

Sheriff's Department's Operation Inroads Persuading Homeless To Leave The County

San Bernardino County's dispossessed appear to be in for a rough go of it this winter of 2022-23, which is likely to be colder than 2021-22, if the weather and storm patterns of November and early December are an accurate indication.

Moreover, what is perhaps the most important factor with regard to the region's homeless is that San Bernardino County's current sheriff,

Shannon Dicus, appears to be every bit as indulgent of the more sadistic element of his department's deputies who have been given license to persuade those who are living on the streets, beneath railroad trestles, in the nooks and crannies of freeway overpasses, beneath bridges and along the banks of the Mojave and Santa Ana rivers to simply move along.

Under the guise of

"helping" the homeless in Barstow, Cajon, Chino Hills, Loma Linda, Ludlow, Mentone, Muscog, Victorville, and Yucaipa over the past two weeks, sheriff's officers have gone into homeless encampments and shanty towns, insisting that layers of cardboard used as insulation from the ground, blankets, bedding, sleeping bags and tents which those who are destitute use to make it through the night are

declared in their words "debris" and discarded.

Those underprivileged in Yucaipa are advised to avoid contact with the heavyset deputy patrolling that area if they can. If he is encountered, the best methodology of dealing with him is to comply with his orders at once, as he is known to be particularly mean, and has the backing of his colleagues.

Upon being told to leave the site, those who

immediately pack up their bedding and carry it off with them are generally allowed to keep it. Any delays will result in sleeping bags, blankets or cardboard insulation being confiscated and discarded. This deputy is known to use physical force.

The protocol for what the sheriff's department terms its Inroad Homeless Eradication Program allows any possessions not under **See P 5**

Some 36 Hours After Redlands Council Raises Speed Limits, Teen Run Down By SUV

In a cruel twist of fate, a bicyclist on the streets of Redlands was run down and killed by a motorist, less than a day-and-a-half after the Redlands City Council, in the face of an intense and concerted protest of city residents who stood up against it doing so, voted to raise the speed limit at more than two score locations throughout the 36.43-square mile city.

On October 28, 2022, the City of Redlands released and posted traffic surveys that had been undertaken by RK Engineering Group, Inc with regard to various street segments throughout the city. Such studies, done in accordance with California Vehicle Code and standards outlined in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, are gener-

ally completed in most California municipalities every seven to fourteen years under the supervision of those cities' engineering divisions.

Conceptually and in accordance with state standards, those surveys monitor the average speed of vehicles along specific spans of roadway, such that in accordance with those speed averages, a determina-

tion of the appropriate speed limit along those roadways at those points is set. Although the average speed of cars measured during the survey period is not the sole criterion used in ascertaining the appropriate speed limit along a given span of roadway, the application of elements of the vehicle code, jurisprudence standards used in California traffic

courts, case law and other considerations have resulted in those cited for exceeding the posted speed limit having their citations dismissed upon a demonstration that the posted speed is below the 85th percentile of the actual free-flow collective actual speeds of vehicles measured passing along that particular corridor. Thus, a loose standard among traffic **See P 2**

WVWD Hires Fox. Certified Fraud Investigator, As Finance Manager

The West Valley Water District's hiring of William Fox is being hailed inside and outside the district as a major stride forward, past the financial misfeasance bordering on malfeasance that agency engaged in under the leadership of its two most recently departed board presidents.

Fox has both a bach-

elor's degree in accounting and a Master of Business Administration degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. According to the West Valley Water District, he has "more than four decades of experience in auditing and public finance," which includes being the director of finance and treasurer **See P 3**

5 Months After Failing To Schedule Assessor's Race, Supervisors Opt For Controvertible Appointment

In a move some have said represents an illegal suspension of the California Elections Code and the California Constitution, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has bypassed the county's voters and appointed currently acting County Assessor Christopher Wilhite to serve as assessor from next month

until January 2025.

The board in September appointed Wilhite to serve as assessor, recorder and county clerk, less than two months after the July 23 death of the incumbent assessor/recorder county clerk, Bob Dutton.

Dutton, who served as a Rancho Cucamonga councilman from 2000 until 2002, as an assem-

blyman from 2002 until 2004 and as state senator from 2004 to 2012, was first elected county assessor in 2014 and was reelected without opposition in 2018.

It was shortly after the 2018 election that signs of the prostate cancer that would kill Dutton first manifested, ones which he ignored. By 2020, Dut- **See P 4**

Despite Elections To Fill 4 Positions On SBCUSD Board, Panel Is Still One Member Short

While the November 8 election did succeed in creating a significant changeover in terms of the composition of the the San Bernardino City Unified School Board, it did not cure the one-person deficit within its ranks that has existed for nearly a year at this point.

Margaret Hill, the venerable educator involved in local schools

for nearly five decades, most of those as a teacher and administrator with San Bernardino City Unified before she was elected after her retirement to the district's board in 2012, died on December 19, 2021.

That reduction of the board to six-sevenths strength had a profound impact on the district and its dynamics.

Earlier in 2021, Harry "Doc" Erwin, then the superintendent of the Bakersfield City School District who before that had been the superintendent of the Greenfield Union School District in Monterey County, was persuaded to take the post of superintendent with San Bernardino City Unified as of June 1, 2021. San Bernardino City Unified had been

seeking a leader since Dale Marsden's abrupt December 2019 announcement that he would leave as superintendent in March 2020.

While Erwin's hiring was roundly and universally viewed as a major coup for the district, particularly as it was making a return to in-classroom instruction following the COVID-19-induced interruption of traditional

on-campus learning, Erwin early on ran into stiff headwinds when he ruffled the feathers of at first two and then three members of the board. This came about when he inadvertently ripped the scabs off of several cronyistic and nepotistic blemishes that lay below the surface by undertaking a review of the district's contractual relationships with a **See P 3**

Hi-Desert Medical Center In Joshua Tree Given Level IV Trauma Care Designation

The Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree has been designated as a level IV trauma facility.

center.

At its November meeting, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a \$25,000 annual contract between the Hi-Desert Medical Center and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, conferring the level IV designation, the lowest level of trauma center licensing, on the hospital.

The designation allows Hi Desert Medical Center staff to evaluate injured patients and initiate treatment if in their professional judgment the care needed falls within the medical center's capability. In most cases, patients will require a greater degree of treatment than Hi-Desert Medical Center can provide and the subjects will be transferred to a higher-level trauma center.

The designation allows doctors to stabilize patients before they are transported to a larger hospital.

The Hi-Desert Medical Center is the most comprehensive medical care venue in the neck of the woods involving Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley and the Morongo Basin.

Most level IV hospitals are in rural areas are a stopgap in the provision of triage and care within the context of a larger regional trauma system.

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Redlands City Officials Used Traffic Surveys Showing Drivers As The Basis For Raising Speed Limits Along 45 Stretches Of Road To The Dismay Of Residents from front page

engineers and cities has evolved where cities use a standard of the 85th percentile of the average speed along a given road as the speed limit that is to be posted.

Adherence to this standard is not without controversy. Simply that many motorists along a specific span of roadway exceed what is under normal conditions a sensible and safe speed should not, many people feel, result in the speed limit being increased to an unsafe level. City officials, on the other hand, seeking to ensure that any speeding citations that are issued will result in convictions if they are contested in court, default to using that standard. Put simply, those municipal officials insist it is incumbent upon them to up the speed limit whenever fewer than 85 out of 100 vehicles along that stretch obey the speed limit during the time they are surveying the speed of vehicles there.

According to the traffic study of some 132 stretches of roadway in Redlands done by RK Engineering Group and released by the city on October 28, along 45 of those 132 spans the recommendation was that the speed limit be increased.

In 38 of those cases, the recommended increases were five miles per hour. Included in these are spans along Alabama Street, Alta Vista Drive, Cajon Street, California Street, Center Street, Citrus Avenue, Colton Avenue, Crescent Avenue, Dearborn Street, Elizabeth Street, Fern Avenue, Ford Street, Franklin Avenue, Garden Street, Grove Street, Highland Avenue, Lugonia Avenue, Mountain View Avenue, Orange Tree

Lane, Pacific Street, Palmetto Avenue, Palo Alto Drive, Pennsylvania Avenue, Pioneer Avenue, Reservoir Road, San Bernardino Avenue, San Mateo Street, Sunset Drive, Sunnyside Avenue, Texas Street, Via Vista Drive, University Street and Wabash Avenue.

In seven of the cases, the recommendation was that those speed limits jump by ten miles per hour. Those included: along Sunset Drive, from Panorama Point to Franklin Avenue, where the speed limit is to go from 25 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; on Sunset Drive from Vinton Way to Alta Vista Drive, where the speed limit of 30 miles per hour is to increase to 40 miles per hour; the span of Pioneer Avenue from Occidental Drive to Dearborn Street, where an increase from 35 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour is recommended; westbound on Palmetto Avenue, between Nevada Street and California Street, which is to see the current 30 miles per hour limit go to 40 miles per hour; on Orange Tree Lane from Nevada Street to Alabama Street, where RK Engineering's survey resulted in a recommended increase from 30 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour; the length of Franklin Avenue between Oak Street and Garden Street, where the limit is to increase from 25 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour; and on Dearborn Street from from 5th Avenue to Colton Avenue, involving a ten mile per hour increase from 30 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

In seven cases, the speed limit was reduced by five miles per hour, those being on Brockton Avenue from New York Street to Texas Street; Central Avenue from University Street to Judson Street; Cypress Avenue from Center Street to Redlands Boulevard; eastbound Lugonia Avenue from California Street to Alabama Street; Mariposa Drive from Halsey Street to Dwight Street; Texas Street from

Lugonia Avenue to San Bernardino Avenue; and Texas Street from San Bernardino Avenue to Domestic Avenue.

In the remaining 80 survey areas, it was recommended that no change to the existing speed limit be made. On March 2, 2022, the Redlands Traffic and Parking Commission received the RK Engineering Group's study and made an official acceptance of its findings, and at its June 7, 2022, the city council likewise accepted the traffic study as complete and factual.

