92415, San Bernardino
District.

IF YOU OBJECT to the
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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR
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Other California statutes
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tor. You may want to consult
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able in California law.
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person interested in the estate,
you may file with the court a
Request for Special Notice
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bate Code section 1250. A Re-
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Attorney for Christine Marie
Bobick aka Christine Marie
Hoover:

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NOTICE OF PETI-
TION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: MARGA-
RET JEAN BARRETT
CASE NO. PROSB2200683
To all heirs, beneficiaries,
creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may other-
wise be interested in the will
or estate, or both of MARGA-
RET JEAN BARRETT has been
filed by GLORIA JEAN
ERAZIM in the Superior
Court of California, County
of SAN BERNARDINO.
THE PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE requests that GLO-
RIA JEAN ERAZIM be
appointed as personal rep-
resentative 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
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posed action.) The independ-
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be granted unless an inter-
ested person files an objec-
tion to the petition and shows
good cause why the court
should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will
be held JUNE 20, 2022 at 9:00
A.M. in Dept. No. S35 at Super-
ior Court of California, Coun-
ty of San Bernardino, 247 West
Third Street, San Bernardino,
CA 92415, San Bernardino
District.

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posed 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 JUNE 16, 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.

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 Gloria Jean Erazim:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAGNAR JOSEF SCHNEIDER, RAGNAR J. SCHNEIDER, aka RAGNAR SCHNEIDER CASE NO. PROSB2200734 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of RAGNAR JOSEF SCHNEIDER, RAGNAR J. SCHNEIDER, aka RAGNAR SCHNEIDER has been filed by ERIC OROZCO in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN KNOBLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held JUNE 30, 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.

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rior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Eric Orozco:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MIKE GARZA aka MICHAEL GARZA CASE NO. PROSB2200669 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MIKE GARZA aka MICHAEL GARZA has been filed by SUSAN KNOBLER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN KNOBLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held JUNE 14, 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.

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Filed: MAY 6, 2022
VALARIE GOLDSTEIN, 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: MAY 6, 2022 Attorney for Susan Knobler: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 8800 sam@pricelawfirm.com

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FBN 20220003723
The following person is doing business as: SANCHEZ CARRIERS WAREHOUSE 14587 VALLEY BLVD. FONTANA, CA 92335: YOER SANCHEZ-GOMEZ 8971 ROBINIA ST FONTANA, CA 92335 [and] BRENDA G ORTIZ VILLEGAS 8971 ROBINIA ST FONTANA, CA 92335 Mailing Address: 8971 ROBINIA ST FONTANA, CA 92335

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ YOER SANCHEZ-GOMEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/21/2022

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 G8420

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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRENE GUEVARA Case No. PROSB2200719

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRENE GUEVARA A PETITION FOR

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PROBATE has been filed by Michelle Salguero in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 21, 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.

Anna Sacco-Miller
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Telephone No: (951) 296-1775
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: David Westcott Eichler Case NO. PROSB2200705

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of David Westcott Eichler A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Layla Eichler in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN H. TAYLOR III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL CHATMAN 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.

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al representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. S36 at 09:00 AM on 06/23/2022 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD JOHN SCHUERGER CASE NO. PROSB2200742

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of RICHARD JOHN SCHUERGER has been filed by JOHN H. TAYLOR III in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN H. TAYLOR III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

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Filed: MAY 19, 2022

SABRINA FELIX, 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: MAY 19, 2022 Attorney for John H. Taylor: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 8800 sam@pricelawfirm.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GLORIA JEAN HOWARD aka GLORIA JEAN NORWARD CASE NO. PROSB2200759

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of GLORIA JEAN HOWARD aka GLORIA JEAN NORWARD has been filed by MICHAEL CHATMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL CHATMAN 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

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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 June 28, 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: MAY 24, 2022

JENNIFER SELDANA, 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: MAY 19, 2022 Attorney for Michael Chatman: R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 8800 sam@pricelawfirm.com

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FBN20220001529
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 CORPORATION 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, CEO
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

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FBN20220002054 The following person is doing business as: MOO MOO COWS 6870 ROVATO PLACE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701;

BLUE WHALE LOGISTICS INC 1826 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

