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With GOP Ouster, Warehouse Debacles & Feds' Scrutiny, Events Overtaking Warren

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For the fourth time in less than three months, Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren has sustained a solid blow that threatens to lessen or even annul her once pre-eminent position among the region's local political leaders.

Having staked her reputation as the champion of warehouse construction in the Inland Empire by welcoming, since she became mayor in 2010,



Acquanetta Warren

virtually every proposal to construct logistics facilities and distribution centers anywhere in the 43.07-square mile, 214,

307-population city she leads, Warren this month saw the tables turn drastically against her with the revelation that of the 168 warehouses in Fontana, 83 of them, or more than 49 percent, are out of compliance with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 2305, also known as its Warehouse Indirect Source Rule.

Rule 2305 pertains to excessive nitrogen oxide and diesel particulate

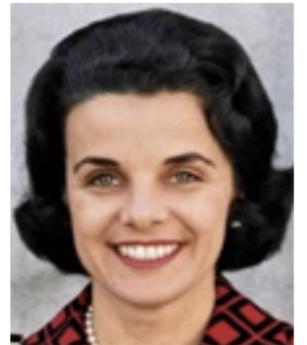
matter emissions from those warehouses.

Throughout her tenure as mayor, Warren has insisted that warehouse construction represents an economic and social boon to Fontana, in that the building of warehouses constitutes easy "economic advancement" for the community, which allows those with capital to acquire or tie up property and quickly convert the land into lo-

gistics facilities consisting of tilt-up buildings, thereby generating fast money and investment in the local economy. She has been so aggressive in accommodating warehouses that she has become known by those who both oppose and favor warehouse development as "Warehouse Warren." In recent years, a growing number of urban planners, futurists and local residents, including a wide

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Senator Dianne Feinstein, 1933-2023



Dianne Feinstein

Senator Dianne Feinstein, California's senior representative in the nation's upper legislative house, has died. She was 90.

A Democrat, she was the oldest member of the Senate and, having been elected in 1992, the longest serving woman to ever hold a place in the chamber. Her 31 years in office also made her the longest-serving senator from California in the state's 173-year history.

Born in San Francisco in 1933 and a 1955 Stanford graduate, Dianne Emiel Goldman Berman Feinstein's rise as a political leader took place in the city of her birth. She was first elected to the San Francisco City Council in 1969.

San Francisco is a consolidated city-county, the only such entity in California, with the city limits of San Francisco coterminous with the San Francisco County border. Its mayor is also the county's chief executive, and the city council doubles as the county board of supervisors.

Feinstein ran unsuccessfully for mayor against the incumbent, Joseph Alioto, in 1971. In 1975, she ran again when Alioto opted out of seeking a third term for mayor. She finished third, narrowly losing to second place finisher, Supervisor John Baragelata, who lost in the runoff against State Senator George

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Converting Mobilehome Parks To Apartments Seen As Mann's Latest Pro-Development Ploy

The recent focus by Yucaipa municipal officials on revamping the city's standards and protocols relating to the conversion of the city's existing mobilehome parks into different land uses is being interpreted in many quarters of the city as part of City Manager Chris Mann's strategy to facilitate development in the city at a far more aggressive pace

than has historically been the case.

In particular, among residents of the city's 41 mobilehome parks, there is concern that City Hall is clearing the way for the development industry to, in essence, shutter a significant number of the city's trailer parks and transform those properties into residential subdivisions.

In 2016, city offi-

cials adjusted the Yucaipa General Plan and its specified policy with regard to maintaining existing mobile home parks or converting them to some other use, while putting in place a third mobilehome park overlay district. Concomitantly, the city cataloged seven of the city's threadbare mobile home parks as antiquated, thereby offering to facilitate the re-



Chris Mann

use of the properties for other purposes.