At its November 15, 2022 meeting, the city council introduced and gave what is referred to as the first reading, or approval, of Ordinance No. 2946, which incorporated the 38 five mile per hour speed limit increases, the seven ten mile per hour speed limit increases and the seven five mile per hour speed limit reductions.

For the ordinance to obtain final approval, it needed to undergo a second reading/approval, which was scheduled for a vote of the city council this week, on December 6.

Scores of residents objected to what the city council was going to finalize. Diana Hill told the council, "There are many blind spots on Alta Vista. Our family has witnessed three accidents in front of our house. None of us could have imagined cars or people flying over 50 feet. Both were the result of speeding. One person was left paralyzed. If the council is not going to lower the speed limit, please leave it alone."

Carol Edwards told the city council, "I walk two-to-three miles every morning, using Florida, 16th, Avenue N, Highview Drive and Alta Vista Drive. I'm guessing the average speed of the vehicles coming down Alta Vista toward Outer Highway 10 is in the range of 50 to 60 miles per hour, if not faster, and the uphill speed is probably 45 to 50. Due to the long, sweeping curves and steep gradient of Alta Vista, a lot

of the vehicles coming down from Sunset have a tendency to drift out of their lane toward the east side of the road where pedestrians are walking. The chances of this happening are so great that I now step up onto the curb when a vehicle is coming toward me at 60 mph.

"The idea that the speed limit might be increased is appalling," Edwards continued. "Now these speeding, potentially distracted drivers will be moving even faster than they currently are driving and centrifugal force will pull their vehicles over even further. I'd rather not be roadkill in someone's driveway. If anything is done, maybe reducing the speed limit or posting officers from the police department with radar guns would help these drivers slow down to a safe speed. But increasing the speed limit? Please, no."

With regard to alteration of the speed limits along city streets in Redlands, Dave Simpson said, "If anything, lower it but please do not raise it."

Pamela L. Smyth told the city council, "I live within walking distance of Alta Vista and Sunset Drive and can see the steady flow of southbound traffic looking due east from the sundeck of my two-story house. I am horrified at the idea that anyone would even consider increasing the speed limit on this very, very busy street, given the number of children waiting for the school buses or parents walking out to meet them at drop-off areas, bicycle riders, skateboarders, dog walkers, and commuters who use this road in conjunction with the hundreds of home owners in the entire southeastern portion of the city – from Alessandro Blvd., Ford Street, and Wabash to the west of Alta Vista and as far as Live Oak Canyon Road to the southeast. The intersection of Alta Vista and Outer Highway 10 is extremely hard to cross now due to the huge increase in traffic coming from 'downtown' Redlands up what

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we call 'the back way' to access the I-10 via Alta Vista and Outer Highway 10. Because of the steady flow of traffic downhill on Alta Vista to Outer Highway 10, I have found that I have to pull off the road to wait to turn left on Outer Highway 10 just to go home."

Smyth said, "Perhaps only someone who does not know the history of this area or has never used this street would suggest increasing the speed limit simply due to an unfamiliarity of traffic use patterns there, in addition to not having driven this street on a regular or daily basis. This is not a quiet country lane, but a street with a steep grade and curves that require focused and careful driving. This is a semi-rural community and not a commercial neighborhood accessed by a large byway or expressway. Where in the world anyone would get the idea that increasing the safe and sane speed limit of 35 miles per hour is practical or even reasonable is simply lost on me. You all know that due to the almost daily and often fatal accidents on Live Oak Canyon Road that the increase in speed set there a few years back was moved back again for safety sake. A review of CHP accident reports between Ford Street and the Yucaipa Overpass bridge across nine months in 2021 shows that over 172 accidents happened mostly in the eastbound lanes and where drivers were slowing behind the trucks in the truck lanes or trying to merge to take

the on-ramp to Yucaipa Blvd. or Outer Highway 10 to access the I-10 past Alta Vista down to Live Oak Canyon. The causes noted in those reports were excessive and unsafe speeds, unsafe lane changes, side-swiping, and suddenly slowing or stopped traffic. An increase in the speed on Alta Vista will contribute to more accidents, I can assure you, based on the amount of traffic taking that on-ramp day and night and using Outer Highway 10 as an express route to Alta Vista and points beyond."

Smyth noted that "On October 8, 2022, Assembly Bill 43 was signed into law allowing local authorities to make streets safer and reduce speed limits. The California Vehicle Code provides the justification to keep the Alta Vista Drive speed limit at 35 miles per hour due to pedestrian traffic, bicycle traffic, curves, gradient, residential neighborhood, school bus stops, blind corners, hidden driveways and more. The city's excuse that it has no choice is not true, as the engineering and traffic survey '85th percentile rule' no longer dictates speeds on local streets as California law gives the city council the authority to lower speeds. Speeds must be reasonable and safe. Our neighborhood must be safe."

Smyth asked, "Would any one of you want to leave your home and nearly be hit every day or see your children or grandchildren put in

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November 8 Vote Returned All Three Trona School Board Incumbents To Office

By Mark Gutglueck

All three incumbents up for reelection to the board of the Trona Joint Unified School District will remain in place, according to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters.

Trona, an unincorporated community of 1,800 in west Mojave Desert at the western edge of Searles Dry Lake near the mouth of Death Valley east of the Kern County border and south of the boundary of Inyo

County, is the northwest-most populated area within San Bernardino County.

Priscilla Benadom, Cathy Heseman, and Skylar Wayne McCullar sought reelection in the November 8 balloting.

Shannon Nichole Stephens and Victoria Flores were challenging them. Tallying of the vote shows that Heseman, with 268 of the 968 votes cast, or 27.1 percent, led the pack, followed by Benadom, with 227 votes

or 22.95 percent. McCullar captured third place, also gaining reelection, with 215 votes or 21.74 percent. Stephens polled 141 votes or 14.26 percent and Flores gathered 138 voter endorsement for 13.95 percent.

Benadom, Heseman and McCullar will remain on the board with their colleagues, Samantha MacLean and Sandy Sprouse.



Former San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent's Move To Abate Croneism & Nepotism Led To His Problematic Relationship With Half Of The School Board *from front page*

host of vendors and service providers.

Completely new to San Bernardino and unfamiliar with the political lay of the land, Erwin had no realistic way of knowing that among the 15 charter schools the district was sponsoring was one, the Savant Preparatory Academy of Business, of which Board member Danny Tillman's daughter, Eva Tillman, is the principal. Nor did Erwin know that Tillman's wife, Tracy Tillman was the chief financial officer of the Center for Youth and

Community Development and its forerunner, the Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino. The Center for Youth and Community Development was a service provider to the district. Erwin was equally ignorant that three entities which had contracts with the district – Lilia's Interpreting Services; the Parent Organization Working for Education Rights, known by its acronym POWER; and Educational Achievement Services Incorporated, which is a corporate par-

ent to the Family Leadership Institute or FLI – were owned by close friends and associates of Board Member Barbara Flores.

Lilia's Interpreting Services, which had a contract that was not renewed by Erwin last year, is owned by Lilia Cisneros-Felix, Flores' friend and associate. Teresa Alba is the president and CEO of the Parent Organization Working for Education Rights, which had a seven-month not-to-exceed \$18,000 contract running from December 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022 to provide support and guidance in the district's English learning program. Alba is a friend and close associate of Flores. Consuelo Martin is the chief

operating officer of Educational Achievement Services Incorporated, which is a Nevada Corporation headquartered at 8255 South Las Vegas Boulevard Unit 415 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The school district had a \$165,000 contract with Educational Achievement Services Incorporated's Family Leadership Institute, paid in six \$27,500 monthly installments to provide what was referred to as a "comprehensive parent leadership program." It is believed that Consuelo Martin is an alias of Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, who is another friend and associate of Barbara Flores.

By September 2021, both Tillman and Flores were alarmed at the man-

ner in which Erwin was dismantling the district's contractual relationships and financial support of entities involving either their family members or associates. In October 2021, they linked up with a third board member and their political ally, Abigail Medina, to test whether they could find a fourth vote to add to their three to either bring Erwin to heel or terminate him. During the course of the board's October 5, 2021 meeting, Tillman, Medina and Flores and the supporters of Savant Preparatory Academy, the Center for Youth and Community Development, Lilia's Interpreting Services, the Parent Organization Working for Education Rights, Family Leadership Institute,

along with Eva Tillman, Tracy Tillman, Lilia Cisneros-Felix, Teresa Alba and Consuelo Martin took a run at Erwin, pressing to have him either shut down the program audits into the district's contractors he was intent on carrying out or see him sacked. The requisite four votes to fire Erwin were not available, as board members Margaret Hill, Mayra Ceballos, Gwendolyn Dowdy-Rodgers and Scott Wyatt stood by him and the principle of making sure that whatever programs the district sponsored would provide positive results and that it should not squander resources and funding on questionable programs. Erwin remained in place, braced

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FBI Investigation & U.S. Attorney's Prosecution Revealed Kickback Scheme Involving Influence Peddling & Lucrative Do-Nothing Contracts Squandering Ratepayer Money At The West Valley Water District *from front page*

for the City of Vernon, chief financial officer for the Las Vegas Water District, assistant general manager of finance and risk management for the City of Glendale and internal audit manager for Southern California Edison. His most recent foray into the public sector was as the contract interim finance director with the City of South El Monte in 2020.

Of note is that in addition to being a certified public accountant, Fox holds licenses as a certified internal auditor and certified fraud examiner.

The West Valley Water District is seeking to recover from multiple discredits relating to activity by both board members and staff and relationships

formed through the district among the board and staff in furtherance of what the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office has alleged and which participants who have now been convicted acknowledge was a conspiracy linking the City of Baldwin Park and the West Valley Water District in a bribery scheme involving the licensing and permitting of marijuana-related and cannabis-related commercial ventures in Baldwin Park.