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S/ YING GUAN, Chief Financial Officer

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 H1327

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FBN20220003079 The following person is doing business as: ELEVE SPORTS PERFORMANCE 12223 HIGHLAND AVE STE 106 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 92585; NICOLE M WALKER 27658 BIG BEND DR MENIFFEE, CA 92585

Mailing Address: 27658 BIG BEND DR MENIFFEE, CA 92585 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ NICOLE M WALKER

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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FBN20220001810 The following person is doing business as: EPITOME CONSTRUCTION [and] EPITOME LANDSCAPING [and] EPITOME STAGING [and] EPITOME CONSULTING 1632 WILSON AVE UPLAND, CA 91784; GEO COE LLC 1632 WILSON AVE UPLAND, CA 91784

Mailing Address: 318 BALLENA DRIVE DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Geoffrey T. Huang

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 03/02/2022

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FBN20220003546

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

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FBN20220003180 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

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given to any public district, public authority, public agency, public corporation, or any other political subdivisions in this state, the federal government, and qualifying nonprofit entities, in accordance with Government Code Section 54222 and Education Code Section 17464, that the Baker Valley Unified School District intends to dispose of the real property described below, by sale.

The subject property is located near the Baily Road Exit of California Interstate 15, near mile post 171.50 in the County of San Bernardino, State of California,

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Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0572-091-02-0000; 0572-091-03-0000; and 0572-091-23-0000 ("MountainPass Property") and the property is offered under the legal priorities and for the purposes set forth in Government Code Sections 54220 to 54232, inclusive, and Education Code Section 17464. For the purposes of acquiring said property pursuant to Government Code Section 54220 to 54232, inclusive, any eligible interested party is required to notify the selling agency (the District) of its intention to acquire within sixty (60) days after the third publication of this notice which the District has published pursuant to Education Code Section 17464.

Please give such notice in writing and address to: Leopoldo C. Santiago Erickson Law Firm A.P.C. 2878 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 115 San Diego, California 92108

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Parcel One: S 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SEC 13 TP 16N R 13E (EX PTN TO LOS ANGELES SMSA LTD SBE LAND CHG FOR 91 PG 7).

Assessor's Parcel No.: 0572-091-02-0000

Parcel Two: N 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SEC 13 TP 16N R 13E

Assessor's Parcel No.: 0572-091-03-0000

Parcel Three: MAP 2532 36 13 PARCEL NO 1 (POSS INT ONLY) ***** SBE LAND CHG FOR 91 PG 7 *****

Assessor's Parcel No.: 0572-091-23-0000

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FBN 20220004423 The following person is doing business as: JGL RECYCLING. 1114 EMPORIA ST ONTARIO, CA 91761

Principal Place of Business: JGL INVESTMENTS, LLC 15741 WOODRUFF AVE STE D BELLFLOWER, CA 90706; 1114 EMPORIA ST ONTARIO, CA 91761. The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 04, 2022

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FBN 20220004302 The following person is doing business as: CENTURY 21 THEVEGATEAM. 10557 JUNIPER AVE SUITE G1 FONTANA, CA 92337

Principal Place of Business: THE ONEDAY DYNASTY GROUP 10557 JUNIPER AVE SUITE G1 FONTANA, CA 92337. 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

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 05, 2022

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another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/13/2022, 05/20/2022, 05/27/2022, 06/03/2022 CNBB19202208MT

FBN 20220004437 The following person is doing business as: SHIMMER HAIR SALON. 559 N MOUNTAIN AVE UPLAND, CA 91786

Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO MARSHA L CONAWAY 11100 4TH ST APT 2205 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 09, 2022

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FBN 20220004441 The following person is doing business as: LIL MUNCHKINS INDOOR PLAYGROUND. 461 TENNESSEE STREET UNIT A REDLANDS, CA 92373

Principal Place of Business: LIL MUNCHKIN PLAYGROUND LLC 504 S MARVIN DRIVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410; 461 TENNESSEE STREET UNIT A REDLANDS, CA 92373. The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 09, 2022

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FBN 20220004102 The following person is doing business as: MOUNTAIN VIEW CONSTRUCTION. 12852 N. RIM WAY RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739

Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO MARK A SANABRIA 12852 N. RIM WAY RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 02, 2022

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MORONES 9956 POULSEN AVE MONCLAIR, CA 91763. The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 19, 2022

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FBN 20220003664 The following person is doing business as: SHANEL'S BOUTIQUE. 12638 CAMPANA ST VICTORVILLE, CA 92394

Principal Place of Business: TAMMIE S MCDONALD 12638 CAMPANA ST VICTORVILLE, CA 92394. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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FBN 20220003568 The following person is doing business as: XTREME CLEANING SERVICES. 945 E HARVARD PLACE ONTARIO, CA 91764

Principal Place of Business: ROSA PALACIOS 945 E HARVARD PLACE ONTARIO, CA 91764. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 18, 2022

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FBN 20220004651 The following person is doing business as: HIGHLAND VILLAGE DENTISTRY. 7291 BOULDER AVE STE 2B HIGHLAND, CA 92346

Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO CHANDRA CHOKALINGAM 7291 BOULDER AVE STE 2B HIGHLAND, CA 92346. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ CHANDRA CHO-KALINGAM, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 13, 2022

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FBN 20220004104 The following person is doing business as: PACIFIC WEST HVAC-R. 790 N TULARE WAY UPLAND, CA 961786

Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO FIDEL MEZA JR 790 N TULARE WAY UPLAND, CA 91786. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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FBN 20220004151 The following person is doing business as: VENTURA'S TOWING & TRANSPORTATION LLC. 451 W. 9TH STREET APT 2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401

Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO VENTURA'S TOWING & TRANSPORTATION LLC 451 W. 9TH STREET #2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401; 451 W. 9TH STREET APT 2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401. The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 03, 2022

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FBN 20220004628 The following person is doing business as: ZENJAY CONTRACTING. 14050 CHERRY AVE SUITE R #333 FONTANA, CA 92337

Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO

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ZENJAY 12300 MORRISON ST MORENO VALLEY, CA 92555; 14050 CHERRY

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 FBN 20220004555
 The following person is doing business as: DIP LANDD. 745 W HIGHLAND AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 924054779 SAN MIGUEL AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO DEWANNA PAYNEADAM-LEE 4779 SAN MIGUEL AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ DEWANNA PAYNEADAM-LEE, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 11, 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 com-

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Valdivia's Executive Assistant Has Flown The Coop *from page 3*

"I wanted to take the deposition of Rene Brizuela," the attorney said. "Rene Brizuela was the mayor's executive assistant, his right-hand wom-

an, who has herself been the subject of abuse by the mayor for years. For whatever reason, I got a text message or an email from the city's lawyers saying she is unavailable to them. Somehow, for some reason, now she's out. I cannot confirm that is a medical emergency or she chose to quit, or

they fired her. They won't give me any information. But obviously, through the court system, we'll flesh that out."

According to Valdivia, he is the people's mayor and San Bernardino's first working class mayor in a generation. He works hard, Valdivia says, and does not make excuses

and takes responsibility while focusing on results. He holds other politicians accountable, he says.

His words and actions have been twisted by his political enemies against him, Valdivia said.

Those who criticize him and newspapers that report on things unfavorable to him or about

him, such as the San Bernardino *Sun* and the San Bernardino County *Sentinel*, are racist and despise Hispanics and want to protect the city's old guard. Similarly, Pelayes, has a political bias against him, Valdivia maintains. The residents of San Bernardino are too savvy to be fooled by the pro-

paganda disfavorable to him, Valdivia says.

With the support of the good people of San Bernardino, Valdivia said, "I will continue to stand strong for the people of my hometown and lead our city with vision toward a better future."

-Mark Gutglueck

RC Council Balks At Giving A First District Resident A Leg Up In The November Election *from page 5*

in the election that must be held in November for someone to fill out the fi-

nal two years of four-year term to which Spagnolo had been elected in 2020. Moreover, some felt that by granting the position to Cetina, it would give him a leg up in the contest for Second District supervisor if he proves one of the two-top vote-getters in the primary

election to be held next Tuesday and finds himself in a run-off for supervisor in November.