At the Yucaipa Plan-

ning Commission meeting on September 6, the commission took up an item "proposing amendments to streamline the review process initially developed as part of Ordinance 344 [passed by the city council in 2016]... establishing mobilehome park conversion standards to comply with the city's housing element." A housing element is a plan ad-

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San Bernardino & San Gabriel Mountain Populations Sustained At Least Thirteen Deaths During Blizzard

At least 13 people living in the San Bernardino Mountain Communities died during what is now referred to as the Blizzard of '23, an extreme weather event that lasted from February 22 until March 10, during which both the San Bernardino Mountains and San Bernardino National Forest/San Gorgonio Wilderness to the east

and the San Gabriel and Angeles National Forest to the west were blanketed in snow drifts reaching or exceeding ten feet in depth.

While many of those who died were infirm or elderly, in most if not all of those 13 cases, the extreme cold, exposure and isolation which came about because of the weather were con-

tributory causes to those deaths.

The 13 acknowledged deaths may not be the only fatalities that came about as a consequence of the severe winter storm. That quantification was made in the 2023 Mountain Storm Response Summary & After-Action Review completed by the San Bernardino

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Chromium Standard Revamping Flummoxes 29 Palms H₂O District

The Twentynine Palms Water District is beset with the challenge of having to treat the locally-derived water supply it is completely dependent upon for serving its domestic and commercial customers.

At issue is anticipated action by the State of California that will reduce the amount of

hexavalent chromium permitted in drinking water from the current 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion.

Hexavalent chromium, also known as chromium-6 or chromium VI, is a form of the metal chromium. Chromium is a naturally occurring element found in rocks, animals, plants,

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Upland Sells Half Acre Near Downtown That Some Residents Wanted For A Pocket Park

Over the objections of some city residents, the Upland City Council this week cleared the way to divest itself of a half-acre near its downtown district.

At least three anomalies attended the action, however, which include the city having maximized the density of the development to take place on the land, failing to specify precisely why

it chose the purchaser it did over a competing offer, and failing to disclose the financial terms of the sale, i.e., the selling price of the property.

The property in question, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 1046-433-25, consists of 0.49 acres located at the southwest corner of Washington Boulevard and 6th Avenue. The staff report relating to the

proposed sale makes no mention of how the city was previously making use of the property or how it came into the city's possession.

On August 10, 2020, the city adopted a resolution declaring the property surplus.

"[T]he City no longer needs the property for its own purposes," the staff report relating to that action states.

In accordance with the Surplus Land Act, in August 2020 the city transmitted notices of availability for the property to all parties it was required by law to notify, including the state Department of Housing and Community Development. The city received two letters of interest for the property during the waiting period required by law, but neither po-

tential purchaser submitted a fully completed project proposal nor was willing to pay fair market value for the property, which, according to the city, rendered those proposals inconsistent with the requirements of the Surplus Land Act.

With the statutory window on its original notice of availability having elapsed, the city on January 6,

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Once One Of The County's Leading Republicans, Warren Has Been Excluded From The County GOP Just As Federal Investigators Have Taken An Interest In Her Corruption Encrusted Deal-Making With A Democratic Councilwoman Whose Son Her City Hired As Rumors Are Spreading The Two Women Are Using Their Authority To Potentially Profit From A High Speed Train Project They Can Facilitate With Their Votes *from front page*

cross section of Warren's own constituents, citing the relatively poor pay and benefits provided to those who work in distribution facilities, the large diesel-powered semi-trucks that are part of those operations with their unhealthy exhaust emissions, together with the bane of traffic gridlock they create, have questioned whether warehouses constitute the highest and best use of local property available for development. Warren has consistently ignored or pointedly dismissed the assertions that through approving the scores of logistics facilities that have come into the city under her watch, her coalition on the council has allowed warehouse developers, owners and operators to not only exploit those who work in the facilities but victimize nearby residents through the environmental impact of such land use. The South Coast Air Quality Management District's recently launched enforcement action in which it has cataloged that more than 49 percent of the warehouses in Fontana have run afoul of at least one and in several cases more air pollution control regulations validates the objections those who have called Warren's stewardship of the city into question.