That scheme, according to the FBI, involved a conspiracy by which then-Baldwin Park City Councilman Ricardo Pacheco arranged for applicants for marijuana sales permits in Baldwin Park to provide money to for-

mer Baldwin Park Police Chief Michael Taylor to bankroll Taylor's 2017 run for a position on the West Valley Water District Board of Directors. Additionally, according to the FBI, then-Baldwin Park City Attorney Robert Tafoya doctored the City of Baldwin Park's ordinances and city code in such a way that Pacheco was able to confer upon two marijuana/cannabis-related business applicants favored by a monopoly, while those businesses' owners conveyed kickbacks to Pacheco. Taylor, who was then politically aligned with then-West Valley Board President Clifford Young, arranged and executed upon the hiring of Tafoya as West Valley Water District's legal counsel and Pacheco as the district's assistant general manager at an annual salary of \$189,592 per year, in addition to \$62,000 in benefits and perquisites that

made that contract worth \$251,592 in total annual compensation. Meanwhile, after Taylor's November 2017 election to the West Valley District Board of Directors but before he was sworn in, Tafoya and Pacheco arranged to have Taylor rehired as Baldwin Park police chief under contract.

With Taylor in place as police chief, efforts to permit and license all of the marijuana/cannabis-based business applicants that had been bribing Pacheco and underwriting the cost of Taylor's electioneering efforts at the West Valley Water District intensified. Those involved various money laundering strategies to hide the money being kicked back to Pacheco.

A further exploitation of the discretionary authority of the board members and senior staff members at West Valley Water District took place with the May 2018 hiring

of another political figure, then-Hesperia City Councilman Jeremiah Brosowski, into another assistant general manager post with the district, at an annual salary of \$189,592 per year and additional \$62,000 in benefits and perquisites that made that contract worth \$251,592 in total annual compensation, identical to what Pacheco was receiving. Brosowski, just like Pacheco, had no experience, expertise, licensing or certification with regard to water utility operations. The assistant general manager job was extended to him as a sinecure, a do-nothing assignment from which he was able to operate as a political operative working on election campaigns of candidates and issues favored by Taylor when he was in the capacity of board president.

Ultimately, a confluence of events would lead to the public exposure of the interrelated scandals

at Baldwin Park City Hall and the West Valley Water District headquarters in Rialto. This included a political falling out between Clifford Young and Taylor, precipitated in the main by Taylor deposing Young as West Valley Water District board president and assuming that leadership role for himself. This led to Young's filing of a lawsuit in which he exposed the backroom dealings that led to Pacheco's and Tafoya's hirings by the West Valley Water District, as well as an FBI sting operation that caught Pacheco red-handed shaking individuals in Baldwin Park and elsewhere down for bribes and kickbacks.

In June 2020 Pacheco was persuaded to resign from the Baldwin Park City Council, which occurred simultaneously with his unannounced arrest by the FBI and the filing of charges

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Faced With Having To Schedule An Election For Assessor In November After The Incumbent Died Earlier This Year, The Board Of Supervisors Neglected To Act In Time To Save County Taxpayers Over \$4 Million *from front page*

ton's cancer had advanced to the point of being inoperable and terminal, a condition he shared with only a handful of those closest to him. Despite recognizing that he would not be likely to serve out a full third term as assessor, he opted to seek reelection this year, filing for and qualifying his candidacy in February for the election to be held in conjunction with the June 6 California Primary. Based on his status as a two-term incumbent, his familial wealth and his fundraising capability, Dutton was able to ward off any opposition, despite the consideration that former San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales was interested in ascending to the assessor's post and, upon creating a campaign committee for a run for the office in which she had accumulated \$495,147.83 toward such a campaign. Similarly, outgoing Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford was said to be interested in serving as assessor, and she had \$32,437.74 left over in her dormant supervisors campaign account she could have readily converted toward use in a run for assessor.

Thus, Dutton again ran unopposed in the June 6 election, garnering 100 percent of the vote. Neither he nor anyone in his circle, few of whom knew precisely how ill he was, nor anyone else, anticipated

how rapidly he would make his final declension. Just 47 days later, he died.

The board of supervisors at that point had time to act, seek and obtain applicants for the assessor's post willing to stand for election, have them meet the requirement of getting 25 signatures of registered voters endorsing their candidacies and fulfilling other criteria to qualify their candidacies and place them on the ballot by the August 12 deadline the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters had to finalize the November 8 ballot. Despite inquiries from the public to that effect and encouragement from county residents that the board do just that, it did not, and the deadline for holding an election for assessor to serve from January 2023 until January 2027 in November corresponding with the gubernatorial general election elapsed. Meeting that deadline was of some moment, since the cost of holding a stand-alone election countywide would cost, conservative estimates run, to well over \$4 million and by putting the matter before the voters in November 2022, the cost could have been reduced, according to estimates, to roughly one-twentyfifth of that.

This is problematic, constitutionalists and legal/governmental experts say, because the board of supervisors does not have the au-

thority to bypass an election. While it is within the board of supervisors purview to replace an elected official if that individual vacates his or her office through promotion to another post, resignation, disablement or death, the board does not have the authority to appoint someone into a position that has not been filled by the elective process. Thus, the board was free to appoint Wilhite, or anyone else who was qualified, to replace Dutton and have him fill out the remainder of Dutton's term, such as occurred in September. As Dutton was never sworn in for his third term, the position of assessor for the term running from 2023 until 2027 was never occupied by someone duly elected to that post. As such, the board did not have the authority to name a replacement but only to hold an election to ensure that the post is to be filled by someone chosen in accordance with the will of the county's voters.

Thus, according to constitutional purists, the second appointment of Wilhite to serve as assessor, county recorder and county clerk that occurred on Tuesday, December 6, was invalid. They say a legal challenge, if mounted by someone with standing, would force the county to rescind Wilhite's appointment as assessor, reframe his appointment as a temporary one by which his title would revert to interim assessor or acting assessor, and require that the county hold, within 87 days, a countywide election for assessor, one that would cost taxpayers in excess

of \$4 million to stage.

County officials seem to be calculating that no one among the county's more than 2.2 population will go to the expense of hiring an attorney to ensure that the election code is adhered to and that the county's residents right to elect their constitutional representatives, in this case the county assessor/county recorder/county clerk, are respected. A secondary factor is that by forcing the issue, whatever individual or group of individuals who stand up to the board of supervisors will run the risk of being assailed for having cost county taxpayers over \$4 million by insisting on an election being held.

At its December 6 meeting, the board of supervisors considered applications by Wilhite; Bradley Snowball, a supervising auditor-appraiser with the county who has worked under Dutton and Wilhite and who applied for the post last summer but came up short at that time; and Rancho Cucamonga Councilman Ryan Hutchison, who has been making bolder and bolder plays at becoming a political player. In recent months, Hutchison was a donor to both the campaign of Jesse Armendarez, who was elected to Second District supervisor on November 8, as well as to the campaign in favor of Measure D, which was sponsored by the board of supervisors as a means of keeping Measure K, which was passed by the voters in 2020 and reduced the individual supervisors to an annual total compensation of \$60,000

and limited them to a single term, from going into effect. This year, Measure D, with the assistance of Hutchison and other donors who put up a total of \$829,000 in support of the initiative, was approved by the voters, abnegating Measure K and thus allowing the supervisors to serve three four-year terms before being termed out and preserving their total annual compensation in excess of \$260,000.

Hutchison was not the only one who attempted to purchase influence with the board of supervisors through campaign donations. This year Gonzales transferred \$4,200 out of one of her electioneering accounts, one intended to finance a potential run for the Fontana City Council, to support Armendarez's bid for supervisor. Gonzales likewise transferred \$4,200 out of her assessor campaign war chest to the campaign fund in support of Curt Haggman's successful run for Fourth District supervisor earlier this year.

An examination of the remuneration provided to the county assessor/county recorder/county clerk explains why an individual would be interested in the position. In addition to an annual salary of \$261,624.17, the position provides another \$17,000.10 in additions along with benefits worth \$101,211.42 for a total annual compensation of \$379,835.69.

The post of assessor carries with it a remarkable degree of political power.

In San Bernardino County, as in virtually all other 57 counties in

California, the assessor is the leading taxing authority. As such, given that San Bernardino County, at 20,105 square miles, is the largest county in the lower 48 states with a land area larger than New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island combined, assessor is one of the most powerful governmental positions in the jurisdiction. Not only does the assessor determine the property tax assessments that landowners must pay annually on their real estate holdings, his office also makes a determination on the value and thus the taxes to be paid on a host of assets including buildings, equipment, machinery, boats and the like. The taxes assessed against a business and its assets such as those involved in manufacturing or processing or packaging or distributing can have a direct influence on whether that business is profitable or not, and if it is profitable, just how profitable. The assessor and his minions have discretion and wide latitude in assessing such assets. If for example, the building, equipment and inventory of a foundry or factory is determined to be worth \$7 million, the taxes to be paid in that regard are half what that manufacturing concern would pay if the building, equipment and inventory of that foundry or factory is ascertained to be worth \$14 million. In San Bernardino County, large business owners, ones in good standing with the region's politicians and its governmental structure, are expected to

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Hi-Desert Medical Center Gets Level IV Trauma Facility Designation *from front page*

Bernardino County Board of Supervisors doubles as the board for the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, known by its acronym ICEMA, which is responsible for

overseeing and regulating emergency medical services in the tri-county regional area of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono counties. The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency administers California and local regulations governing the provision of emergency medical care at the scene of an emergency and during

transport to an acute care hospital.

ICEMA has begun the evaluation of the trauma care performance at the center, including pre-hospital care provider performance, quality improvement programs, field education and medical control protocols. The designation is set to expire on June 30,

2024. The center's adherence to trauma care standards will need to be reviewed prior to that time for the designation to be renewed.

