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Gomez Public Disturbance Trial Start Mired In Snags & Provocations

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Victorville Councilwoman Blanca Gomez's trial on public disturbance charges has begun as awkwardly and with as much disconcertion as the events which led to her arrests entailed, as the court system must now assimilate the idiosyncratic form of dissent that she has intermixed into her representation of her constituents over the past six years.



Blanca Gomez

Execution of Gomez are differing consequences, including those for the defendant and another set for the array of officials

who have put her in the docket. For Gomez, she is at risk of being convicted of three relatively minor misdemeanors, which may or may not harm her political viability going forward. For San Bernardino County and Victorville officialdom, what hangs in the balance is an exposure of the degree to which political insiders and the establishment wield the machinery of government at their command

to maintain, or attempt to maintain, the reins of power and perpetuate themselves in their positions of authority.

Already surfacing in the trial are elements and themes indistinguishable from Gomez's political existence and formulas, ones of a paradoxical amalgamation of Gomez's own status as a privileged elected official contrasted with her characterization of herself as a disenfranchised

member of the community, her naive or virtually nonexistent command of procedure, protocol and the law coupled with her contradictory use of sophisticated cutting edge electronic devices in documenting her public interactions, which inevitably provoke officials and now the court to physically seize those devices, a questionable reaction that has the effect of swinging a segment of public

Albert Okura, 1951- 2023



Albert Okura

Albert Okura, the founder of the Juan Pollo restaurant chain who stands with Glen Bell, Neal Baker, Ed Hackbarth, David Jameson and Richard and Maurice McDonald as a member of San Bernardino County's pantheon of worldwide fast-food originator/innovators, has died.

Okura, 71 of Chino, died of a yet-undisclosed illness this week.

Okura, a sansei, that is, a third-generation Japanese American, was born in Wilmington in 1951 to Tsuyoshi and Chiyoko Okura. His first job, other than having a paper route as a kid, was making Whoppers at the Harbor City Burger King when he was 18 in 1970, shortly after he graduated from high school. Three years later, he was entrusted with an assistant manager's position at another Burger King. At the age of 24, he jumped to Del Taco and a soon landed a job as a manager of one of its operations.

In 1981, he was the manager of the Del Taco in Carson. An El Pollo Loco, featuring charbroiled chicken, opened nearby. This inspired him to consider striking out on his own with a restaurant featuring grilled chicken. The brother of his uncle by marriage, George Komatsu, was a successful grocer who by that point had parlayed his success in the grocery business into owning a

County Giving Them Short Shrift On Resort Approval, Wonder Valley Residents Say

Wonder Valley residents' previous misgivings that a resort facility proposed for development in their community would severely compromise the desert tranquility they now enjoy has been heightened by the county planning division's preparation of documents to allow the project to proceed through the approval process without being subject to a full-fledged

environmental impact report.

Concern is growing among Wonder Valley locals that David Mlynarski, a politically well-connected development professional who is working on behalf of the project proponents, has prevailed upon county officials to keep them from applying the more exacting land use standards that those living in the desert community

believe are proper for any significant construction that is to take place in their midst.

Alan Greenberg and Jason Landver have retained Mlynarski and his company, Transtech Engineers, Inc., to chaperone the conversion of the 4,407-square foot former Southern California Edison facility most commonly known by locals as "the pink building" and a portion of the 134.6

acres around it into year-round resort through the county land use division's approval process. Dubbed the Wonder Valley Inn, the project is to entail a 106-room hotel, to include an all-night restaurant, spa/wellness center, conference hall and event center to be located at 78201 Amboy Road, near the southwest corner of Gammel Road and Amboy Road in the sparsely populated desert

community roughly 10 miles east of Twentynine Palms. The resort would include a 6,000-square foot swimming pool, hot tubs, outdoor showers, a 180,000-gallon water tank and a 205-space parking lot.

Mlynarski, a member of the American Planning Association, the Baldy View Chapter of the Building Industry Association, of which he is currently

Couple Who Touched Off El Dorado Conflagration To Face 28 Of 29 Counts Against Them, Judge Rules

Refugio Manuel Jimenez Jr. and his wife Angelina Renee Jimenez will go to trial on a total of 28 counts, including involuntary manslaughter, over their ill-advised use of a flammable device during a gender reveal celebration at El Dorado Ranch Park in Yucaipa on September 5, 2020 that led to the ignition of what turned into

the El Dorado fire, which raged out of control for 24 days, charring 22,680 acres, destroying five homes and damaging four others and resulting in the death of firefighter Charles Morton, who lost his life battling the blaze more than a week and a half after it started.

Originally, each was charged with the 29 counts, one felony count

of PC 192(b), involuntary manslaughter; three felony charges of PC 452(a), arson that causes great bodily injury; four felony charges of PC 452(b), arson that causes an inhabited structure or inhabited property to burn and 22 misdemeanor charges of PC 452(d), unlawfully causing a fire of property.

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Operation Consequences Continues Apace After More Than 3 Months

Fourteen weeks after the The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department initiated "Operation Consequences," intended to suppress criminal operations perpetuated by the community's already identified criminal element, efforts to target those residing in the county who are violating the conditions of their parole or proba-

tion continue.

According to the sheriff's department, the program is intended to focus in particular on the High Desert, where the sheriff's department provides law enforcement service on a contractual basis to the cities of Hesperia, Victorville and Adelanto, the Town of Apple Valley and the unincorporated county

Alexander Brought In To End SBCUSD Board's 13-Month Span At 6/7s Strength

After more than a year, the San Bernardino City Unified School Board will return to its seven-member strength on February 7.

At that time, Felicia Alexander, who was appointed to fill the most recently vacated position on board, will be sworn in.

She is to fill the gap left by the departure of Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers,

who was first elected to the San Bernardino City Unified School Board in 2015 and reelected in 2020 when the district changed to even-year elections, and who was elected to a position on the San Bernardino County School Board in November 2022, necessitating her resignation from that previous post.

To remain on the school board beyond

2024, Alexander will need to run for election on the 2024 ballot.

A series of developments and intrigues along with contention that existed internally in the district that was for the most part kept below the surface but which occasionally broke out into the open has meant that since December 2021 there have only been six members of the school

board.

On December 19, 2021, Board Member Margaret Hill died. Hill had been a solid backer of then-Superintendent Harry "Doc" Ervin, along with board members Rogers, Scott Wyatt and Mayra Ceballos. Ervin, who was formerly the superintendent with the Bakersfield City School District, had been hired to shep-

herd the San Bernardino City School District in March 2021, a year after the city had essentially gone rudderless with the departure of former Superintendent Dale Marsden with his resignation effective in March 2020. Though he was slated to begin with the 2021-22 school year/fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, Ervin came in a month early and went

Gomez, Who Has Had A Prickly Relationship With Her Council Colleagues, Is Off To Equally Troubling Interactions With Her Own Lawyers *from front page*

opinion sharply in her favor. The first of the alleged transgressions for which Gomez is being held to account occurred on June 2, 2021 on the premises of the Panera Bread Bakery café at 11838 Amargosa Road in Victorville, where both Gomez and one of her political supporters, Robert Daniel Rodriguez, were having lunch. Rodriguez, somewhat ill-advisedly, began vaping. Things grew confrontational when an employee asked him to step out of the café because neither smoking nor vaping is allowed indoors at commercial establishments in Victorville. Sheriff's deputies soon arrived, and amidst Gomez making a claim that she and Rodriguez were the victims of racist harassment, she used her cell phone to videotape the incident, which included Rodriguez declining to identify himself to the responding officers. Both Gomez and Rodriguez were detained by the deputies on the basis, the deputies said, that Rodriguez was "trespassing" by having vaped and Gomez had engaged in "assault" by having videotaped the Panera Bread employees.

The sheriff's department provides contract law enforcement services to the City of Victorville as its de facto police department. Gomez phoned Victorville Sheriff's Station Captain John Wickum, to complain about the treatment she and Rodriguez had been subjected to. Both Rodriguez, who had been handcuffed and placed into a sheriff's vehicle until he was released upon deputies succeeding in identifying him, and Gomez were cited but not jailed.

The next crime perpetrated by Rodriguez and involving Gomez occurred on July 6, 2021 during that evening's

Victorville City Council meeting. On that occasion, a fracas broke out when city officials became warily regardful of Rodriguez, and Mayor Debra Jones called for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies who were on standby to maintain order at the council meeting to take action, to which Rodriguez reacted vocally and loudly. As a consequence, he was forcefully removed from the council chambers by the deputies on the scene.