An intrinsic part of Warren's political strength over the years has been the adroit fashion in which she positioned herself as the leading African American personage within the San Bernardino County Republican Party. Indeed, with the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee's support as well as the sponsorship of scores of Republican Party members over the years, War-

ren was able to not only keep herself in place as mayor in Fontana but election cycle after election cycle successfully support other Republicans to serve with her on the Fontana City council, including John Roberts, Jesse Armendarez, Phil Cothran Jr and Peter Garcia. She did this despite the Democratic Party's overwhelming 5-to-2 ratio advantage in terms of registered voters in Fontana.

Less than a week prior to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's September 20 announcement of its action with regard to out-of-compliance warehouses, several members of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee at that organization's September 14 meeting made an issue of Warren having crossed party lines to endorse Democrat Norma Torres in her race against Republican Mike Cargile for Congress in California's 35th Congressional District and her son, Robert Torres, also a Democrat, who is vying for Assembly representing the 53rd District in next year's election against Republican Nick Wilson. It is contrary to the Republican Central Committee's by-laws for a central committee member to endorse a Democrat and a violation of California Elections § 7413 for the member of a party central committee to endorse someone from a different party for election in a contest if a member of his or her own party is vying in that race. Thus confronted, the leadership of the central committee, in the form of Ben Lopez, who is the central committee's secretary and parliamentarian, made a declaration that Warren is no longer a Republi-

can Central Committee member.

It has recently come to light that federal investigators have become interested in the circumstance related to local and federal elected officials speculating in land within and adjacent to the high-speed rail corridor running from Las Vegas and first to a station in Victorville/Apple Valley and then to Rancho Cucamonga, pen-ultimately to Anaheim and ultimately to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. At issue in the investigations reported to be under way is whether those elected officials, in any of their actions in their elected or appointed capacities, have created or are creating a situation by which they might profit or oth-



Norma Torres

erwise are involved in personal financial investments or transactions in which they would have an advantage akin to insider trading. One of the names mentioned as falling under the scrutiny of those federal agencies, said to include the Federal Transportation Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Security and Exchange Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was Warren.

Warren is a voting member of the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency, known by its acronym SBCTA. In that capacity as a member of the SBCTA board, she would conceivably have direct or indirect input, impact or control on where stops along the line, other than those in Victorville/Apple Valley, Rancho Cucamonga and Anaheim, which are already set, are to be located.

It is unknown at this time whether or not Warren has looked into or has picked up any land

in San Bernardino County's Mojave Desert running along the I-15 Freeway, which in most spots in the desert closely parallels where the high-speed train line is to be constructed.

For more than a decade following her election as mayor in 2010, which followed by eight years her appointment to the city council in 2002, six years her election as councilwoman in her own right in 2004 and two years her reelection in that capacity in 2008, Warren has bestridden Fontana like a political colossus. She has lived into the role of Fontana's kingmaker, throwing her support behind candidates for office she favors and using money in her electioneering fund to bankroll campaigns against candidates she opposes. With only a handful of exceptions, within the confines of Fontana, those she has backed have won and those she opposed have lost. When she set her sights on removing two members from the Fontana school board by pursuing a recall against them, that effort succeeded. Beginning seven years ago, she was able to maintain in office or get elected to office three of the four councilman she has served with in that time – Roberts, who remains on the council; Armendarez, who left the council in 2020 to run for county supervisor; Cothran, who successfully vied for election to the council in 2018 and was reelected last year; and Garcia, who was elected in 2020 with Warren's support to replace Armendarez. In this way, since 2016, Warren had, counting her own vote, control of four-fifths of the council on practically every issue of substance that has come before the city in that timeframe.

In what was for Fontana a landmark vote in July, the first crack in Warren's hold on the city became apparent, more than a dozen years after she first took possession of the mayor's gavel.