At present, the Hi-Desert Medical Center is the only hospital in San Bernardino County with level IV status, according to Karen Faulis, the chief executive officer at Hi-Desert Medi-

cal Center. Level IV is the lowest/starter level for trauma treatment-capable hospitals in the State of California, with level III, II and I all offering higher levels of services. Despite being at the lowest tier within the trauma-treatment system, achieving the ranking is a breakthrough for Hi-Desert Medical Center, and it

requires advanced trauma education for nurses and physicians, as well as mastery of protocols and the use of equipment, all of which was not available there previously. With the designation, some less severely injured patients who arrive there may now be able to stay at the Joshua Tree hospital.

Sheriff's Department Has The Formula For Dealing With The Homeless: Rough Them Up And Take Away Their Sleeping Bags & Blankets To Convince Them To Leave The County For Elsewhere *from front page*

the immediate control, i.e., held or worn, by those on public property or on property they do not have title to or legal ownership of to be declared debris, which can then be removed or seized and discarded. The disposition of any such items is left solely to the discretion of the officers. As the deputies' assignments are to convince any homeless they encounter to leave San Bernardino County, stripping them of bedding – sleeping bags, blankets and in some cases tents or makeshift cardboard shelters – is considered to be an effective means of achieving this goal. An effective strategy for those transients who want to remain in San Bernardino County can be to find a place to secret their bedding, preferably in a secure place where it will not be discovered by members of the sheriff's department looking to ferret it out, and make use of the region's public transportation system for as much of the day as is possible. Many, though not all, of the OmniTrans drivers are empathetic to the plight of the itinerant population, and they will allow the disinherited to ride as passengers while the line is running, as long as they are courteous and do not disturb the other passengers. This is important because the bus drivers might lose their jobs if their supervisors or the sheriff's department learns they are showing kindness to the homeless. Buses can be warm places and more hospitable than the streets.

Generally by the time the bus routes cease running, the deputies assigned to Operation Inroad are no longer on duty, having gone home, where it is warm and they tend to remain.

Yucaipa OmniTrans Route 319 services Yucaipa and Calimesa from 6:15 in the morning until 8:15 at night on week-

days

Rancho Cucamonga/Ontario Route 81 serves Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga via Ontario Mills Mall, running from 5:15 in the morning until 10:38 at night weekdays.

Rancho Cucamonga to Ontario Route 380 runs from the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink Station to Ontario International Airport weekdays from 4:16 a.m. to 11:19 p.m.

OmniTrans Route 87 connects Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario and Eastvale, running from 5:05 a.m. to 9:52 p.m.

OmniTrans Route 15 serves Fontana and Redlands via Rialto and San Bernardino, running from 4:01 in the morning until 9:58 p.m. on weekdays.

OmniTrans Route 8 connects San Bernardino and Yucaipa via Loma Linda, Redlands, and Mentone, starting at 4:52 a.m. and running until 10:37 p.m. weekdays.

OmniTrans Route 312 serves Fontana, Rialto, Muscoy and Cal State San Bernardino, running from 5:20 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays.

San Bernardino County, like much of the rest of Southern California, had been dealing with a burgeoning homelessness challenge for decades.

Years ago, county officials began making an annual tally, referred to as the "point-in-time count," of the region's homeless on a yearly basis. Conducted on a pre-arranged day in January or February over a 24-hour period, government officials in coordination with volunteers would blanket the county's cities and unincorporated districts, making a painstaking monitoring of the homeless, where they were, how they were fixed, their gender, their race and ethnicity, obvious medical maladies they might suffer from, whether they had recent-

ly found temporary shelter, their age, whether they were accompanied or unaccompanied or with family members. Based on those counts and with some exception, the general trend seemed to be that the number of denizens in the county who are transient and without permanent shelter has grown on a consistent basis.

A point-in-time survey was conducted in 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the count from being carried out in 2021.

In the years prior to the pandemic, the homeless crisis in San Bernardino County seemed to be worsening.

In 2018, raw homeless numbers countywide were up 13.5 percent. Growth of those living on the street steepened by another 23 percent in 2019. With the 2020 count, the number was up another 19.9 percent.

County officials were steeling themselves for what they would learn when they reinitiated the homeless count in February, after having skipped the tally in 2021. Some, at least anticipated the number would run near 40 percent over those who had been counted in 2020. As it turned out, the growth in those found to be homeless on the survey day was surprisingly, and refreshingly low in comparison to past years: 6.6 percent. In actual numbers, that translated to 3,333 homeless men, women, gender ambivalent individuals and children throughout the county.

Federal and state money is available to the county to address homeless issues and the county's governmental structure, at least officially, has more than one agency dealing with the issue.

Those include include the San Bernardino County Department of Human Services, the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services and Arrowhead

Regional Medical Center, which is the main campus of the county hospital. Also involved, at least on paper, is another county program, what is called First 5 San Bernardino, which is intended to look after toddlers and young children from birth to the age of five. First 5 San Bernardino is supposed to render assistance to homeless families if they have children in that age group.

Despite representations that there are county programs to "help" the homeless, actually accessing those services for the bona fide homeless is virtually impossible. Simply finding where the services, or supposed services, are offered is for most homeless an insurmountable challenge. For those who contact any of the several agencies that purportedly offer the homeless services, obtaining directions on where to go for the services sought is daunting. Most of the employees of the officers in question are unable to direct those making such inquiries to the proper individual or office offering the putative services. For those who are channeled properly, the red tape they encounter is offputting to the point where many give up. Those homeless individuals who are handed paperwork often find themselves stumped, as the documents they are being asked to fill out require input - such as addresses and places of residence - which they literally cannot provide. On that basis alone, several of the county's departments will not process the applications for service the homeless are attempting to file.

It is estimated that seven out of eight homeless individuals seeking medical care are either turned away entirely or leave on their own accord before the medical assistance is rendered because the application process is virtually impossible to negotiate.

According to the county, during Fiscal Year 2021-22, the county expended \$62 million on homelessness pro-

grams. County officials say \$43 million of that was passed thorough to outside "nonprofit agencies," which were supposed to make services available to the homeless. County officials, however, are unable to identify those "nonprofit" entities or offer a roster of the services they provide. In actuality, much of that money is filtered to the associates of county politicians, who are pocketing the money without offering the promised services.

While the county has an \$8.4 billion annual budget, county officials lament that the homeless population in San Bernardino County represents an annual financial burden of \$106,232,709, that being \$31,873 for each of the 3,333 homeless subsisting within the county's 20,105-square mile confines. The county's homeless are, according to county officials, the "highest utilizers" of county services, more than county citizens who are not homeless. This seems somewhat dubitable, as children of school age, for example, attend schools, which represent a major cost to taxpayers, and are further consumers of all order of services, including free health and meals offered through the school system. County officials insist, nonetheless that on average, the homeless are provided with county services of all order, including healthcare, police service, emergency response and service programs intended exclusively for the homeless. When challenged by the Sentinel to provide an accounting of those services and where and from what entities they are provided, county officials were unable to do so. They insisted, nonetheless, that the \$31,873 per homeless person cost was accurate.

It is for this reason that the county government has entrusted to the sheriff's department the assignment of reducing the field of "highest utilizers" of the county's services. The sheriff's department has willingly, indeed enthusi-

astically, responded to being thus engaged and assigned.

An issue the sheriff's department faces is the proliferation of steroid use among its deputies. It is estimated that somewhere between 5 percent and 10 percent of the department's deputies, primarily its youngest members, are regular and consistent users of steroids.

A common side effect of steroid use is aggression, what is sometimes referred to as "roid rage," outbursts of anger and aggression or violence. Some law enforcement officers are among those who engage in vigorous exercise to maintain themselves in top physical condition. A subset of these utilize anabolic steroids to gain muscle and enhance their athletic performance. Steroids in certain doses can affect the brain's limbic system, which directly impacts mood and attitude. Long-term steroid use can result in mood swings that are difficult to control or suppress. The testosterone in steroids can further contribute to depression, paranoia, jealousy, irritation and the perception of threat, all of which can manifest in a "roid rage."

On occasion, law enforcement agencies can make use of the aggression typified in roid rages if it can be harnessed for meeting the department's objectives. For that reason, steroid use is often tolerated by law enforcement agencies.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has married the aggression that a relative minority of its younger officers manifest as a consequence of their roid rage with the objectives of its fight against homelessness, including Operation Inroads. By selectively assigning steroid-using deputies to the departments Operation Inroads as well as its Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement Team, Sheriff Dicus and his department's command echelon are able to reasonably assume

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Rather Than Raising City Street Speed Limits Because Some Motorists Are Driving At An Excessive Speed, Redlands Residents Reason, Why Not Start Issuing Tickets Left & Right To Slow Them Down *from page 2*

peril because of speeding traffic and drivers not watching out for public safety, slowing to allow residents to pull onto the street, or drivers not even concerned about public safety? Raising the speed limit is a signal for such drivers to kill, putting it frankly. I have been forced to pull off the road more than once. How many times are each of you forced to pull off your own street or access road?"

Victor Rajcan, who resides on Ashforth Drive, said his observation over the 37 years he has lived proximate to South Lane and Sunset in Redlands is that "People speed down that road all the time and if you raise the speed limit five miles per hour they'll just go faster, particularly the young guys who drive Lamborghinis and Porsches. I do not approve of them raising the speed limit on Sunset Drive. Check your records and see how many people have been hit, paralyzed or suffered broken legs at the corner of South Lane and Alta Vista."

Rajcan said, "I live on the corner with a hidden driveway and one of these days they'll be an accident on my corner and hopefully it will not involve me. I need a sign that states, 'Slow down. Hidden driveway.' Vote no for raising the speed limit."

Sarah Herbert, who lives off of Hilltop Drive, said, "Our street runs into Alta Vista. One of our biggest concerns is that when we're pulling out of that street, it's already like a blind corner. We actually prefer to drive at night because we can see car lights to know when we can go. With the increase in speed limit, it just puts us at risk of getting hit from the side. The other thing is it is also a bus stop for the local school, so we have kids crossing the streets to get in their cars with their parents. It

is a very big concern for us."