On July 20, 2021, while she was presiding over that evening's council meeting, Mayor Jones objected to Rodriguez, who was wearing a hat and what appeared to be a ski mask while sitting near Jones' husband in the gallery within the council chamber, using what appeared to be a cell phone to video-record the meeting. The circumstance was complicated by the consideration that Jones' husband was also, apparently, recording the meeting, which was remarked upon by City Attorney Andre de Bortnowsky. Gomez, sitting at her position on the council dais to Jones' right with Councilwoman Leslie Irving between them, was also using a camera to video-record the meeting and livestream it to Instagram. Mayor Jones vectored sheriff's deputies to Rodriguez, after which a confrontation between deputies and Rodriguez ensued, with Gomez making verbal note that Mr. Jones was not being dealt with by deputies in the way in which Rodriguez was, and that she had herself video-recorded that discrepancy. When Gomez left her place at the council dais to move into the gallery, an altercation with deputies took place, and both she and Rodriguez were arrested.

On November 1, 2021 in a complaint sworn out and filed by Deputy District Attorney Britt Imes, Rodriguez was charged with two counts of obstructing a police officer/resisting arrest; two counts of disturbing a public meeting, conspiracy to commit a crime and disrupting a business operation – stemming

from his actions on June 2, July 6 and July 20, 2021.

In a separate but consecutively-numbered complaint, Imes on behalf of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and the People of the State of California charged Gomez with one misdemeanor count of PC148(a)1, resisting, obstructing or delaying of a peace officer and one misdemeanor count of PC242 – battery, both stemming from the June 2 incident and additionally charged her with two misdemeanor counts of PC148(a)1 – resisting, obstructing or delaying of a peace officer and one count of PC403 – disturbance of a public meeting, relating to her action on July 20. Gomez was not criminally charged in the goings-on of July 6.

Over the next several weeks the cases against Gomez and Rodriguez wended their procedural way into the courtrooms of no fewer than six judges – David Driscoll, Christopher Pallone, Kawika Smith, Dwight Moore, Scott Seeley and Ronald Gilbert, some of whom recognized the matter as a political show event and wanted nothing to do with it. One by one each managed to slip out from underneath the cases as the procedures moved on into the courtroom of the next jurist.

While Gomez was persuaded to waive her right to a speedy trial, Rodriguez did not. By December 1, with the 30-day deadline for the beginning of the trial about to elapse, the case against Rodriguez made its way into the courtroom of a seventh judge – Judge John Vander Feer.

Controversy ensued as neither Deputy District Attorney Justin Crocker, who was assigned to both the Gomez case and Rodriguez case, nor his back-up, Deputy District Attorney Jason Wilkinson, acknowledged to the court that they had made absolutely no preparation to put on a case against Rodriguez, had never indicated a readiness for trial, had not secured witnesses for trial and were not ready to go to trial. At the last minute, Imes, one of the district

attorney's office's leading prosecutors who is almost exclusively assigned to some of the most serious matters in the county – murders, multiple murders, gangland activity involving lifetime criminals trafficking in massive amounts of narcotics or participating in layered conspiracies – substituted in to replace Wilkinson. On December 2, what some interpreted as two days past the deadline to initiate trial, with Imes present and ready to hold Rodriguez accountable for vaping in a public place or speaking out of turn or too loudly at council meetings, Judge Vander Feer determined that the parties were ready to go to trial and sent the case back to Judge Kawika Smith in Victorville Department 5.

Rodriguez's defense attorney, Deputy Public Defender Matthew Canty, contended the deadline for initiating the trial had elapsed. Judge Smith, who had no idea that Rodriguez's trial was to commence that day in his courtroom until it began and he learned that Judge Vander Feer had assigned the matter to him forthwith, ultimately denied Canty's motion that the case had to be dismissed because more than thirty days had elapsed from the filing of the charges against Rodriguez and the commencement of his trial. Though he had sufficient grounds for granting Canty's motion, Judge Smith reasoned that Rodriguez had been arraigned on November 3 and the disheveled shuffling of Imes into his courtroom on December 2 sufficed as the beginning of Rodriguez's trial.

At that point, the process for the selection of a jury, including the questioning of prospective jurors, known as voir dire, began.

A demonstration of how determined the political and legal establishment was to proceed against Gomez and Rodriguez, considered a key member of the former's political support network, came with the dismissal of three jury

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panels before the opposing sides were able to mutually accept a jury composed of those selected from the fourth jury panel, consisting of five white men, three African-American men, three Hispanic women and an Asian woman, along with two alternate or back-up jurors, an African-American woman and a Hispanic woman. Testimony began on December 9, 2021.

By the end of the trial, which involved ten days of on-again, off-again testimony lasting through and interrupted by the Christmas holiday season, three of the original charges against Rodriguez – two counts of resisting, obstructing or delaying a peace officer and conspiracy to commit a crime – were dismissed with the assonance of the prosecution. Ultimately, on December 29, 2021 the jury returned verdicts of guilty on the trespassing count, not guilty on disrupting the July 6, 2021 meeting and guilty on disrupting the July 20, 2021 meeting.

Nearly thirteen months had elapsed since Rodriguez's trial when Gomez's trial began on January 19, Thursday of last week, this time before Judge Katrina West in Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court, a venue outside of Victorville, a gesture at avoiding a tainted jury pool, as jurors drawn from the population of the southwesternmost corner of the county are not likely to be familiar and/or favorably or unfavorably disposed toward the defendant, who is a governmental representative of

many of those in the jury pool for the Victorville Courthouse.

On January 19, with District Attorney Justin Crocker present along with Rajan Maline, Gomez's defense counsel, Judge Katrina West and both the prosecution and defense held off-the-record discussions in Judge West's chambers. The court reconvened at 1:35 p.m. with all parties present, but once again went off the record in a conference in Judge West's chambers at 2:12 p.m.

At issue were the availability of the transcripts of Rodriguez's trial, which Gomez is personally convinced will be of assistance in exonerating her of the charges against her. Gomez and Rodriguez are considered co-defendants, with the cases against them being sequential, the prosecution of Rodriguez bearing the nomenclature MVI21007252 and the one against Gomez MVI21007253

At 2:50 p.m., the court reconvened in open session, and discussions were held as to the scheduling of the trial. The court ordered the transcripts of the MVI21007252, including those of the proceedings held on December 07/2021; December 08/2021; December 09/2021; December 10/2021; December 13, 2021, December 14, 2021, December 15, 2021; December 16, 2021; December 17, 2021; December 20, 2021; December 21, 2021; December 28, 2021 and December 29, 2021.

A prospective jury panel of at least 42 having been summoned, Judge

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Wonder Valley Residents Feel They Are Being Given The Bum's Rush By County Planning Staff

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an executive committee member, the Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation, of which he is also the chief financial officer, and the National Association of Home Builders, ran as a pro-development candidate for city council in San Bernardino's Seventh Ward two years ago. He possesses solid credentials relating to guiding developmental interests in achieving entitlements to build based upon his professional experience. He was an assistant planner with the City of Fontana and then an associate planner and zoning administrator with the City of Palmdale. He left the public sector and parlayed his experience behind the planning counter to become the vice president of land development with Moning Development in Fullerton, later becoming vice president of market development with Redlands-based Sierra Engineering. He worked with two civil engineering and land surveying companies before purchasing one of them and converting it to Transtech Engineers, Inc. He is guiding Greenberg and Landver in their application with the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department to build what Greenberg and Landver have dubbed the Wonder Valley Inn.

The initial phases of the development would extend to no more than 25 acres, including the 4,407-square foot old pink building, which is to be converted into the hotel's lobby, restaurant and kitchen, the stoves and ovens for which will run on propane. Two existing wells will be tapped to provide water. The proponents intend to use a septic leech field system for wastewater. Greenberg and Landver will rely on the local utility provider for electricity.

One off-site improvement that Greenberg and Landver will be required to make is the widening a relatively modest 29-

foot span of Amboy Road from the centerline of the site, creating a 40-foot-wide section along the south side of Amboy Road and converting a dirt road on the west side of the property into a paved emergency access route.

The Wonder Valley Inn will have roughly 20 full-time employees and stop-gap part-time employees during those seasons when the resort experiences its highest level of use, the proponents have told the county.