Until that point, Roberts, Armendarez and Cothran up until 2020, and Roberts, Cothran

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and Garcia from 2020 onward, had gone right down the line with her on every single vote pertaining to warehouse projects. On July 5, the council took up a request by Newport Beach-based Acacia Real Estate Group to construct three industrial commerce center buildings totaling 540,849 square feet on 29.4 acres between Citrus and Oleander avenues, north of Santa Ana Avenue, and south of Jurupa Hills High School. To approve the project, the council would have needed to alter the land use designation and zoning on the property from residential to industrial, as well as sign off on placing the warehouse proximate to a school. Those requirements, however, seemed in no way to represent any meaningful barrier to the approval of the project, as councils headed by Warren had, literally more than a dozen times in the past, granted zone changes to facilitate warehouse development and Warren, Roberts, Cothran and Garcia had not hesitated in the past to allow warehouses to be built close to schools. Indeed, in 2021, Warren, Roberts, Cothran and Garcia had prevailed in a 4-to-1 vote to approve the construction of a 194,000-square foot warehouse immediately adjacent to Jurupa Hills High School on its north side.

At the hearing for the matter, city staff presented its case for the project being approved and the owner of the property said he was in favor of proceeding. Members

of the public were heard from, with residents living nearby or parents with children attending the high school voicing their opposition and construction workers who stood an opportunity to obtain work erecting the warehouses enunciating their support. Thereafter, those present either braced themselves or confidently expected to hear the council as it is presently composed vote as it always had – with Warren, Roberts, Cothran and Garcia in the affirmative and Councilman Jesse Sandoval in opposition – in giving the three projects go-ahead.

As it turned out, however, Roberts, in whose district the proposed project is located, and Garcia cast votes against the warehouses' approval, as did Sandoval. By a 3-to-2 margin, Warren and Cothran found themselves on the losing end.

When it rains, it pours. For the entirety of the second decade of the Third Millennium and more than two years beyond that, Acquanetta was the golden girl of Inland Empire politics. After an unbroken string of electoral and administrative victories over the course of a dozen years, the 67-year-old Warren between the beginning of July and the end of September has been hit with four setbacks that carry with them the potential of pushing her from the precarious pinnacle of politics she proclaims to possess.

Warren was unavailable at City Hall this week when the *Sentinel* sought to speak with her.

1,400 Warehouses In Southern California Under AQMD Pollutants Control Noncompliance Review

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is seeking to confirm preliminary findings that 1,400 warehouses in Southern California, including hundreds in San Bernardino County, have not conformed with the air pollution standards established for the logistics industry in this region.

On September 20, the South Coast AQMD heralded its effort to ensure warehouses within its jurisdiction into compliance with its Warehouse Indirect Source Rule, also referred to as Rule 2305.

Rule 2305, passed by South Coast Air Quality Management District's governing board in May

2021, requires the reduction of nitrogen oxide and particulate matter emissions produced by light- and heavy-duty trucks and tractor-trailers traveling to and from warehouses. It applies to warehouses with at least 100,000 square feet of indoor floor space in a single building. Under the Warehouse Indirect

Source Rule, warehouses/distribution centers must directly reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) and diesel particulate matter emissions (PM) or otherwise facilitate emission and exposure reduction of those pollutants in nearby communities.

According to the South Coast AQMD, "About 55 percent of

warehouses that are required to provide information reports on the actions they took in the first year have yet to do so. Overall, there are 2,000 warehouses currently subject to the rule, with 1,400 of those currently out of compliance. Violators of air quality rules can face civil penalties of up to \$11,710 per

day of noncompliance based on a strict liability standard. "Time is up for those not complying with our rule," said Wayne Natri, South Coast AQMD Executive Officer. "Owners and operators of warehouses have known about these deadlines for two years. Communities near

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Extreme Cold, Isolation, Lack Of Food & Medicine Likely Contributed To The Deaths Of Those Who Expired While Hemmed In By The February-March Blizzard *from front page*

County Sheriff's Department which was released earlier this month. In that report, the sheriff's department states that the 13 deaths "in the San Bernardino Mountain Communities of Wrightwood, Big Bear, and the Twin Peaks" were reported during what the department called its "operational period,"

which is roughly defined as falling between February 23, the day after the storm commenced and at which point the department began responding in earnest to the conditions, and March 16, at which point the county's emergency operations center set up by the sheriff's depart-

ment and the county's incident management team on February 28 was shut down. As such, it is possible other deaths occurred in the mountain communities during the storm that were not discovered or reported until after March 16. The precise degree to which inadequacies in the overall county response to the blizzard might have contributed to those deaths is unknown. Incomplete information available to the *Sentinel* gives an indication that there were

such inadequacies and that they delayed the provision of assistance in several critically impacted areas of the mountain communities.