Sensitivity to this political issue seemed to convince Spagnolo's four survivors on the city council that they should hold off on making an appointment.

"I'm inclined to leave the seat vacant and let voters decide," Councilman Ryan Hutchinson said.

Councilwomen Lynne Kennedy and Kristine Scott concurred, as did Mayor Lloyd D. Michael.

Leaving the post blank for the next six months

and scheduling a special election for the November 8 general gubernatorial balloting passed on a 4-to-0 vote.

Those who cast their hats into the ring to compete to replace Spagnolo will appear on the ballot with those who are looking to serve in place

of Scott, Hutchison and Michael, who must themselves run if they are to remain in place as, respectively, the council representatives in Rancho Cucamonga's Second and Third districts and as mayor.

-Mark Gutglueck

Judge Rules Voters Have No Say In Whether County Can Impose Fire Tax *from page 5*

the tax, then a normal election would have been held by which the vote would have been made at polling places and with mail ballots in which a yes or no question would have been posed to voters with regard to whether the assessment should be extended to roughly 19/20ths of the property in the county. Fewer than one out of ten of the landowners impacted by the tax was aware that the tax increase was being contemplated. As it turned out, less than three percent of the county's voters posted letters of protest.

Measure Z supporters believe the tax is unfair and that the expansion should have been approved by a two-thirds vote of those affected as is typically required by the California Constitution.

The Red Brennan Group sued the county in the aftermath of the protest vote, maintaining that California's Constitution required that any such taxing authority be approved by a two-thirds vote of those to be assessed.

In 2019, San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Donald Alvarez ruled the challenge could not proceed as the two-thirds voter approval for general or special taxes didn't apply to those imposed in annexations

into an assessment district as in FP-5.

The Red Brennan Group gathered signatures to put a measure, later designated as Measure U, on the November 2020 ballot, calling for the repeal of FP-5. Measure U gathered 86,073 votes in favor, or 47.97 percent to rescind the assessment, while it was opposed by 97,060 voters or 52.03 percent.

The Red Brennan Group, convinced that the county had made misrepresentations to voters about the necessity and validity of the FP-5 expansion, worked to gather more signatures and put another version of Measure U on the ballot this year, one designated as Measure Z, after the registrar of voters de-

termined enough signatures to do so had been gathered. The county and its fire district/fire department sued the county registrar of voters to prevent it from including Measure Z on the ballot.

In that lawsuit, the county/fire district/fire department asserted that the petition used by the Red Brennan Group was factually incorrect and had misled voters who signed it. The Red Brennan's contention that the tax is unconstitutional was false, the county maintains, since Judge Alvarez's ruling held otherwise, the county claimed.

Judge David Cohn, who considered the case, rejected the Red Brennan Group's contention that the will of the requisite

number of voters who had signed the petition had to be complied with, and he ruled in favor of the fire district. In March, Cohn made a finding that the petition misrepresented the fire tax as unconstitutional. The Red Brennan Group disputed that and filed a petition to a state appeals court. The appeals court, seeing that the deadline for printing the June 7 ballots was fast approaching, agreed to hear the matter and ordered that the ballots be printed with Measure Z on it.

The county pushed forward with its challenge of Measure Z. On May 31, Cohn ruled that his judgment that Judge Alvarez's ruling that FP-5 is constitutional should be upheld was consistent

with the law and case law, meaning that even if the voters on June 7 pass Measure Z, the rescission of FP-5's applicability to all other unincorporated areas outside of Silverlakes and Helendale will not stand.

Despite Cohn's ruling, it is anticipated that if Measure Z in fact passes, the Red Brennan Group will seek another appeal that will be intended to uphold the validity and applicability of the vote.

At present, the FP-5 assessment has risen to \$161.98 per year. The board of supervisors and County Fire Chief Dan Munsey say the assessment is crucial to maintaining public safety, as it provides \$42.7 million to the county, which

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County Residents Support His Department's Crackdown On Marijuana Cultivators, Sheriff Insists *from page 6*

search warrants, arrested 1,016 suspects county-wide and dismantled 5,833 green houses, in the process seizing 1,151,879 cannabis plants, 139,763.6 pounds of processed marijuana, more than 60,108 grams of concentrated cannabis, 97.8 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, 160 grams of methamphetamine, 290 firearms and \$2.9 million in cash. Estimated conservatively, the total wholesale product value of cannabis seized during the department's operations has been \$787 million. Also as a consequence of Operation Hammer Strike to that date, the sheriff's department had disconnected 41 electrical bypasses by which growers had tapped into nearby power lines and took down 24 tetrahydrocannabinol [THC] labs.