Greenberg and Landver in November 2021 applied for a conditional use permit, including a rezoning request for 21.22 of the acres on the site which are currently zoned for low density housing under the county's RL-5 zoning designation to CS, or commercial service use. The current RL-5 designation allows single family homes on lots no smaller than five acres. Greenberg and Landver either own outright or have tied up approximately 135 acres at the Amboy/Gammel corner. The 3.18 acres closest to the two roads is already zoned for commercial service use.

On January 13, 2023, the San Bernardino County Department of

Land Use Services released its initial study of the project, indicating it would accept a negative mitigation declaration in carrying out the environmental certification of the project during its approval process.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, most development projects are subjected to an environmental certification process. Some types of environmental certification are more intensive than others, ranging from an environmental impact report to an environmental impact study to an environmental assessment to an environmental examination to a mitigated negative declaration to a negative declaration.

An environmental impact report, the most involved type of environmental analysis and certification there is, consists of an involved study of the project site, the project proposal, the potential and actual impacts the project will have on the site and surrounding area in terms of all conceivable issues, including land use, water use, air quality, potential contamination, noise, traffic, and biological and cultural resources. An environmental impact report specifies in detail

what measures can, will and must be carried out to offset those impacts. A mitigated negative declaration falls near the other end of the scale, and exists as a far less exacting size-up of the impacts of a project, by which the panel entrusted with the city's ultimate land use authority, as in the case of Wonder Valley either the county planning commission or the board of supervisors, issues a declaration that all adverse environmental impacts from the project will be mitigated, or offset, by the conditions of approval of the project imposed upon the developer.

Those who believe that the Wonder Valley Inn will prove incompatible with the rustic atmosphere of the community as it currently exists strongly suspect allowing the project to be subject to anything less than an across-the-board environmental impact report will allow Greenberg and Landver to cut corners and avoid having to pay for or otherwise provide mitigation measures that will offset the impacts of drawing hundreds of outsiders into the community every week.

County Land Use Services' contention that there will be no untoward environmental impacts

from the project that are not to be offset by the relatively slim set of conditions to be imposed on the project's ownership is a bit much for many of Wonder Valley's residents, who were skeptical about the project from the time they first heard about Greenberg and Landver applying for a conditional use permit for the project in late 2021. A handful of those residents banded together to create the website stop-wonderinn.org.

The project's coalescing opposition rejects San Bernardino County Land Use Services staff's preliminary conclusion that public vistas, nighttime sky and star visibility and air quality will undergo no significant impact from the project.

Some suspect that county staff has merely substituted Mlynarski's advocacy in favor of the project for the more thorough and independent review that a professional public planning agency is responsible for providing.

El Dorado Fire Prosecution

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Scaffiddi and Steven S. Mitchell, representing the Jimenezes, had asked Judge Ronald Christianson to dismiss all of the charges lodged against

The Stop Wonder Inn coalition is holding a meeting at 1 p.m. January 28 at the Wonder Valley Community Center. They intend to coordinate the citizenry's response in exercising the right to provide input and express opposition to the project.

The San Bernardino County Department of Land Services has set a deadline of February 22 for the public's submission of comments on the project to be incorporated into the mitigated negative declaration.

Residents will have until that date to make a case to county officials that a mitigated negative declaration is not sufficient and that what is called for is a full-blown environmental impact report. Submissions to the county land use services division can be made via email to azhar.khan@lus.sbcounty.gov or by U.S. Post to Azhar Khan at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 1st Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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Okura's Juan Pollo Legacy

from front page
shopping center in Ontario. Komatsu made a restaurant location in that shopping mall available to his "nephew."

The first Juan Pollo debuted in January 1984. The restaurant did not immediately enjoy brisk sales, Okura later recounted. His gross receipts on the day Juan Pollo opened were \$165. It took time, through word of mouth, for Okura to build up an initial customer base for the single location.

As sales increased, difficulty ensued, however, in that the restaurant pad did not offer adequate space for the number of grills Okura would need to keep up with the volume of chicken his customers were calling upon him to produce. It was at that point that an-

other person to whom he was related by marriage played a key part in his success. Armando Parro was married to Okura's wife's sister. Parro, who was born in Mexico and had lived long enough in the area of Chihuahua where rotisserie-cooked chicken was popular, suggested that the use of vertical rotisseries would allow the restaurant to thrive. Parro was instrumental in assisting Okura with both technique and recipes, ones which included marinating the chicken in a combination of citrus juices and spices for twelve hours and then slow cooking the birds, which were kept whole and uncut, at a precise heat range for two hours and 55 minutes.

The final product was a chicken product many have come to consider the tastiest form of poultry there is.

As sales increased,

Okura expanded into a second location at Fifth Street and Mount Vernon Avenue in San Bernardino in 1986, more than two years after opening the first. It was after that when the chain found its niche.

There are now 25 Juan Pollo restaurants in Southern California, in Coachella, Cathedral City, Los Angeles, Anaheim, La Mirada, Santa Ana, La Puente, Covina, Upland, Chino, Corona, Beaumont, Perris, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Riverside, Fontana, Bloomington, Colton and two each in San Bernardino, Pomona and Ontario.

By the late 1990s, Okura was an established player in the fast-food industry.

Okura, had an abiding interest in the fast-food industry and its history.

In 1998, the property upon which the original McDonald's drive-in

restaurant at 14th and E streets in San Bernardino, which was opened a half-century earlier by Dick and Maurice McDonald, was being foreclosed upon. Okura swooped in and picked it up for \$135,000. The restaurant itself had been demolished nearly three decades previously, but Okura felt there was a need to memorialize the property and what it meant in terms of American culture. He relocated Juan Polo's corporate headquarters to the location and opened an unofficial McDonald's museum and tribute to the McDonald brothers next to it, at first ignoring and then facing down threats from the McDonald's Corporation that he did not have rights to the McDonald's name and logo.

In addition to the McDonald's museum, he was committed to keeping future generations

the couple, California Department of Corrections employees, based on Section 939.71 of the Penal Code, which applies to the contention that the prosecution is aware of exculpatory

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aware of the grandeur that had once been San Bernardino. He celebrated the city as a major location on Route 66 and was a prime mover behind the Military History Museum in San Bernardino as well as a sponsor of both the annual Veterans Day and Christmas parades.

In 2005, Okura, an E Clampus Vitus member, purchased outright the entire township of Amboy, located on historic Route 66, for \$425,000. His intent was to reestablish the town as a tourist stop, replete with a museum. He refurbished, at a cost of more than \$100,000, the historic gas station in Amboy in 2008, reopening it, along with its iconic diner and café.

Okura is survived by his wife, Gisella, sons Kyle and Aaron and daughter Chloe.

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Gomez Had A Falling Out With Her Lawyer Over Her Perception That Witnesses Who Can Exonerate Her Are Being Banned From Testifying *from page 2*

West had them sworn in with regard to their qualifications to hear the case. She then addressed the prospective jurors and introduced them to the litigating parties.

Jurors so wishing were allowed to express their contentions of hardships. Judge West excused 12 of the prospective jurors by stipulation.

At 3:38 p.m., an off-the-record conference was held among the judge and the attorneys in chambers.

At 3:41, the chambers conference ended. Thereafter, Judge West excused five more jurors.

Judge West addressed the remaining prospective jurors, admonishing them to not discuss the case with anyone and ordering them to return on Wednesday, January 25.

With all of the prospective jurors cleared from the courtroom, beginning at 3:59 p.m., discussions were held on and off the record.

At 4:46 p.m., Maline requested an ex parte hearing, which was held on the record as reported. At 4:54 p.m., the court adjourned for the day.

Issues manifested during the January 19 hearing reflecting Gomez's continuing contention that her criminal prosecution on what are now two PC148(A)(1)-M, resisting arrest/obstructing a police officer; one PC403-M, disturbing a public meeting; and one PC182(A)(1)-M conspiracy to violate the law charges, all misdemeanors, amounts to political persecution. Informing the circumstance is what Gomez asserts and others recognize as her lack of understanding as to the nature of the proceedings against her and the actions taken by both her now-former attorney, Raj Maline, and the court. Gomez, who has repeatedly expressed trepidation about being railroaded in a process in which her rights are being violated, highlighted this concern in her expression of differences with Maline over his defense strategy, includ-

ing her unwillingness to waive certain of her rights, including those to an expedited trial.