Camille Hatton, a resident on Alta Vista, told the council there were "many driveways on the street that are hidden. It is very hard for us to get out because I live right here. When I come out, here comes a car coming so fast, I'm right away putting it in reverse. Speeders are going to be speeders. Why give them an excuse?"

Brandi Bailes told the council, "As a resident of Redlands and a concerned citizen, I am writing to ask for your reconsideration of the speed limit increases. As an avid runner and cyclist, I can tell you that I have had many close calls with motorists on Sunset and Alta Vista. Seeing the speed monitor gave me such relief. I thought that the city was finally monitoring the speed on Alta Vista and Sunset with the intention of making adjustments to keep their walking, running and cycling citizens safe. I am so disappointed to see that rather than lowering the speed or adding a stop sign at the intersection of Highview Drive and Alta Vista to slow traffic, you are considering raising the speed limit." Bailes said, "The areas where you are considering raising the speed limit are residential roads with no sidewalks. You might as well tell pedestrians they are not allowed to walk there. The road in this area is so narrow that the bike lane is also the car lane. How are cyclists supposed to feel safe riding in the lane with traffic moving around blind corners at 40 miles per hour? Would you feel safe riding in this neighborhood or having a loved one jog or ride down these narrow, winding, and now high-speed streets? I do not. It is unfair to strip your citizens of their right to feel safe while engaging in healthy activities in their

own neighborhoods." Bailes took issue with the criteria used in setting the higher speed limits. "According to the National Association of City Transportation Officials, 'Percentile-based speed limit setting methods fail at keeping people safe because they set a permanently moving target based on current human behavior, not safety.' The association states, 'a growing body of research shows that drivers base their decisions at least partially on the posted speed limit. When they see higher posted limits and see the resulting increased speed of their peers, they drive faster too, which results in an increased speed on the street overall.' This means that higher posted speeds will result in higher speeds for drivers, which means that the speed limit will need to keep increasing to conform to the 85th percentile method. The 85th percentile rule adjusts for the fastest drivers, not the safest drivers. The article closes with this important information, 'Relying on a percentile-based system focused on current driver behavior, rather than a defined safety target to set speed limits, significantly limits cities' ability to reduce traffic deaths.'" Bailes told the city council, "Caltrans discusses the use of the 85th percentile as one part of setting speeds and includes collision history, highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver." Bailes said the city should consider "pedestrian and bicyclist safety. I would argue that the high use of Alta Vista and Sunset as a cycling and running route would meet the qualifier of conditions not readily apparent to the driver. When drivers navigate this narrow and twisting route they are not likely expecting large groups of cyclists, sometimes more than 20 at a time, moving slowly due to the incline and in the middle of the lane due to the narrowness of the roads. Add to that runners trying to navigate large groups of cyclists and an

increased speed limit to make the situation even less expected and safe." Chris Deveau said, "I want to voice my opposition to the increase in the speed limits. In the 18 years I've been there, we've experienced an increase in speeders up and down Alta Vista and on Sunset. Four years ago, I wound up with a vehicle in my back yard with a young man that drove at excessive speed coming around the curve from Sunset. Just this summer we had another individual that wound up in the front yard of a neighbor. Prior to that there was another vehicle that went off the road through somebody's yard and launched over somebody else's wall. I am in law enforcement and we've seen it on the freeways as we've seen within the communities: there is plus five [factor]. If the speed limit is 35, people are going to drive 40. I think that's where these surveys come in. People are going to drive over that a bit. You see it on the freeway: it's about ten miles an hour. If it's 65, they are doing 75, maybe 80. So, increasing the speed limit, I think, is going to increase the likelihood of injury. Alta Vista and Sunset, as we know, has a large amount of bicyclists, runners, people running and using the environment. I'm not sure what the benefit would be of increasing the speed. I think it's probably not in our best interest as a community. When the freeway gets backed up, they use Alta Vista and Sunset to get through the neighborhood. It is not a major thoroughfare and if you increase that speed limit you're just going to increase the likelihood that people are going to be injured." Jim D'Amico speaking with regard to the proposal to increase the speed limit on Alta Vista Drive, said, "The current speed limit is getting the job done. The road itself is less than a mile long, so what kind of savings can there be in terms of time or efficiency in raising the speed limit on a road that's less than a mile long? The only

people that exceed the speed limit now, the outliers that are driving this 85 percent rule, are the ones that are creating excessive noise, excessive safety violations, and it just doesn't seem reasonable to raise the speed limits for people that are already exceeding the speed limit. In fact, to me, it's almost circular logic that if you have to raise the speed limit to make it match what most people are driving, that it will cycle up and up and up and up and will never end." D'Amico said, "What I'd rather see is some enforcement. The police department is rarely there. I've called them a few times and they've put the trailer out with the sign of how fast you are going over the 25 mile per hour limit over the years, but I would bet there haven't been five tickets written for moving violations on Alta Vista. I've never seen one, I'll put it that way. To me the more logical approach might be to enforce the current laws and drive the speed limit down, rather than letting those who don't obey the law drive the speed limit up. Alta Vista was not engineered for the types of trucks and SUVs and service vans that travel up and down that street regularly now. In some places there's no shoulder. In some places it's only a few feet wide. There's five or six S-curves, with vehicles that big, that heavy traveling that fast through that sort of terrain. The slope itself must not have been accounted for in your survey. You're basically traveling downhill with a curve. It's a recipe for disaster. When I called the person in Orange County that did the survey and I asked him, 'Did you account for the sunsets in the fall and the winter there when the sun sinks into the horizon and you can't see what the hell's going on as you're coming up the road?' he had no idea what I was talking about. I believe in addition to the reason of safety, the methodology is wrong. You didn't ask

us. You just changed it. That's the wrong way to go about it in the City of Redlands.

Amanda Frye said, "The RK Engineering and Traffic Survey done for the City of Redlands is flawed, with major omissions. On Alta Vista Drive, the fact that this is a residential, pedestrian and bicycle area along with other obvious omissions by RK Engineering demonstrates the flawed engineering work that was conducted by this firm. The greater than ten percent gradient, curves, blind corners, hidden driveways, proximity to Oakmont Park, horse trails, bicycle route, pedestrian traffic and other issues along Alta Vista Drive make this a dangerous road for all those that live or travel along this road with vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed. Raising the speed limit encourages people to go faster, thus endangering lives, especially those of people traveling by bicycle or walking. Scanning the RK engineering survey, other omissions are evident, such as the proximity of schools, parks and the Plymouth Village senior facility. These glaring omissions in the RK Engineering survey have caused many citizens to question if the work was properly reviewed by any Redlands staff member before acceptance or recommending that any speed limits could be raised. The flaws in the RK Engineering and Traffic Survey make it inconsistent with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requirements and the California Vehicle Code Section 627."

Frye said, "The way this was done and the logic used was not appropriate. In many places, such as near Kimberly Crest, along Cajon, near Fern and Garden, there is no notation of children being present or senior citizens who are likely to be on foot. As an engineering study it is flawed. It is obvious that no one in the city checked this or

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FBN 20220010587
The following entity is doing business principally in San Bernardino County as ALL AMERICAN REAL ESTATE & CONSULTING 6171 TWENTYNINE PALMS HWY JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252: THEODORE R AMIDON 9964 SILVER MAPLE WAY HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80129
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: DECEMBER 12, 2006
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/ THEODORE R AMIDON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/16/2022

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 J3108

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: ARMANDO CARLOS RUIZ CASE NO. PROSB2201606

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM RUIZ be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-36 at 9:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 22, 2022 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

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

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

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

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

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FBN 20220010645
The following entity is doing business principally in San Bernardino County as BROSH SURVEILLANCE SOLUTIONS 6081 HELLMAN AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737: BROSH LLC 6081 HELLMAN AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California as 201802310257

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/ BRADLEY GILES, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/17/2022
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 J2523

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME NOTICE

FBN 20220009392
The following person(s) is(are) doing business in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY as: A&A MOTORS 11012 STALLION AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763: ALBERT NAVARRO 11012 STALLION AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

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

S/ ALBERT NAVARRO, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 9/26/2022

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

Began Transacting Business: September 26, 2001.
County Clerk, J2525

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME NOTICE

FBN 20220010440
The following person(s) is(are) doing business in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY as: BRIGHT SPOT HOME SOLUTIONS

[and]
LEGACY 1 HOLDINGS
9375 ARCHIBALD AVE SUITE 110 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: C & R INVESTMENT GROUP 11812 SILVER LOOP MIRA LOMA, CA 91752

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Mailing Address: 11812 SILVER LOOP MIRA LOMA, CA 91752
Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California as 4673871

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

S/ AMANDA MEZA, Chief Executive Officer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 11/10/2022

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

Began Transacting Business: November 1, 2022.

County Clerk, G8420
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME NOTICE

FBN 20220010691
The following person(s) is(are) doing business in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY as:

VINCIMUS PERFUME 6658 MONTRESOR PLACE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737: JOSE G RAIMONDO 6658 MONTRESOR PLACE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

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

S/ JOSE G RAIMONDO, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 11/21/2022

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

Began Transacting Business: October 31, 2022.

County Clerk, J2108
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ERIC ARANDA CASE NO. PROSB2201374

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ERIC ARANDA has been filed by JOSEFINA ARANDA in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

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

THE PETITION requests full 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 December 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. 536 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.

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ty of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Filed: SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

NICOLE CARTWRIGHT, 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.

Attorney for Kanani James Puuohau: Neil Hedtke, Esquire SBN 273319

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FBN20220010398
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ROOTED DOG TRAINING 860 N SAN ANTONIO AVE ONTARIO, CA 91762, primarily in

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY: CHLOE ANCHONDO 860 N SAN ANTONIO AVE 91762

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

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

s/CHLOE ANCHONDO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 11/10/2022

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

Began Transacting Business: January 1, 2022

County Clerk, J3108
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD RAUL MADRID CASE NO. PROSB2201643

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of EDWARD RAUL MADRID has been filed by KANANI JAMES PUUOHOU in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KANANI JAMES PUUOHOU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held January 10, 2023 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.