By virtually any standard, the sheriff's department's program to counter illicit marijuana cultivation activity that had begun in January 2021 was a roaring tactical success, unparalleled in San Bernardino County or California law enforcement and likely unmatched in the annals of U.S. law enforcement, an accomplishment of which McMahan and Dicus and the deputies who served under them could be, should be and are rightly proud.

Despite the success that had been achieved, paradoxically, the capacity of those willing to run the gauntlet and test both the resolve and ability of the sheriff's department and the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office to follow through with criminal charges did not diminish but intensified. In the contest to see whether it would be the sheriff's department or the illicit marijuana growers who would outlast the other, the growers appeared to be the winners. The seemingly unending sup-

ply of criminals determined to profit by bootleg marijuana production threatened to render McMahan's and now Dicus's determination to bring them to heel futile, to use the word of former San Bernardino City Attorney Saenz referenced in describing the inexhaustible legion of those willing to venture capital and effort to tap into the lucrative marijuana/cannabis market. Rarely would more than two weeks go by without the six teams managing to uproot and seize more tonnage of marijuana than they had in any given week or similar timeframe in the past. Still, even though some 1,300 people had been arrested during the combined pre-Hammer Strike and Hammer Strike operations, it appeared that ever more people were willing to replace those being rolled up.

As of June 1, however, there is a tangible sign that the criminal element involved in the massive scale production of marijuana, at least in San Bernardino County, has been reduced.

Sheriff Dicus said as much publicly on May 24, when in addressing the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, he remarked, with some degree of modest understatement, "We are making a dent in this. With all of our efforts together, we're seeing crime reduction. We started with over 1,285 known locations. I am pleased to report we are now down to 764 known grow locations that are still pending our enforcement efforts."

That represented, Dicus indicated a "reduction of known locations by over 40 percent."

An intense effort in the Morongo Valley, according to the department, has led to a circumstance in which no new known cultivation efforts are cropping up.

Last month, for the first time since the effort began 17 months before, the illicit cultivation activity appeared to be diminishing rather than increasing.

A factor in that development, the *Sentinel* is

informed, was the March 3 discovery of a huge cultivation facility in the 46200 block of Palma Vista Road in Newberry Springs. That development grew out of a previous raid on the same five-acre property, then owned by Cheng Lin, in August 2020, almost five months before McMahan had launched what has since evolved into Operation Hammer Strike, at which time deputies found within eight greenhouses over 2,000 potted marijuana plants and some 100 pounds of processed marijuana. Lin, who had a single-story home on the property, was issued a citation.

Within three months of receiving the citation, Lin sold the property to Qiao Yan Liu. Nevertheless, according to the district attorney's office, Lin continued to cultivate marijuana on the property. Authorities, however, did not know, nor could they readily perceive, just how much marijuana was being grown on the property.

In the course of Operation Hammer Strike, one of the team's used the successful August 2020 raid and other information developed by investigators to obtain a search warrant for Liu's property. That warrant was served on March 3.

According to the department, they contacted Liu shortly after their arrival on the property, at which point Liu had in his possession more than \$450,00 cash. As the team proceeded with the search of the property, Liu went straight to Lin's home. When investigators followed him into Lin's premises, they found 50 pounds of processed marijuana along with cultivation equipment. Inside Lin's vehicle was \$13,000 cash.

On the property, deputies came across several shacks and a cargo shipping container. Upon opening the container, deputies found that it sheltered a mechanized floor entrance to an underground bunker, some 230 feet long and 60 feet wide, the floor for which was 15 feet below ground level. In addition to being

obscured by the shipping container, the entrance had an electrically lifted metal door. The bunker itself was constructed with more than 30 Conex boxes and entailed roughly 20 separate chambers using grow lights powered by diesel generators that allowed up to four growing cycles per year. The 13,800 square-foot underground chamber consisted of separate cultivation quarters using artificial lights. Growing at that point within it were 6,208 plants.