This has resulted in what appears to be, as her trial in earnest is about to get underway, a break with Maline and her consequent firing of him as her attorney, although reference to any actual motion or filing to that effect has yet to surface in the court's online registry. The split from Maline, which already foretells complication for Gomez, is being compounded by her unwillingness to accept legal representation from any of the alternate legal representatives the court is bound to make available to her as an indigent defendant.

At the same time, Gomez, saying she was unwilling to rely upon the record of the proceedings supplied by the court reporter, insisted on maintaining her own record of the proceedings through her constant typing on the personal laptop computer she had with her, activity which drove both Maline and West to distraction. Maline, asserting that her constant typing was preventing him from being able to concentrate on the court proceedings, sought to have Gomez discontinue her note taking. Gomez asserted that in her function as a city councilwoman, she routinely uses her laptop to take notes and keep track of the council's proceedings. She insisted that continuing to memorialize the court trial's proceedings was consistent with constitutionally protected activities of both a citizen and a defendant. When Gomez did not comply with an order for her to discontinue typing, Judge West had her laptop confiscated.

In a series of complaints growing out of what she has experienced in the trial so far, Gomez asserts she has been subjected to "due process violations," which included, she said, what she presumed was her right under "the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights,

Brown Act, California state law and parliamentary procedures [to be] ... allotted some sort of remedy by allowing me to take notation of my own trial."

Gomez said she "protested in open court under duress that I would not voluntarily concede to my property being searched or confiscated" and that the justification for the seizure given to her was that "an independent court employee from the IT dept would initiate a search on my personal laptop" on the grounds, according to Gomez's complaint, that she was "taking down [prospective jurors'] sensitive personal information by means of a technical device."

Gomez maintained, as well, that the court had improperly delved into her confidential communications with her attorney. She based this on questions she had been asked about her emails to Maline.

"I cannot continue to be fearful that if I author/write an email to my attorney, it will be weaponized to my demise," she stated.

According to Gomez, she believes she was being shoehorned into waiving her rights to court procedures that were crucial to the defense she believes can be made on her behalf. "Language of waiver was thrown out nonchalantly," her complaint states. "My attorney was not communicating with me or allaying my concern or fears of the processes. I see the term 'waiver' as a strong and vile word when used in the context of legalities, a word synonymous to taking criminal plea deals with even more detrimental consequences. I was asked multiple times over and over if I would 'waive' and 'stipulate' as to not be used in a court of appeals."

Gomez said a major source of her misgivings with regard to Maline's representation of her stemmed from her belief that information that could be gleaned from the testimony of one of the deputies involved in her arrest would prove crucial in her defense

and that Maline had proven much too accommodating in allowing the district attorney's office to prevent an aggressive examination of that deputy, whom she referred to as "Deputy Fratt."

She objected to Maline agreeing, by stipulation to Crocker's motion, to exclude Fratt from testifying. Crocker pursued excluding Fratt as a witness, Gomez maintains, because if he is permitted to testify and does so truthfully, her defense would be able to demonstrate that her arrest on July 20, 2021 was premeditated "way in advance before" she was "alleged to have disturbed, obstructed or conspired etc."

On January 23, 2023 Gomez lodged a 20-page written complaint against Judge West with San Bernardino Superior Court Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno.

On January 25, she filed an affidavit of prejudice, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 170.6 requesting another judge be assigned to the case. The same day, she filed a motion of preemptory challenge/recusal of Judge West.

Gomez wrote in her complaint against Judge West filed with Presiding Judge Yabuno. "I was at no time consulted if that [Fratt's prospective testimony] was important to my case. I would be remiss if I did not mention the importance of witness's conservation when [my] attorney is stipulating to keep key witnesses that would reveal my innocence and clear my name. Deputy Fratt was the deputy who slapped and yanked my streaming live cell phone via Instagram. He is quintessential to my case and so is his testimony and the investigator in my case who was also stipulated to not be part of my testimony."

The case against her is based on "evidence crafted by the district attorney's office," Gomez maintains.

"This is a legal motion that I am putting before the court to preserve my fair trial under the law without any continued behaviors and linguistic biased intervention of

prejudice and bias under Judge Katrina West," Gomez wrote in the January 25 recusal filing. "I am filing this motion as a formal request to have Judge Katrina West be recused. Please remove her off my case immediately. You will find on the transcript the language used by the judge causing any reasonable person to question her lack of being impartial/fair. On January 25, 2023, I found her continual prejudicial mannerism when she did not allow me to speak on the record. On January 25, 2023, she did not allow me to speak and quickly when I attempted to make statements, she would hint verbally terms as for the stenographer to stop transcribing. She did not allow me to speak in relation to my case at any moment and did not acknowledge my due process rights."

According to Gomez, the proceedings so far have featured efforts to prevent exculpatory evidence from being considered and exclude references to that evidence in the transcript of the proceedings. In her complaint, Gomez maintained that Judge West "did not hear me out" and refused to hear her concerns about the inadequate representation she believed she was receiving from [David] Goldstein, the conflict panel attorney that Judge West had sought to substitute in as her attorney in lieu of Maline.

While Gomez made clear, figuratively, that she felt she had been placed into a frying pan while having to face criminal charges while being represented by Maline, it appears she leapt straight into the fire by ditching him and finding herself being represented by Goldstein.

On January 25, according to Gomez, "Mr. Goldstein, conflict panel attorney, scoffed at me, ridiculed me by stating that he would not listen to anything I had to say and said everyone in the courtroom was fed up with my 'disruptive' childlike behavior as he exited the conference room" in which he had been conferring with Gomez.

According to Gomez, Goldstein remarked "You need mental help" after he became exasperated with her and that she overheard Goldstein remark to Crocker, the prosecutor on her case, something to the effect of "no one can stand her."

In a separate letter to Goldstein dated January 25, Gomez told him, "your masculine machismo is not going to work and neither will you trying to intimidate me and treat me like you did. I am saddened by the ill-treatment that I received and hope to never encounter anyone in the conflict panel with your ego, patriarchal, unprofessional and discourteous demeanor/behavior in and out of court that I experienced."

Goldstein, she said, denigrated her character, rolled his eyes when she posed serious questions about court procedure and was uncommunicative with her and refused to tell her where she should stand when the case against her was being formally read in open court.

This morning, January 27, his secretary fielded a call from the *Sentinel* seeking from Goldstein his version of events.

"My inclination is that Mr. Goldstein will not be interested in making any kind of a statement, but I will pass your name and number on to him, and if he wants to make a comment he will reach out."

Both Goldstein and Maline, who was also contacted by the *Sentinel*, are restricted in what they can say by standards of attorney-client privilege and confidentiality. Neither returned the *Sentinel's* calls.

According to Gomez, the courtroom itself was not an unbiased forum. She maintains that a number of San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies, whose sentiments lie with the prosecution, were present in the courtroom and that their presence had resulted in the inability of the court to impanel a jury. At the same time, she claimed that members of the public intent on seeing that she is provided with a

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Armendarez Securing Funding For San Antonio Heights Improvements

To help improve the quality of life for the unincorporated community of San Antonio Heights, the Board of Supervisors approved more than \$7.5 million in infrastructure improvements on Tuesday. The project includes over 20 linear

miles of roadway and concrete work for sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, curbs, gutters, guard railing and painting roadway traffic stripes.

“Road repair and safe walking routes for our families is a priority I

will continue to champion,” said Second District County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez. “More than 20 miles of roads will be improved along with sidewalks, curbs and gutters.”

The project will be funded by Senate Bill 1

(SBI), The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. SBI was approved by the legislature and signed by the governor which invests \$54 billion over the next decade. The funds are restricted specifically fixing roads, freeways,

bridges and putting more dollars towards safety.

“We have a responsibility to ensure our unincorporated residents have safe routes to drive and walk,” Armendarez said.

The board approved an agreement with Cal-

mex Engineering, Inc., a local company within San Bernardino County, to complete the project. It is anticipated the project will begin in February 2023 and be completed by end of July 2023.

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areas surrounding and in between them, as well as those places surrounding the City of San Bernardino, which includes the unincorporated county areas there and the cities of Highland, Grand terrace and Loma Linda.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors authorized funds to assist with county-wide crime suppression. “The intent is to provide additional funding to the Sheriff’s Department, allowing for increased law enforcement services related to quality-of-life issues affecting the communities in our county,” said Sheriff Shannon Dicus.