On February 15, the National Weather Service gave an indication that a major weather front was going to converge on Southern California beginning as early as February 21.

Under the protocol specified in the county's comprehensive emergency management program for weather related issues

– the Flood Areas Safety Task Force Plan, known by its acronym FAST – upon learning that a major weather-related event is in the offing, the head of the county office of emergency services and the county chief executive officer, armed with information from the National Weather Service, is to convene a conference call with the sheriff, county fire chief, county public works director, Caltrans regional representative, California Office of Emergency

Services representative, local CHP commander, relevant city managers and utility company representatives to size up the anticipated circumstance and begin formulating a planned action of response. Within 24 hours those entities are to reconvene to make a tentative outline of the response, according to the FAST plan, whereupon the county chief executive officer applies for authorization from

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Upland Council Sells Lot Some Envisioned As Tot Lot Or Passive Park *from front page*

2022 issued a request for proposals to identify other interested purchasers, resulting in two responses. One of those was from Crestwood Communities to develop six single-family attached row homes on the property. Another came in from Gibson

Construction to develop an 8-unit apartment complex. Without offering the rationale for having rejected Crestwood Communities' offer, the staff report states, "The city selected Gibson Construction's proposal, and has now negotiated a substantially final purchase and sale agreement."

The city did not include a copy of the purchase and sale agreement in the packet of information released in conjunc-

tion with the agenda for Monday night's meeting and nowhere in the report is there a disclosure of the purchase price offered by Gibson nor a disclosure of Crestwood's offer.

In placing the item on the agenda for Monday night's meeting, city officials included the resolution of the intention to sell the property on the consent calendar, a litany of matters considered to be noncontroversial which are voted upon

with a single vote, with the separate actions not distinguished from one another.

An Upland resident and a co-founder of People For Upland Parks, Natasha Walton, addressed the city council ahead of that vote, stating, "I ask that you tonight seriously consider preserving as much of the remaining city-owned land as possible to become park land. In particular, please do not sell the public land

being discussed under Item 10 B tonight. This parcel, which is approximately .4 acres south of Washington Boulevard and West of Sixth Avenue, could be developed into a public park, using money from the city's park development fund and/or funding that may soon be available. The parcel discussed under Item 10 B is located in an area in southeast Upland where recently approved and newly-planned housing devel-

opments will be requiring more open spaces for recreation. Having a dedicated city park on a parcel adjacent to the Pacific Electric Trail would not only be a wonderful addition near the Upland historical district but would also allow a large portion of the walking and cycling community easy access to another city park. Once our public land is gone, it is gone. As we increase the housing density on pri-

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Chromium 6 Contamination Has Manifested At Various Desert Locations *from front page*

soil, and volcanic dust and gases. It comes in several different forms, including trivalent chromium and hexavalent chromium. Trivalent chromium is often referred to as chromium (III) and is proposed to be an essential nutrient for the body. Hexavalent chromium, while existing in nature, in most cases is produced by industrial processes.