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s/CHLOE ANCHONDO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 11/10/2022

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 22-01211-RM-CA Title No. 8776752 A.P.N. 0108-591-22-0-000

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/19/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee

as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Carol A Roberson, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 04/26/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0253714 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, California. Date of Sale: 12/19/2022 at 1:00 PM which is being postponed until 1/4/2023 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main (South) Entrance to the City of Chino Civic Center, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino, CA. 91710 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$302,340.02 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1842 Marin Ave, Ontario, CA 91764 A.P.N.: 0108-591-22-0-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-01211-RM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-01211-RM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.*Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 11/30/2022 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line / Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative. 12/09/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022 CPP353540

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Attorney for Barbara Ann Norris:
ANTONIETTE JAUREGUI (SB 192624)
1894 S. COMMERCENTER WEST, SUITE 108
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RONALD VAN ROSMALEN CASE NO. PROSB2201642

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held January 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S35 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Filed: November 28, 2022
NATHANIEL JOHNSON, 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

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Notice Of Sale Of Real Property [Probate Code Sec. 10300]

Case No. PROSB2100727
In re the:
Estate Of Marcus Marcell McCowen

Notice is given that Cleaferse McCowen, as Personal Representative of the Estate Marcus Marcell McCowen, will set at private sale subject to confirmation by the Superior Court of San Bernardino, on or after February 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Superior Court of San Bernardino 247 W. Third Street, San Bernardino CA Department S37, of the following real property of Estate 27981 Atlantic Avenue, Highland, CA 92346-2703. The terms and conditions of sale are: All cash, the amount of the sale is \$499,000.00. The required amount of the first overbid is \$514,950.00 At least ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be paid with the offer, and the balance must be paid on close of escrow after confirmation of sale by the Court.

Bids or offers for this property must be made to the Court at the time and date shown above. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Court.

Dated: November 29, 2022
Signed: Cleaferse McCowen Jr.
Attorney for Cleaferse McCowen:
Conrad Aragon, Esq. SBN: 220413
Law Office of Marc E. Grossman

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Fax: (909) 949-3077
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FBN 20220010413
The following entity is doing business as GODINEZ AUTO GLASS 3550 DUFFY ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 GABRIEL DELGADO GODINEZ 3550 DUFFY ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 Mailing Address: 3550 DUFFY ST 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: JANUARY 1, 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/ GABRIEL DELGADO GODINEZ, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/10/2022
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement

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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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME NOTICE
FBN 20220009392

The following person(s) is(are) doing business in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY as:
ASHE 444 NORTH H STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 ASHE SOCIETY SB LLC 390 WEST FIFTH STREET #638 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410
Business is Conducted By: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California as 201814110807
Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
S/ ELAINE LU, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 10/11/2022
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Began Transacting Business: February 22, 2022.
County Clerk, G8420
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO-FBN20220010483

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: BREWED & FRIED, 530 KELLY DRIVE, BARSTOW, CA 92311
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY: AHJENAE M STEVENSON, 530 KELLY DRIVE, BARSTOW, CA 92311
Mailing Address: 530 KELLY DRIVE, BARSTOW, CA 92311
Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/AHJENAE M. STEVENSON, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 11/14/2022
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Began Transacting Business: N/A
County Clerk,

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

12/09/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022

FBN 20220010071

The following person is doing business as: CHUBBY'S HOT CHICKEN. 5771 DATE AVE SANTA ANA, CA 92377[MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92377];
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CHC PARTNERS, INC 5771 DATE AVE RIALTO, CA 92377
The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares

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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/ MOISES QUIROZ, PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 31, 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
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FBN 20220010325

The following person is doing business as: HB LASER CUTTING INC. 15754 SLOVER AVE #C FONTANA, CA 92337
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
HB LASER CUTTING INC 15754 SLOVER AVE 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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s/ HERIBERTO A. BECERRA, PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 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

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FBN 20220010299

The following person is doing business as: GFS GROUP. 17395 DARWIN AVE SUITE B3 HESPERIA, CA 92345[MAILING ADDRESS P.O. BOX 2184 HELLENDALE, CA 92342];

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
TIMELESS STONE 17395 DARWIN AVE SUITE B3 HESPERIA, CA 92345.

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ TIMELESS STONE, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 08, 2022

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The following person is doing business as: FR33DUMB ENT. 4956 VAIL LN SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
FR33DUMB ENTERPRIZES LC 4956 VAIL LN SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407

The business is conducted by: A

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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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s/ AHMAD J. SIMS, CEO
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The following person is doing business as: GARCIA'S TREE SERVICE. 12375 KUMQUA PL CHINO, CA 91710
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
EMMELLY N ALFARO GARCIA 12375 KUMQUA PL CHINO, CA 91710.

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ EMMELLY N ALFARO GARCIA, OWNER
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The following person is doing business as: CHRISTY'S DONUTS. 1292 W. MILL ST SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
LUIS A AGUILERA GARCIA 1292 W. MILL ST. SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410.

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ LUIS A AGUILERA GARCIA, OWNER
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TAIN LAUREL DR HIGHLAND, CA 92346
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
TONY L CHIEM 1505 S. RIVERSIDE AVE UNIT A RIALTO, CA 92376; DIANE A DUONG 7343 MOUNTAIN LAUREL DR HIGHLAND, CA 92346.

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

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s/ TONY L CHIEM, GENERAL PARTNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 16, 2022

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FBN 20220010516

The following person is doing business as: COLDINO CLOTHING. 955 S E STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408[MAILING ADDRESS 380 WALTERS STREET COLTON, CA 92324];
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
RUBEN A MARTINEZ 380 WALTERS STREET COLTON, CA 92324.

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ RUBEN A MARTINEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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FBN 20220010581

The following person is doing business as: LUCKYS BARBER SHOP. 11910 HESPERIA RD. SUITE 1 HESPERIA, CA 92345[MAILING ADDRESS 11910 HESPERIA RD. SUITE 1 HESPERIA, CA 92345];
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
LORETTA K BRIGGS 11910 HESPERIA RD. SUITE 1 HESPERIA, CA 92345; GARY E SORLEY 11910 HESPERIA RD. SUITE 1 HESPERIA, CA 92345.

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: APR 27, 2015

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s/ LORETTA K BRIGGS, GENERAL PARTNER
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The following person is doing business as: CHELO'S BURGERS #4. 1609 W VALLEY BLVD COLTON, CA 92324
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CHELO'S BURGERS INC 46177 ROADRUNNER LANE LA QUINTA, CA 92253

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.

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s/ ABDELIA A. ANGULO PEREZ, PRESIDENT
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The following person is doing business as: JDL ENTERPRISES SIGNATURE WOODWORKS CO. 1806 LINNET ROAD #245 WRIGHTWOOD, CA 92397[MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701];
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
ISAFE INC 1806 LINNET ROAD #245 WRIGHTWOOD, CA 92397

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s/ JEFFREY LYLES, PRESIDENT
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The following person is doing business as: LG GENERAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES. 275 W MERRILL AVE RIALTO, CA 92376
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
GEORGE D MEJIA 275 W MERRILL AVE RIALTO, CA 92376; LUIS CAMPOS-LUJAN 9933 FERON BLVD APT A RANCHO CAMONGA, CA 91730.

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

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

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s/ PENI A POWERS, TRUSTEE Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 30, 2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 12/09/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022 CN-BB49202206MT

FBN 20220010926 The following person is doing business as: AMFA NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT. 4542 HAWTHORNE ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO LUBNA KHAN 4542 HAWTHORNE ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763. 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

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FBN 20220010945 The following person is doing business as: CRASTFUL COLLISION, LLC. 1091 ACACIA AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CRASTFUL COLLISION, LLC 1091 ACACIA AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 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

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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/ FERNANDO SALAZAR, MANAGING MEMBER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 30, 2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 12/09/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022 CN-BB49202205MT

FBN 20220010942 The following person is doing business as: JEFF THOMAS TRUCKING. 1300 EAST 115TH STREET #164 LOS ANGELES, CA 90059 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO JEFF W THOMAS 1300 EAST 115TH STREET #164 LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact

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FBN 20220011004 The following person is doing business as: KING OF THE ROAD. 12711 ALEXIA WAY VICTORVILLE, CA 92392P.O BOX 1051 ADELANTO, CA 92301 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO THOMAS A HALL 12711 ALEXIA WAY VICTORVILLE, CA 92392.

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FBN 20220010990 The following person is doing business as: SANCHEZ KENNELS. 10562 CHEVRON COURT ADELANTO, CA 92301 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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business as: POTENZA STONE INC. 49289 TAMARISK DR MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO POTENZA STONE SCUPLUTRES INC. 49289 TAMARISK DR MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ GARY W. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: NOVEMBER 23, 2022 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 12/09/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022, 12/30/2022 CN-BB49202201MT

Don't Blame Us For Raising Speed Limits Redlands City Officials Say, Telling Residents To Take The Matter Up With Sacramento from page 4

proofread it. The council is taking action based upon a flawed document and flawed analysis. You have staff making videos about Christmas instead of being devoted to reading documents that are critical to the safety of the city's residents."

Frye persisted, "There are many conditions not apparent to drivers that give many reasons to lower the speed limit on Alta Vista Drive back to 35 mph. The city council has the authority to lower the speed limit based on the California Vehicle Code."

Frye pointed out that "City Engineer [Goutam] Dobey met with area residents in August and agreed with the engineering oversights in the study and agreed to lower the speed limit to 35 mph but was said to have been overruled. How can staff overrule the city engineer's opinion when he is bound by law to protect the public welfare? The RK Engineering and Traffic Survey is flawed with many omissions along Alta Vista Drive and other streets such as Elizabeth, Garden and Cajon, creat-

ing doubt among many people if RK Engineering ever physically visited the sites as required by California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Based on these flaws alone, the engineering and traffic study, accident claims would not be defensible in court, putting the liability and negligence on the city."