In October, Dicus said that in addition to his department’s gangs and narcotics divisions, the operation is to include personnel from the department’s specialized

enforcement division and patrol stations, along with the California Highway Patrol, the San Bernardino County Probation Department, and investigators with the Department of Homeland Security. Dicus said the effort was meant “to curb violent crime, disrupt and dismantle targeted criminal street gangs, and locate and arrest criminals who are illegally possessing, manufacturing, and trafficking firearms.”

Between January 7, 2023, and January 13, 2023, investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s gangs/narcotics division, along with deputies from patrol stations, served 20 search warrants and contacted suspects, at various locations in San Bernardino, Redlands, and Muscoy, including in the 6800 block of Orange Street in San Bernardino; the 700 Block of South Lassen Ave in San Bernardino;

the 7900 Block of Primrose Lane in San Bernardino; the 2100 Block of Kern Street in Muscoy, the 1000 Block of Parkford Drive in Redlands; the 1500 Block of Hardt Street in San Bernardino; the 200 Block of E Highland Ave, San Bernardino. While serving those service of search warrants and making additional contacts during the one week period, investigators seized 11 firearms, recovered 1.12 ounces of fentanyl, 15.68 ounces of methamphetamine, and 1.76 ounces of heroin. Seventeen felony arrests were made.

Between January 14 and 20, 2023, investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s gang and narcotics division in concert with patrol station deputies served 14 search warrants and contacted suspects in Loma Linda, San Bernardino, Bloomington, Yermo and Morongo Valley. The search

warrants were served at residences or locations in the 25800 block of Redlands Boulevard in Loma Linda; in the 2300 block of West First Avenue in San Bernardino; in the 1600 block of West Union Street in San Bernardino; in the 1200 block of Date Street in San Bernardino; in the 18800 block of San Bernardino Avenue in Bloomington; in the 600 Block of West 20th Street in San Bernardino; in the 400 block of West Williams Street in Yermo; and in the 49500 block of Twentynine Palms Highway in Morongo.

During the service of those search warrants and additional contacts, investigators seized 10 firearms, two of which were ghost guns, and recovered 1.5 pounds of fentanyl and half of a pound of cocaine. Additionally, 13 felony arrests were made.

On January 23, 2023 in deputies served a search warrant in the 800

block of East Country Club Boulevard in Big Bear City, during which John Kimbell, a 46-year-old resident of Big Bear City and Lisa Martinez, a 48-year-old resident of Big Bear City were identified and detained. Deputies located eight firearms, multiple baggies of suspected methamphetamine, suspected codeine, numerous scales, blank checks, printers with blank checks inside, drug paraphernalia, numerous empty baggies, and over 100 rounds of live ammunition.

Kimbell and Martinez were found to be convicted felons and prohibited from possessing firearms and/or live ammunition. Kimbell was also found to have been released from custody on bail for an active felony case. Kimbell was arrested for HS 11370.1(A) - possession of controlled substances while armed, HS 11378 - possession of controlled substances

for sale, PC 29800(A)(1) – being a felon in possession of firearms, PC 476 - making fictitious checks with intent to defraud and PC 12022.1 - committing a felony while on bail. Martinez was arrested for HS 11370.1(A) - possession of controlled substances while armed, HS 11378 - possession of controlled substances for sale, PC 29800(A)(1) – being a felon in possession of firearms and PC 182(A)(1) - conspiracy to commit a crime. Kimbell and Martinez were booked into custody at Big Bear Jail. Kimbell is currently being held on \$250,000 bail and Martinez is currently being held on \$40,000 bail. Kimbell and Martinez have an arraignment hearing in this matter set for January 26, 2023, in San Bernardino County Superior Court.

-Mark Gutglueck

Attitudes About Former Superintendent Ervin Created A Rift On The Board That Led To A Nearly Year-Long Impasse Over Filling Its Vacant Seat from front page

to work at once in an effort to get the district prepared to return to in-class instruction after the district had functioned on a remote learning model the entirety of the 2020-21 school year after classrooms throughout the state were shuttered in the spring of 2020 in accordance with COVID-19 safety sequestering mandates.

Ervin forthrightly and, in the view of some, too aggressively undertook a thorough examination of the efficiency of the programs and

contracts the district had involved itself in with regard to how those contracts met the district’s educational mission and fulfilled identifiable goals. As he was not previously familiar with the lay of the land politically in San Bernardino, Ervin did not fully appreciate that many of those with school district contracts had connections with the district’s board members, either familial, associational or in terms of providing political donations and support for certain board members electoral efforts. When Ervin either recommended to the board that it not renew some of those contracts or used his own authority as superintendent to suspend or discontinue the contracts, Board Member Danny Tillman and then-Board Member Barbara Flores by September 2021 became upset

over their family members, friends, associates or political supporters losing the revenue those contracts represented. By October 2021, Tillman and Flores had recruited Board Member Abigail Rosales-Medina to join with them in firing a shot across Ervin’s bow by engaging with the consultants and service vendors who were seeing their contracts canceled, those contractors’ employees, family members and associated to have them turn out at a school board meeting during which an evaluation of Ervin’s performance as superintendent was to take place and his future employment prospect with the district – including possible termination – was on the table.

In the face of the criticism Ervin was being subjected to, Hill, Rogers, Wyatt and Ceballos

stood by him, such that Tillman, Flores and Rosales-Medina were one vote short of being able to actually fire Ervin.

Confident he had backing for the reforms he was undertaking in concert with an initiative he had dubbed the “Framework for Excellence,” which was intended to enhance student performance and achievement through an emphasis on reading, mathematics and language development, Ervin pressed on, continuing to antagonize, most notably, Tillman and Flores.

With Hill’s death in December 2021, Ervin’s margin of survivability as superintendent was eroded. At that point, Tillman, Flores and Rosales-Medina were in a 3-to-3 deadlock with Rogers, Wyatt and Ceballos with regard to Ervin’s

continuation with the district. Tillman, Flores and Rosales-Medina did not have sufficient political muscle on the board to fire Ervin, yet needing a fourth vote to cashier him. In January and February the district made an effort to find a replacement for Hill through soliciting applicants to fill out her term.

Toward that end, the board interviewed 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, Leticia Garcia, 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, Rosales-Medina and Flores were not convinced the addition would agree to terminate Ervin or the other three board members – Wyatt, Ceballos and Dowdy-Rodgers – were unconvinced that the person to be appointed would be willing to keep Ervin in place. At the May 3 board meeting, Ervin announced he was departing from the district as of July 1, 2022.

In the November 2022 election, Tillman, Flores and Rosales-Medina were up for reelection. In addition, the district had the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters put on the ballot a

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With Her Combination Of Moral Outrage Over The Exploitation Of Latinos At the Hands Of The Anglo Power Elite And Her Political Naïveté, Gomez Has Succeeded In Antagonizing The Establishment She Has Militated Against But Not Reforming It
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fair trial were being intimidated with the intent of dissuading them from attending the trial.

“[W]hen I had [the] public come to observe my case, multiple deputies approached to intimidate my observers even though I had mentioned that they were not checking in but instead there to observe as members of the public,” Gomez stated. Thereafter, according to Gomez, the courtroom bailiff “called multiple officers to continue to not only intimidate my observers of the public but myself. The bailiff did this off the record when the proceedings had not been initiated.”

The number of sheriff’s deputies present in the courtroom, Gomez said, had carried over to prevent a jury from being impaneled to hear the case. She implied that two members of her jury panel – one being a woman who “stated she worked in the federal prison in the City of Victorville” and another who “worked for [the] parole [department] in Los Angeles” – were improperly removed from the jury panel for her case because of the atmosphere created by the number of sheriff’s deputies present in the courtroom. “Why are there so many sheriffs [sheriff’s deputies] in the room and are they there to intimidate me? I am lost for how unfair the MVI21007253 case has gone thus far.”

In her complaints, Gomez revealed that Rodriguez is her “marriage partner.” She said that among the items of evidence being manufactured against her and the ploys to prejudice the court against her was an accusation made against Rodriguez that was used to ban jurors from hearing her case.

According to Gomez, a juror or prospective juror complained that during a break in the court proceedings Rodriguez had “loudly spoken about

the case over the phone” in the juror’s presence. That accusation was both unverified and false, Gomez claimed. “The excuse of witnesses being tainted for an alleged loud voice conversation is a fabricated conspiracy,” she stated.