Those plants alone were valued at roughly \$12 million on the street, Dicus estimated.

Lin, 30, and Liu, 35, were arrested. The pair were originally booked on drug law violations.

Three others — Wu Lin, 33, Zhonggui He, 59, and Mingfeng He, 37 — were arrested and booked on similar charges. Subsequently, the district attorney's office charged Lin and Liu with felony drug and environmental law violations and issued arrest warrants for six others, Weijian Liu, 33; Aiqing Lin, 52; Wenren He, 42; Lijie Lin, 37; Bin Li, 38 and Huang Lin, 27.

The raid on Liu's property represented a turning point for several reasons. One is that it cut into a major operation. Second, it represented a substantial monetary loss to the tong, or gang, bankrolling the enterprise. Third, it involved substantial and serious, meaning felony, charges against those involved, ones that potentially carry with them years and not just days or mere months of incarceration time.

His department's efforts were previously undercut by state law, Dicus said, because the punishment for illicit marijuana cultivation was not prohibitive enough.

"Proposition 64 changed illegal cultivation from a felony to a misdemeanor and the fine only being approximately \$500," Dicus said. "So, when you [consider] risk versus reward, and some of our smaller grows gross a million dollars, the reward is great and risk is very little."

With those they are corraling able to pay a small fine and then go back to what they were doing, the department was unable to make any lasting inroad on the problem, Dicus said. The district attorney's office, however, "has been innovative in looking at environmental crimes and code enforcement," Dicus explained. In this way, authorities are now able to seek jail time and financial penalties that are real deterrents, the sheriff said.

"Hitting them in the pocketbook has been much more beneficial," Dicus said.

Pursuant to Proposition 64, in addition to illegal cannabis cultivation being reduced to a misdemeanor without regard to the number of plants or amount of product produced, offenders could be subjected to no more than a citation and release within 24 hours.

The *Sentinel* was told that with the more aggressive charging and fining tactics, those willing to brave arrest are dwindling, such that the number of illicit cultivation operations is now in decline.

Another underground bunker had been discovered on a property in Phelan, Dicus said.

The tong with which Lin and Liu are affiliated and others that are sensitive to what has befallen them in the last three months remain committed to tapping

into the highly lucrative illicit marijuana cultivation business model, the *Sentinel* is informed, but have been persuaded to discontinue operating out of San Bernardino County and instead ply their money-making formula in other areas where they are also so engaged, such as Riverside, Inyo, Kern, Imperial and San Diego counties, all of which entail wide-open remote desert expanses that present patrol and monitoring challenges.

Before the board of supervisors on May 24, Dicus did not address the controversy that his department and the county are courting by allowing Postmus and others who are sophisticated enough to make payments to politicians to operate as "legitimate" cultivators of marijuana to be sold at licensed and approved retail outlets. In Dicus's cosmology, those who are permitted by the government to operate within the specified regulations pertaining to commercial cannabis enterprises subject to fees and taxes are off limits to his department's enforcement action, no matter what tactics they employed to obtain that permission. As such, the businesses operating in San Bernardino, Adelanto, Needles, Hesperia and shortly in Barstow are eligible to make as much money as they can, free from interference by his department or the competitors his business is actively seeking to put of commission.

Dicus suggested the vast majority of the county's residents accept the way things are.

"The public is behind us," Dicus said. "We are fighting the good fight and I know our citizens know that."

Fire Tax Will Stand, No Matter How Voters Decide On Referendum Challenging It, Judge Rules *from page 11*

offsets 18 percent of the county fire department's annual budget. Munsey

said he will close at least 15 fire stations around the county without the augmentation brought in by FP-5.

The Red Brennan Group and other taxpayer advocates hold that fire service is a basic governmental service that taxpayers already pay for through ad va-

lorem tax property taxes and state sales tax and that the FP-5 assessment beyond the communities of Silverlakes and Helen-dale, where the residents actually approved it, amounts to double and illegal taxation.

-Mark Gutglueck