According to Frye, "In 2009, the then-Redlands City Council lowered the speed limit based on its authority and the city engineer's opinion based on the California Vehicle Code, which made the 35 mph speed limit enforceable. However, there has been very little, if any, police enforcement on Alta Vista Drive. It is painful to hear the stories of my neighbor being struck while riding on his bicycle on Alta Vista Drive and being put out of work for six months or the neighbor on Florida Street who was 'T-boned' in an accident on Alta Vista Drive due to a speeding car or the woman whose son was paralyzed from being hit on Alta Vista Drive. We like our neighbors and care about each other and value their lives. Many people wrote to you and/or addressed the city council regarding their concerns about raising the speed limit on Alta Vista Drive. We have a wide range of

professionals and retirees including disabled citizens who enjoy our neighborhood.

"I am not sure why Redlands City Council or staff rubber-stamped the RK Engineering and Traffic Study with the glaring omissions," Frye continued. "Why raise speed limits that endanger the citizens and all that travel through our city based on a flawed study? I ask you to recognize the error and kindly redraft an ordinance to lower the speed limit on Alta Vista Drive to 35 mph. If the Long Beach City Council can lower speed limits to save lives so can Redlands City Council."

Redlands Police Chief Chris Catren said, "If we have a speed limit that's not supported by a survey, we can't lawfully make a traffic stop. They [i.e. motorists] haven't violated a particular law under an enforceable segment, so that's the quandary we're stuck in. I agree with everybody here. Lower speed limits are a friend of ours. It's one of those things we'd like to do - more enforcement - but I think everybody knows the staffing challenges that we have. We have two people assigned to traffic for the entire city of nearly 40 square miles. We're struggling to get to the intersections where we actually have a lot of collisions. We do all of

our enforcement based on where we're seeing multiple collisions, especially injury collisions. In that area, obviously, I understand over several years, there have been collisions, but we have intersections, of course, in the city where that's a weekly or monthly occurrence."

Many city residents were dismayed at the manner in which city officials acknowledged that the city's speed enforcement effort was, at best, anemic, but supported raising speed limits in the 45 instances to preserve the ability of the city's patrol officers to write speeding tickets. If city officials have in essence given up on issuing citations to speeders, those residents reasoned, then it should leave the lower speed limits in place to keep those drivers who do abide by them from increasing their speed.

Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Director John Harris said, "My staff - engineering staff and utilities and the engineering department - don't necessarily disagree with anything that's being said. We're seeing what's called speed creep over time. In my industry that's the term used to describe what you've heard about today. You raise the speeds and people drive about five miles per hour

or so above the speed limit. The recommendations in the ordinance tonight are the best that we can do at the staff level to comply with the law, number one, and, number two, allow law enforcement officers to legally issue citations or enforceable citations. Our city engineer has taken every possible liberty to hold the speeds down in accordance with the law."

Harris said of Alta Vista Drive, "The posted speed limit today is 35. We did the study. The measured 85th percentile is 47 miles an hour. The law allows us to immediately round down to the nearest five mile an hour increment. Our city engineer did that. So, we rounded down to 45 miles per hour. And then the law also allows the city engineer or registered engineer to make another five mile an hour adjustment from there for all the other things that we heard talked about today - the grade of the road, proximity of driveways and schools and those sorts of things. So he took that allowance, as well. That's how we landed on the 40 mile per hour recommendation. By law, we're not given any more liberty to adjust the speed limit any further without taking the power or the ability of our law enforcement officers to issue citations that are

enforceable away from them."

Redlands Mayor Paul Barich made a half-hearted effort to not be dismissive of his constituents concerns, but was unwilling to have the city council apply some form of creative approach to the situation such as going to the state legislature or governor for a special dispensation that would allow Redlands to put the terms of Assembly Bill 43, which was passed by the California Legislature earlier this year and is to allow a municipality to bypass the use of traffic speed survey data in setting local speed limits beginning in June 2024, into effect immediately.

Nor was Barich willing to simply have the city leave the posted speed limits in place, even as the speed enforcement efforts in most of the city are being essentially neglected.

He did admit "We can post whatever we have," but did not follow through on a discussion with regard to doing just that.

As to the hazard of drivers already driving at excessive speed and in defiance of the posted limits, Barich said, "It's a concern. It's not that we're not concerned about it but, unfortunately, we have certain laws."

He indicated the city

Competition Keen To Fill The Assessor Slot, As It Pays Approaching \$400,000 Per Year And Confers On Its Holder Tremendous Political Power *from page 4*

and routinely do, make a show of appreciation toward the politicians who oversee that gov-

ernmental structure. And if a business owner just had his holdings assessed in such a way

that he saw a savings of, say, \$500,000 on the amount of taxes he would have had to pay if his holdings had been determined to have a much higher value, he can often be counted upon to peel off \$1,000 here and there as do-

nations to a couple of different politicians' campaign funds and maybe \$2,000 once or twice or three times for a few other politicians' electioneering accounts and maybe \$5,000 or \$10,000 to another elected official or two

so that they might remain in office and keep up the good work they are engaged in by making sure government is run smoothly and well. Similarly, real estate speculators, those engaged in the development of real estate or

those simply investing in property have an interest in ensuring that their nonproductive holdings are assessed at the lowest possible value. They, too, can be counted upon to make donations to the asses-

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Erwin Is Gone From The San Bernardino City Unified School District And So Is One Of The Board Members Who Supported Him And One Who Opposed Him *from page 4*

by a bare 4-to-3 majority on the board.

Whatever job security Erwin had came to a close on December 19, 2021, with Hill's death. Immediately, he faced a 3-to-3 deadlock on the panel with regard to his fate.

By January, there was an earnest effort to fill the gap brought on by Hill's earthly exit.

The district looked to make an appointment to replace Hill, interviewing Joshua Augustus, Roland Horsh, Robert Nowosielski, Robert Silva, Alex Avila, Travon Martin, Tawnya Rhoades-Hensley, Elsa Valdez, Tressy Capps, Guillermina Mirelez, Viviana Romero, Francesca Villarreal, Pamela Montana, Michael Santos, Teran Zappia, Rachel Garvin, Henry Nickel, Tracie Scherzer and Leticia Garcia, all of whom applied for the appointment. The board gave serious consideration to Martin, Valdez, Avila, Montana and Garcia, but none was able to obtain a crucial fourth vote for the appointment because, ultimately, either Tillman, Medina and Flores were not convinced the addition would come over to their side and agree to terminate Erwin or the other three board members – Wyatt, Ceballos and Dowdy-Rodgers – were unsure that the person to be appointed would be willing to keep Erwin in place.

Erwin found himself in limbo. The three board members gunning to fire him did not have the crucial fourth vote they needed to hand him a pink slip. Nevertheless, he lacked a clear mandate

to proceed with what he wanted to accomplish, as he had the backing of just three of the board's members, one vote less than a majority on a seven-member panel and a stand-off on a six-sevenths strength board. For the next three months, Erwin gamely pressed on, seeking to run the district and make improvements to the atmosphere of learning and the organization's educational mission. Without clear support for his undertakings, however, he felt stymied and he recognized the 3-to-3 board stalemate would continue through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year and would drag on into 2022-23, with the potential that the November 2022 election could result in a board majority that would be as hostile toward him as Tillman, Flores and Medina were. He decided to throw in the towel. At the May 3, 2022 board meeting, Erwin announced he was departing from the district as of July 1, 2022.

Up for reelection in November were Tillman, Flores and Medina. In addition, the district had the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters put on the ballot a special election, one that would allow the district's voters to choose someone to fill out the final two years of the term on the board that Hill had been elected to in 2020.

Yesterday, December 8, the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters posted the final certified results for the election that had taken place a month earlier. Medina, with 11,278 or 14.92 percent of the

75,607 votes cast in the 11-person race, captured first place, extending her tenure by another four years. Tillman, with 11,186 or 14.79 percent, claimed second place and a continuing berth on the board. Flores, however, with 8,994 or 11.9 percent, came up short, finishing in fourth place behind Mary Ellen Abilez Grande, who polled 9,628 votes or 12.73 percent for third place. The other seven candidates – Patricia Dezan, Alex Avila, Francisco Ramirez, Tressy Capps, Veronica Saiz, Sonia Fernandez, and Rose Ward – collected

45.66 percent of the vote among them.

Meanwhile, in the contest to replace Hill over the next two years, five candidates competed: Francesca Villarreal, Mikki Cichocki, Esmeralda Negrete, Michael Santos and Travon Martin.

As it turned out, Cichocki, a former teacher and activist with the California Teachers Association, prevailed with 9,483 votes or 32.74 percent.

Thus, it would have seemed, the one-member deficit on the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board

Taking Their Blankets, Bedding & Sleeping Bags From Them Has Proven Effective In Getting Rid Of The Homeless *from page 4*

that upon encountering homeless individuals, those deputies will be confrontational, engage in a back-and-forth exchange with the homeless and ultimately gravitate toward exercising what in law enforcement vernacular is referred to as 'command presence,' that is, ordering those they encounter around.

One protocol which has been developed is to take advantage of the shabbiness of the homeless themselves and their dependably poor hygiene. The deputies will exploit that the bedding the homeless generally have with them is in some fashion soiled or dirty, allowing the officers to characterize it as trash or debris. As such, if the homeless do not have immediate possession of their bedding, blankets or sleeping bags, meaning that they are not holding it, carrying it or have it in a backpack they are wearing, the sheriff's deputies

will seize it, declare it to be "trash" or "debris" and carry it off for disposal. Also targeted in such operations is the cardboard that the homeless typically use for ground cover under their bedding. The ground is an excellent conductor of heat, and cardboard, particularly if it is layered, will serve as an excellent insulator. If the homeless person protests having his bedding or cardboard seized, the deputy will escalate the confrontation, often into a physical confrontation, one which carries with it the opportunity to arrest the homeless subject for assault on a police officer. Such confrontations are predictable, given a deputy's susceptibility to rage. The department does not discourage such tactics, considering them to be effective in terms of effectuating the overall goal of prompting the homeless individuals being confronted to move on from the area where they are being encountered. By having repeated encounters with the homeless in this fashion, taking from them their bedding and insulation and keeping them on the move, the deputies set the stage for sending

that particular homeless person onto another jurisdiction, away from the beat of that particular deputy. Coupled with having the homeless individual spend an evening or several evenings in a harsh night environment without bedding or insulation often has the desired effect of convincing the targeted homeless person to leave San Bernardino County altogether, to, as the case may be, Nevada, Arizona, Riverside County, Los Angeles County or Riverside County.