The district attorney’s office’s willingness to prosecute her spouse, Rodriguez, for what had occurred at the July 20, 2021 Victorville City Council meeting while not prosecuting Mayor Jones’ husband for engaging in the same activity is a further demonstration of the prejudice and bias against her, Gomez maintains.

There is some resonance in Gomez’s propounding of that point.

At display in the prosecution of Gomez and the earlier prosecution of Rodriguez is the degree to which governmental officials, a cross section of politicians as well as elements within the sheriff’s department, in cooperation with District Attorney Jason Anderson, are accurately, though nevertheless selectively, presenting a version of events to cast Gomez in an unattractive light. While demonizing Gomez, both the sheriff’s department, as the investigative agency that provided the reports upon which the charges were constructed, and the prosecutors are shielding from public scrutiny as best they can the public actions by one of Gomez’s chief political rival’s closest associates, that being the husband of Victorville Mayor Debra Jones.

Like Rodriguez, Gene Jones was using his cell phone to video the July 20, 2021 Victorville City Council proceedings and it was the interaction between Daniel Rodriguez and Gene Jones, the dual and dueling videotaping, that led to the tussle ending with Rodriguez and Gomez being arrested. Audible on the video of

the meeting is Victorville City Attorney Andre de Bortnowski referencing the action of both men. It was Mayor Jones, who was officiating over the meeting, who escalated the circumstance by demanding that Rodriguez desist in his videotaping. She made no such demand of her husband, the official city video demonstrates.

The Rodriguez and Gomez prosecutions exist as a classic pitting of a group of coordinated, sophisticated, enabled, powerful and well-heeled government insiders against two pathetically naive perennial outsiders, whose command of protocol and the law is so poor as to be virtually nonexistent. Rodriguez’s ultimately unsuccessful legal defense was aimed less at gaining him an acquittal than at exposing how the weight of the prosecutorial authority of the state that was brought to bear on him and to expose the double standard that those who wield the gavel of public authority employ in maintaining their positions of public trust and the degree to which the lawgivers in San Bernardino County – the county’s largest law enforcement agency and the prosecutor’s office – are willing to go to ward off challenges to the county’s dominating class which controls the public treasury from which those entities’ budgetary allowances are made.

Likewise, Gomez appears to be on a trajectory toward conviction on the charges lodged against her, but not before she wields the forum of the courtroom into a spectacle of governmental overreach.

Gomez, a political neophyte with an imperfect understanding, at best, with regard to the function of local government, was elected to the Victorville City Council in 2016. A Democrat and social activist convinced that Hispanics have been historically oppressed by the white population in California and elsewhere in the United States, she was intent on crusading for the enablement and ascendancy of Latinos and Latinas at each turn.

With a chip on her shoulder that is an outgrowth of her belief that Anglos are inveterately intent on exploiting Hispanics at every opportunity, she routinely takes recourse in accusing those taking issue with her efforts and approach of having racist motivation. Complicating the situation in general is that the position to which she was elected – the Victorville City Council – is a panel of relatively modest authority in comparison to her grand political objectives, one that is dedicated to overseeing municipal government in Victorville, with its most notable reach being its ultimate authority on local land use decision, its management of Southern California Logistics Airport and having last say with regard to the city’s budget. Gomez’s focus was elsewhere, as she was intent on promoting the interests of Hispanics, and crusading against the injustices – within the legal system, economically and at large – she was convinced were being perpetrated against disadvantaged minorities by the white establishment.

Victorville was a poor venue for such a crusade. Together with the City of Colton, Victorville stood as one of two of the counties 24 municipalities historically – at least going back over the previous 45 years – in which not only had the sleeping Hispanic political giant awakened but where the community at large had embraced and enabled its Latino element to be assimilated into the governmental and larger social structure. Neither Gomez nor anyone else could credibly assert that Hispanics in Victorville had been politically disenfranchised. In the 28 years between 1992 and 2020, 20 people served on the Victorville City Council, of whom eight were Latinos and two were African American.

Indeed, once she was established on the Victorville City Council, Gomez, a Democrat, would find herself repeatedly and virulently at odds with the two other Hispanic members of the council who had been there before she arrived,

Gloria Garcia and Eric Negrete, both of whom were Republicans.

Nearly from the outset of her tenure in office, Gomez clashed with all of her fellow and sister officeholders. The situation was exacerbated by Gomez’s oftentimes antagonistic and contentious style frequently involving provocative acts, as when she draped herself in a Mexican flag during a council meeting.

Garcia as mayor had continual confrontations and showdowns with Gomez, whose lack of knowledge and respect for parliamentary protocol formed the basis of multiple heated exchanges with the mayor. On occasions, these resulted in Garcia calling upon deputies with the sheriff’s department, who served in the capacity of sergeants-at-arms during council meetings, to forcibly remove Gomez from the council dais and the meeting chamber.

In 2020, with 22 candidates vying for three positions on the council up for election/re-election, Garcia failed to gain reelection, while the voters retained Gomez. Elected that year with Gomez was Liz Becerra, another Republican Latina, and Leslie Irving, an African American. Together with Debra Jones, who had been elected in 2018 along with Rita Ramirez, the council was entirely composed of women, four of whom were, in the parlance of the day, of color.

Despite the empowerment of women and ethnic minorities the Victorville Council embodied, Gomez yet found herself at odds with the Victorville political establishment, reflexively citing racist motivation in the action of society in general as well as that of the local community in which she was a privileged elected official.

Perhaps reflecting the degree to which she had not been assimilated into the mainstream and her seeming incomprehension and/or disdain of the parliamentary procedure by which Victorville City Council meetings have traditionally been conducted, Gomez was

bypassed in 2020 when the city council, which included three Hispanic women and one African American woman, chose from its own ranks whom it would confer the honorific of mayor upon, that being Jones, the council’s lone Caucasian member. In 2022, the council, its ranks at that point including Bob Harriman, a white man who had headed up an ultimately unsuccessful 2018 effort to recall Gomez from office, voted to retain Jones as mayor.

This occurred despite the informal tradition in Victorville of conferring the mayor’s gavel upon the longest-serving member of the council who had yet to hold the office of mayor. The slight was a pointed one, as Gomez was and is the longest-serving member of the council.

It was the tension inherent in Gomez’s worldview, which holds that as a representative of the downtrodden and disenfranchised element of the community she is forever to be under the yoke of the Anglo power establishment, that the events of July 20, 2021 ultimately played out: Victorville’s white mayor, who happens to be Gomez’s current political nemesis, attempting to gavel that evening’s meeting, which appeared to be like so many other public meetings which Gomez is a participant in careening toward chaos, into some semblance of order amidst the disorder of her own husband getting into a videographic tussle with Gomez’s significant other, resulting in the ultimate physical authority of the Anglo establishment – armed members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department – stepping in to allay the situation.

It may or may not be of significance that San Bernardino County’s district attorney, Jason Anderson, who used the reports generated by four white sheriff’s officers of what occurred that night to form the basis of the charges that were filed against Gomez, a Latina, and her “marriage partner,” Rodriguez, a Latino, while declining to file

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2223055

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANDREA MARIE NUNEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JOSEPH RUBEN SERENA to JOSEPH MICHAEL NUNEZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing Date: FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM Department: S16

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

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

Filed: 12/7/2022

Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court: Veronica Gonzalez Andrea Marie Nunez, In Pro Per 11786 Cedar Avenue Bloomington, CA 92316 (951) 204-4941 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2300040

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JACOB JOSHUA REYES filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JACOB JOSHUA REYES to JACOB JOSHUA DIAZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2023 Time: 8:30 AM Department: S16

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

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

Brian S. McCarville, Judge of the Superior Court Filed: January 6, 2023 Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court: Brianna Johnson Jacob Joshua Reyes, In Pro Per

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Balfour Court Redlands, CA 92374 (909) 557-6536 jacobdiaz204@gmail.com

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME NOTICE FBN 20220011076

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

DAMION'S CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC 1649 MAGNOLIA AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415; DAMION'S CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 6709 LA TIERRA BOULEVARD #551 LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

Mailing Address: 6709 LA TIERRA BOULEVARD #551 LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

Business is Conducted By: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number 202252019387

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/ DAMION WILLIAMS, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 12/05/2022

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

Began Transacting Business: September 28, 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 NOTICE FBN 20220011240

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

CAR HAPPY AUTO SALES 170 NORTH ARROWHEAD AVE STE E-127 RIALTO, CA 92376; RAMI ENTERPRISE LLC 7054 HARVEST LN RIVERSIDE, CA 92506

Mailing Address: 7054 HARVEST LN RIVERSIDE, CA 92506

Business is Conducted By: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number 20225317452

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S/ JOSE A RAMIREZ, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN BERNARDINO on: 12/09/2022

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

Began Transacting Business: November 15, 2022.