Former Sheriff John McMahon laid claim to being a Christian. Despite that, he had no compunction against having his deputies use strong-arm tactics on the homeless they encountered in the field. McMahon's successor, Sheriff Dicus, is not constrained by any religious considerations, and his deputies are even more aggressive in their treatment of the homeless. The homeless are getting the message and are moving on. This is reflected in the slowing in the rate of the growth of homelessness in San Bernardino County, as evinced with this year's point-in-time count, during Sheriff Dicus's ten-

varro, who had 18,343 votes or 33.5 percent, and Oscar Hinojosa, who garnered 3,173 or 5.79 percent. To assume the county board of education position, she must resign as a board member with the school district.

After Cichocki and Grande join the remaining incumbents on the San Bernardino City Unified District Board, that panel will yet have only six members and will stay one member short until the board comes up with a plan to either appoint Rogers' replacement or holds an election to do so.

ure in office.

Among the public in San Bernardino County, there is some difference of opinion, attitude and acceptance with regard to Operation Inroads and the Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement Team.

Some county residents have had it with the homeless they encounter on the streets and in public places and they simply want them gone. Many do not care what tactics the authorities use in effectuating the removal of the homeless and support whatever tactics will work. Many have expressed the belief that the homeless are at the low station in life because of their own action, poor choices, disrespect for themselves and the values of society and deserve the circumstances they have brought upon themselves.

Others, however, feel the homeless merit compassion and understanding. They do not approve of harsh tactics being used in dealing with them.

According to the sheriff's department, its deputies do not brutalize the homeless or any members of the public.

-Mark Gutglueck

The Assessor Has Used His Tax-Setting Function To Do Favors For His Political Allies

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essor and his political allies, so to stay on their good sides and keep those with good ideas and the right attitude in office, to make sure that the good ol' boys that

make up the establishment can keep on in the way they always have. Bob Dutton fit right in with that establishment. Indeed, throughout the time he was investing in real estate and engaged in speculation and developing property in Rancho Cucamonga in the 1980s and 1990s and while he was a member of the Assembly and then a member of the

California State Senate and while he was San Bernardino County assessor, he not only was a part of that establishment but embodied it. During his tenure as assessor, Dutton could be counted upon to protect the financial interests of those who had gained entrée into San Bernardino County's political and business establishment. It was equally

true that he was willing to use his tax assessing authority as a cudgel against those who were in the opposite or dissident political camp. An examination of both the tax assessments and the personages involved in protests of assessments levied by his office in the form of those appealed to the county's assessment appeals board and the general trend of the

outcomes of those cases suggests that those who fall within the category of the political establishment in San Bernardino County were given far more favorable treatment by the assessor's office under Dutton than those who were not members of the political establishment.

In this way, the members of the board of supervisors – finely

attuned political animals all – have expectations that Wilhite, who praised Dutton and said he was proud to be a member of his team and intended to carry on in the direction Dutton had blazed as assessor, is expected to live up to the board of supervisors' expectations of him.

-Mark Gutglueck

Fox Seen As Bulwark Against Continuation Of Financial Malfeasance At WVWD

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against him under seal by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Pacheco, under arrangement with the U.S. Department of Justice, entered a guilty plea to those charges, which pertained to accepting tens of thousands of dollars in bribes. Withholding information about the arrest, charges and guilty plea facilitated Pacheco's simultaneous secret cooperation with federal investigators with regard to a host of matters involving criminal activity about which he was knowledgeable.

Prior to all of that occurring, however, Pacheco, assisted by Taylor, had managed to milk more than half of a million dollars out of the West Valley Water District.

In May 2019, at which point Pacheco had already drawn \$272,558 in salary and benefits in his capacity as assistant general manager for performing virtually no work whatsoever, it was announced that he was being put on on paid administrative leave, such that he continued to draw his full pay until November 2019, a total of more than \$135,000 over the nearly eight months he was in total absentia. In November 2019, Pacheco's employment with the district was terminated, at which point he was provided with a \$146,459.82 severance equal to nine months' salary. In this way, through the arrangements that Taylor

and Tafoya had made for Pacheco with the assent of the board majority and the district's management, Pacheco was provided with more than \$554,017.82 by the district.

Ultimately, the recognition that the district and its ratepayers were being taken for a ride by Pacheco led to the parallel revelation that Brosowske was occupying a position of political patronage rather than actual function. In April 2020, after he had been in place with his do-nothing \$251,592 per year assignment for 11 months during which time he had been paid \$230,626, he was terminated, at which point the district conferred on him a \$154,884.80 severance.

An internal audit of the West Valley Water District's books quantified at least \$939,528.62 that had been paid in salary, benefits, perquisites and severance to Pacheco and Brosowske for work that was never specified, never quantified, never demonstrated as actually occurring and for which only their dual titles of assistant general manager were offered as justification.

The prime mover in the hiring of both Pacheco and Brosowske, Taylor, resigned from his board position as of June of this year and is now reportedly in negotiation with the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office with regard to criminal charges to be lodged against him and accepted in some manner of a plea arrangement together with his cooperation in further investigations involving the water district and the City of Baldwin Park. The West

Valley Water District terminated Tafoya as its general counsel last month. Clifford Young, who was once politically aligned with Taylor but grew to become his most committed opponent on the West Valley Water Board, resigned from the board at the beginning of the year and died in August.

Van Jew is now serving as the district's acting general manager following the resignation earlier this year of its previous general manager, Shamindra "Rickey" Manbahal.

The district, which is now led by President Channing Hawkins and board members Greg Young, Angela Garcia, Dan Jenkins and Director Kelvin Moore, carried out a recruitment effort to find a chief financial officer, ultimately selecting Fox for the assignment.

Fox's value as recognized by others before he arrived at West Valley Water District might best be gauged by the \$229,735 in salary and the \$65,038.33 in perquisites and benefits, for a total annual compensation of \$294,773.33, he was provided as Vernon's treasurer and finance director in 2018, his last full year there.

The West Valley Water District is providing him with a salary of \$235,768. He is also to be provided with annual benefits consisting of health insurance, dental insurance and vision coverage for himself and his wife, along with a long-term disability plan, life insurance plan, sick leave, education tuition, something entitled employee assistance, 12 paid holidays per year,

120 hours of vacation per year, 120 hours of administrative leave per year and participation in the California Public Employees Retirement System, all of which totals a monetary value exceeding \$60,000 per year.

In his new position, Fox will oversee the finance, customer service and purchasing departments.

"I am confident that Mr. Fox's years of experience, wealth of knowledge and values align with West Valley's and that this appointment will strengthen and elevate our business operations," said West Valley Water District Board President Channing Hawkins. "On behalf of myself and the entire board, we are excited to welcome him to the team."

Board Member Greg Young said that the district "has been looking

for a fiance director of Mr. Fox's caliber for seven years."

Young, who is no blood relation to Clifford Young, said that expenditure scandals such as those that accompanied the questionable employment of Pacheco and Brosowske were not likely to occur following the departure of Taylor from the board. He noted that hiring in the district is essentially carried out at the discretion of the district general manager such that the finance director does not have a direct say in those decisions. Nevertheless, he said, Fox's certification as a fraud examiner meant such arrangements as existed with Pacheco and Brosowske would not be likely to elude scrutiny.

"I think if anything like that were to occur again, it would raise a lot of red flags and Mr. Fox, based upon his gravi-

Less Than Two Days After A Dozen Residents Plead With The Redlands City Council Not To Raise Speed Limits, A 16-Year-Old Bicyclist Is Killed In A Collision With An SUV

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was essentially resigned to having to raise the speed limits where people were already exceeding those posted limits.

"We could put 10 miles an hour and people are going to exceed that," the mayor said. "I don't like the idea of hearing squeaking and going out and seeing some car rolled."

As the mayor and primary city official chosen by Redlands citizens to intercede for them at all levels of government, including at City Hall, with the county and the state, Barich indicated he was not willing to accept

that burden. Instead, he suggested that the city's residents should take it upon themselves to deal with the state government's bureaucracy.

"I don't know what else we can do," Barich said. "Like I've said before, if you want to change the law, change what's in Sacramento. Most of that stuff's coming down from there. We're bound by that."

The council voted unanimously at around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday night to make the speed changes.

A little more than 36-and-a-half hours

tas and status would not be, I am sure, afraid to raise his concerns," Greg Young said. "I think if he saw something like that, at the very least he would bring it to our attention and ask, 'What's going on here?'"

Young said, "Probably the best way to solve the sort of problems we had with Ricardo [Pacheco] and Jeremiah [Brosowske] is to have the right general manager. That is not to say that Van [Jew] is not suited for the job. I am looking forward to a professional recruitment effort, casting as wide a net as possible to come up with the best candidate for the position as possible, just as we did in finding William Fox. If, at the end, we determine Mr. Jew is the best fit for us, I am confident we can convince him to remain."

-Mark Gutglueck

later, a traffic fatality occurred when a vehicle ran into a bicyclist within a short distance of Moore Middle School.

According to the city's spokesman, Carl Baker, "There was a fatal collision at about 8:45 a.m. Thursday morning, December 8, in the 1400 block of 5th Avenue, near Marion Road, involving a bicyclist who was struck by a 2012 Ford Escape, driven by an 89-year-old Yucaipa woman."

Baker told the Sentinel. "The victim was a 16-year-old Mexican national who was visiting the area and was scheduled to return to Mexico in the next few weeks. There was no indication of drugs or alcohol involved. The accident is under investigation."