County Clerk, G8420

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Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 01/06, 01/13, 01/20 & 01/27, 2023.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California that the undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said address below on:

01/20/2023 09:00 AM Year of Car / Make of Car / Vehicle ID No. / License No. (State) 18 HYUN KMHGN4JE-5JU230866 7ZCM893 CA To be sold by AIR EXPRESSWAY TOWING 17393 JASMINE ST VICTORVILLE CA 92395

Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien for together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on January 13, 2023.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California that the undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said address below on:

01/27/2023 09:00 AM Year of Car / Make of Car / Vehicle ID No. / License No. (State) 17 NISS 3N1A-B7AP2HL646189 646189X CA To be sold by NINO'S NUMBER ONE457 W. 10TH STREET SAN BERNARDINO 92410

Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien for together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on January 13, 2023.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California that the undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said address below on:

01/27/2023 09:00 AM Year of Car / Make of Car / Vehicle ID No. / License No. (State) 14 FREI 3AKJGLD57ES-FN2172 4QMN745 CA To be sold by CONTINENTAL RADIATOR 14601 VALLEY BLVD FONTANA 92335

Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien for together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on January 13, 2023.

SUMMONS - (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): CIV SB 2209193

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO DEMANDADO): LA VERNE HOWARD, Individually and as Successor Trustee to the BEDFORD M. YOUNG AND LORENE H. YOUNG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1992

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): FLOYD WIRTHLIN, JR.

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

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la dirección de la corte es): San Bernardino Justice Center 247 West Third Street San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an

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attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Philip H. Dyson, Esq. SBN# 097528

8461 La Mesa Blvd. La Mesa, CA 91942

Phone (619) 462-3311

DATE (Fecha): May 27, 2022

Clerk (Secretario), by Charlene Johnson, Deputy (Adjunto) Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 2023.

FBN 20220011500

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as MY MISSION 30833 LIVE OAK DRIVE RUNNING SPRINGS, CA 92382; MY MISSION LLC 30833 LIVE OAK DRIVE RUNNING SPRINGS, CA 92382

Mailing Address: 30833 LIVE OAK DRIVE 1755 RUNNING SPRINGS, CA 92382

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number 20173110010.

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/ GLORIA WOLCOTT, CFO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/19/2022

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

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FBN 20220011404

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as SUNDAY HAIRBAR 921 N MILLIKEN AVE #1016 ONTARIO, CA 91764; OZIOMA ODUNZE 921 N MILLIKEN AVE #1016 ONTARIO, CA 91764

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: DECEMBER 6, 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/ OZIOMA ODUNZE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/14/2022

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FBN 20230000107

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as PREMIER MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY 9726 FOOTHILL BLVD RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; PREMIER MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY LLC 9726 FOOTHILL BLVD RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Mailing Address: 7050 MARINO PL. RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91701

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered in California under the number 201725610416.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious

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business name or names listed above on: SEPTEMBER 17, 2017.

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/ PETER LOPEZ, CEO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 01/05/2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SALLY CANO OCHOA CASE NO. PROSB2300013

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

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held FEBRUARY 7, 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: January 5, 2023

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 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

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person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Filed: January 5, 2023 Attorney for Patricia Ann Armendariz:

R.SAMPRICESBN208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 300 E STATE STREET SUITE 620 REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 8800 sam@pricelawfirm.com

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FBN 20230000267

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as RANCHO CUCAMONGA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY 10050 WILSON AVENUE ALTA LOMA, CA 91737; ALAN R TIBBETTS 10050 WILSON AVENUE ALTA LOMA, CA 91737 [and] PHILO BIANE 6 GOOSENECK ROAD ALTA LOMA, CA 91737 MY MISSION LLC 30833 LIVE OAK DRIVE RUNNING SPRINGS, CA 92382

Mailing Address: 492 W FOOTHILL BLVD CLAREMONT, CA 91711

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: SEPTEMBER 25, 1979.

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/ ALAN R TIBBETTS, General Partner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/11/2023

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

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FBN 20230000342

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as VENDIES VENDING 8320 VICARA DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA 91701; VENDIES OFFICIAL LLC 8320 VICARA DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA 91701

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number 202253219069

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: NOVEMBER 11, 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/ JACQUELINE CHENG, Managing Member

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/13/2023

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14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GARY LEE LINTOTT
CASE NO. PROSB2300074

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHAD KYLE LINTOTT 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 MARCH 2, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Dept. No. S36 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

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 Chad Kyle Lintott:

Neil Hedtke, Esquire SBN 273319
820 North Mountain Avenue
Upland, CA 91786
(909) 579 2233 Fax (909) 618 1622 hedtkelg@gmail.com
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FBN 20230000138
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as W.M.S BODY CONTOURING & HOLISTIC THER-

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APY 15555 MAIN ST UNIT D7 HESPERIA, CA 9234: WENDY MUNOZ SANTIESTEBAN 18390 BIRCH ST HESPERIA, CA 92345
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: NOVEMBER 26, 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/ WENDY MUNOZ SANTIESTEBAN, Owner Partner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/06/2023

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 C6677

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FBN 20230000670
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as FRAPPE & BOBA 4545 MISSION BLVD E MONTCLAIR, CA 91763: LAKE R ROJANAMONTIEN 12790 WILD HORSE WAY RANCHO CAMONGA, CA 91739
Mailing Address: 12790 WILD HORSE WAY RANCHO CAMONGA, CA 91739

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JANUARY 23, 2023.

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/ LAKE R ROJANAMONTIEN, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/25/2023

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 19576

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Notice of Sale of Real Property at Private Sale
[Probate Code §§ 10300, 10304]

Case No.: PROSB2100424

In re the Matter of: The Estate of JIMMIE LEE O'DELL aka JIMMIE L. ODELL aka JIMMIE LEE ODELL aka JIMMIE L. O'DELL, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to confirmation by this court, on March 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., or thereafter within the time allowed by law, Darrell Lee O'Dell, as administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent, will sell at public auction to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions stated below all right, title, and interest of the decedent at the time of death and all right, title, and interest that the estate has acquired in addition to that of the decedent at the time of death, in

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the real property located in San Bernardino County, California.

This property is commonly referred to as 24945 Ocotillo Way, Apple Valley, CA 92308, assessor's parcel number 0435-175-57-0000, and is more fully described as follows: The following described property situated in the City of Unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino, State of California: PARCEL 2 OF PARCEL MAP 2808, AS PER PLAT FILED IN BOOK 25 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGE 33, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.

The property will be sold subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, with any encumbrances of record to be satisfied from the purchase price.

The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis, except for title.

The personal representative has given an exclusive listing to Mason Realty.

Bids or offers are invited for this property and must be in writing, and can be mailed or delivered at any time after first publication of this notice and before any sale is made, to the attorney for the administrator: R. Sam Price Price Law Firm APC 300 East State Street, Suite 620 Redlands, CA 92373 (909) 328-7000

The property will be sold on the following terms: Cash, or part cash and part credit, or terms of such credit to be acceptable to the undersigned and to the court, 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the bid to accompany the offer by certified check, and the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days of confirmation of sale by the court.

Taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses, and premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be prorated as of the date of recording of conveyance. Examination of title, recording of conveyance, transfer taxes, and any title insurance policy shall be at the expense of the purchaser or purchasers.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

For further information and bid forms, contact: R. Sam Price Price Law Firm APC 300 East State Street, Suite 620 Redlands, CA 92373 (909) 328-7000

Darrell Lee O'Dell, Administrator of the Estate of Jimmie Lee O'Dell aka Jimmie L Odell aka Jimmie Lee Odell aka Jimmie L. O'Dell

Price Law Firm, APC
Date: January 25, 2023
Attorneys for Administrator, Darrell Lee O'Dell:

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SUMMONS – (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER CIVSB2131656

NOTICE TO DCI INVESTMENTS, LLC
(AVISO DEMANDADO):

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): JOHN BORRA, AN INDIVIDUAL

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ing heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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corta pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la dirección de la corte es):

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 247 WEST THIRD STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210

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

RICHARD G. ANDERSON 041246

ANDERSON & LEBLANC, A.P.L.C.

1365 WEST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD, SUITE 2

UPLAND, CA 91786

Telephone:(909)949-2226

DATE (Fecha): 12-22-2021

Clerk (Secretario), by AMADOR SANCHEZ

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SUMMONS – (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER CIVSB2131656

NOTICE TO NAT DICARLO, AN INDIVIDUAL, AND DOES I THROUGH 25, INCLUSIVE

(AVISO DEMANDADO): YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): JOHN BORRA, AN INDIVIDUAL

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

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Couple Facing 28 Criminal Charges For Sparking El Dorado Blaze

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evidence that would exonerate the defendants. Christianson, however, found the prosecution had grounds for making those allegations and said the couple will need to present their case for innocence to a jury if they want to get out from underneath what they have been charged with.

Christianson did grant Scaffiddi's motion to dismiss one of the felony charges, PC 452(b), recklessly causing a fire to an inhabited structure.

The remainder of the case, entailing 28 charges each against the Jimenezes, remains intact.

On September 5, 2020, at approximately 10:23 a.m. the Jimenezes used a pyrotechnic device, referred to as a "smoke cannon" intended to release either blue or pink smoke to reveal the gender of an unborn child Angelina Jimenez was carrying. The couple had invited a number of friends and extended family members to El Dorado Park in Yucaipa to the event. The device lit dry grass beneath it.

A surveillance video from a camera at the park depicts several people, a number of them children, walking onto the grass at the edge of the park. An adult male is seen in the video lighting the device. Shortly thereafter, the dry grass and vegetation near the device is seen to ignite, and the video shows individuals scurrying in a futile effort at dousing the flames with water from water bottles. At the time the fire initiated, the temperature in Yucaipa had already reached at least 90 degrees, and would attain 104 degrees Fahrenheit later that afternoon. The fire spread from the park to the north onto Yucaipa Ridge that separates Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls from the City of Yucaipa. After initially burning northward early on

September 5, the fire circled back as it was pushed by inconsistently-directed winds, first east, then northward, taking at one point a substantial westward shift on the evening of Saturday, September 5, and on Sunday, September 6 moving south. The fire thus spread in four different directions. Over 24 days, the fire consumed 22,680 acres in the Oak Glen/Yucaipa Ridge area and within the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area of the San Bernardino National Forest. Firefighting efforts, directed from a command post established at Yucaipa Regional Park and involving 1,351 personnel, did manage to prevent the fire from moving into populated areas. As such, the conflagration raged into the area's rustic canyons and, ultimately, the heavily wooded National Forest. Twenty mostly isolated structures, five of them homes, were burnt to the ground. Another four residences were significantly damaged. On the twelfth day of the effort to control the fire, September 17, Charles Morton, a specialized "hot shot" fire suppression team commander with 14 years experience as a firefighter, was killed. Hot shot crews are highly mobile and specially-skilled hand crews intended to be flexible with the migration of a fire, and are trained, conditioned, equipped and qualified to be utilized in combating wildland fires. Hotshots are often employed in using shovels and other tools in seeking to reroute the direction of a fire's progression, often on very difficult terrain at locations remote from the main body of firefighters in a given area. The crews function without water or hoses. At sometime around 10 p.m. in the evening of September 17, while Morton was with others "engaged in fire suppression operations," according to a windshift resulted in

flames overrunning him. Another 13 firefighters were injured throughout the El Dorado Fire ordeal. The fire, which required 60 miles of fire lines to suppress and ranged from a minimum elevation of 3,030 feet to a



Charles Morton

maximum of 10,640 feet, forced the evacuations of Oak Glen, north Yucaipa, Mountain Home Village, Forest Falls, and Angelus Oaks. The firefighting effort was manpower intensive and extremely costly. The 1,351 firefighters involved included those functioning under two interagency incident management teams rotated into place throughout the operation, those being California Interagency Management Team 11, supervised by Commander Chris Fogle, and California Interagency Management Team 13, led by Incident Commander Mike Wakoski. There were 17 hand crews working the fire lines, 177 fire engines, 20 water tenders, 17 bulldozers, and 10 helicopters. Numerous fixed-wing tankers were brought to bear in the effort, including a DC-10, which engaged in aerial fire-retardant drops.

Three Canadian Fire Bosses and a single-engine air tanker water scooper, operating from a base at Big Bear Airport & Lake, were also used for the first time in Southern California in the effort against the El Dorado conflagration. The fire was not considered contained until September 29. The indictments of Refugio Manuel Jimenez Jr. and Angelina Renee Jimenez were handed down in July 2021 after a grand jury heard from 34 witnesses during four days of testimony and reviewed 434 exhibits.

The Jimenezes' at-

torneys, consisting of Michael A Scaffiddi, Malalai Ramadan, Steven Mitchell and Steven Scott, are most concerned about the involuntary manslaughter charges. They maintain the couple should not be held to account for Morton's death, as the husband and wife could have in no way reasonably foreseen such an occurrence as what befell the firefighter from their action.

According to Judge Christianson, however, intent is not a necessary element of involuntary manslaughter

The maximum sentence for someone convicted of involuntary manslaughter under California law is four years. Under Penal Code 452(a), unlawfully causing a fire that causes great bodily injury, is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, four or six years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

Under Penal Code

452(b) unlawfully causing a fire that causes an inhabited structure or inhabited property to burn is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three or four years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

Under Penal Code 452(d), causing a fire of property, is a misdemeanor, punishable by no more than six months in the county jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Under Penal Code 452 PC generally, it is a crime for a person to recklessly set fire to or burn any structure, forest land, or property.

Under the law and case law, "reckless" is defined and a person is said to have acted "recklessly" if he is aware that his actions could present a substantial and unjustifiable risk of causing a fire, he ignores that risk, and doing so can be demonstrated as a gross deviation from how a reasonable person would act in the same situation.

In legal terms, "reckless" is a high standard and is considered more serious than carelessness or simple negligence. Something truly accidental does not meet the reckless or recklessness standard. If, however, a complete disregard for safety can be demonstrated, an individual's acts can be established as reckless. It would appear that Scaffiddi and Mitchell are now purposed to show that the ignition of the El Dorado Fire was an "accident."

One of the prosecutors on the case, Deputy District Attorney Lisa Crane, has asserted that the Jimenezes knew, or should have known, that setting off the "smoke cannon" on a 103-degree day with low humidity in a setting that included dry brush presented an unacceptable risk.

The Jimenezes are on leave from their jobs as correctional officers at California Institution for Women in Chino but are not in custody as the charges against them are pending.

-Mark Gutglueck

Battle Between Gomez & Her Establishment Antagonists Coming Down To Whose Spurious Allegations Against The Other Side Will Prevail

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similar charges against Mayor Jones and her husband, members in good standing of what Gomez terms the white establishment. Similarly and ironically, it may or may not be of significance that Gomez, who has made a stock-in-trade of accusing what she refers to as the Anglo dominated power bloc in San Bernardino County of racial and ethnic bias, has con-

ducted herself in such a way that she has put herself, in her own words "a marginalized member of society," at the mercy of the adjudicative arm of that authority that she maintains is oppressing her. Nor is it lost on observers that in processing first Rodriguez and now Gomez through the court system, the powers that be entrusted oversight of those cases to Judge

Kawika Smith and Judge Katrina West, African American jurists, short-circuiting any accusations that Gomez might raise that she was being railroaded by the city's and the county's white privileged elite.

Having withstood Gomez's cooked-up accusations of anti-Latino sentiment and prejudice for more than six years at this point, the local political establishment is now making use of its authority to subject her to manufactured accusations of its own presumption.

Alexander Rounds Out Membership On San Bernardino City Unified School Board

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as the marketing and business development manager with the Port of Oakland.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of California at San Barbara and a master's degree

in management and organization development from John F. Kennedy University.

She is married to San Bernardino City Councilman Damon Alexander. They have three grandchildren attending school in the district.

Both of her parents were schoolteachers. She is the president-elect of the Assistance League of San Bernardino and presently has three grandchildren in city schools.

The six current members of the school board considered nine applicants for the post. The degree to which the previous divide on the council was in evidence as both Tillman and Rosales-Medina opposed appointing Alexander.

In a vote taken on January 24, trustees Wyatt, Ceballos, Abilez Grande and Cichocki appointed her to Rogers' now-unfilled seat.

-Mark Gutglueck