Hexavalent chromium is used in textile dyes, leather tanning, pig-

ments in dyes, including textile dyes, paints, primers, surface coatings, chromate conversion coatings, inks and plastics, wood preservation and anticorrosive products. It is used in the process of chromic acid electroplating. It can be derived through high-temperature industrial processes such as welding involving stainless steel or chromium, during which other forms of chromium are converted to a hexavalent state. All hexavalent chromium compounds are highly poisonous due to their oxidizing power as well as carcinogenic, particularly when airborne and

inhaled, resulting with some frequency in lung cancer. Chromium VI exposure is also associated with cancer of the nose and nasal sinuses.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Pacific Gas & Electric constructed a natural gas pipeline that ran from Texas to California and which eventually reached Canada, through which, ultimately, in excess of three billion cubic feet of natural gas per day flowed. Compressor stations were established along the pipeline, ones which used natural gas to run the compressors used to repressurize the gas to push it through

the pipeline. The compressed gas was cooled with water circulating through cooling towers. From 1952 until 1966, hexavalent chromium, was added to the cooling water to prevent corrosion to the cooling towers and the water circulation system. Some 86 miles from Twentynine Palms but yet in the Mojave Desert, at Hinkley, one such compressor station was built and commissioned in 1952. Wastewater from the cooling system was disposed of in unlined ponds at the Hinkley site. Beginning in 1964, after the danger of chromium 6 was recognized,

the cooling water was treated to remove the chromium before it was disposed in the pools and a non-chromium-based additive was substituted into the cooling system in 1966. As of 1972 the cooling water was pumped into lined evaporation ponds. The ecological havoc that ensued, memorialized in the 1999 movie *Erin Brockovich*, would eventually turn Hinkley into a ghost town. Pacific Gas & Electric spent tens of millions of dollars over the course of more than two decades in an effort to remove the hexavalent chromium from the local water supply, essen-

tially to no avail. While the overall level of chromium six was reduced, it did not descend to safe levels. Installing filtering systems on individual homes and importing water from elsewhere proved expensive and inadequate. Ultimately Pacific Gas & Electric bought out all, or virtually all of Hinkley's remaining residents to allow them to move elsewhere.

Some distance east from Hinkley across the Mojave, in Twentynine Palms, the problems from Chromium 6 have been far less pronounced,

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Some In Yucaipa See More Than Mere Coincidence In City Manager's Pro-Development Orientation & His Pushing Of A Policy That Will Allow Mobile Home Parks To Convert Into 24 Residential Units Per Acre *from front page*

opted by a municipality that includes the goals, policies and programs that guide decision-making with regard to housing.

That streamlining would take place, a city staff report said, by the city's adoption of another ordinance, Ordinance 429, which would supersede elements of Ordinance 344. The planning commission was being asked to make a recommendation to the city council that it approve Ordinance 429.

Ordinance No. 344 established a maximum residential density of 16 dwelling units per acre could be permitted as a part of a conversion application and expanded through what is termed a development opportunity reserve request, pursuant to city council approval.

Buried in the language pertaining to the item considered by the planning commission on September 6 was that Ordinance 429 would amend the city's development code to allow "24 dwelling units per acre through a development opportunity reserve as a 'by-right' residential base density within the Mobilehome Park 3 Overlay. Instead of a conditional use permit application which requires discretionary review by the planning commission, a land use compliance review with architectural review would become the pertinent planning entitlement for the conversion process and could be approved administratively by city staff."

In other words, city staff would be given full "ministerial" authority to approve replacement projects on any property where mobilehome parks are now located, and would be able to do so without review/approval by the planning commission or the city council.

Some Yucaipans, pri-

marily ones who believe that City Manager Chris Mann has already commandeered too much unbridled control over the 27.8-square mile, 55,495-population city, see the proposed new ordinance as a ploy to provide Mann with even more authority.

Mann's advent as Yucaipa's top administrator created as much or more controversy than anything that had occurred in the city's 34-year history. His predecessor as City Manager, Ray Casey, was forced into resigning on January 9, just prior to the city council holding a vote in a closed session on whether to terminate

him. That came just two-and-a-half months after a slightly differently-composed city council had voted unanimously to extend Casey's contract as city manager through to the end of June 2024. It was ultimately revealed that Mayor Justin Beaver and Councilman Bobby Duncan, who had voted in October 2022 to extend Casey's contract, had joined with Councilman Matthew Garner, who had been elected to the council in November 2022, to pressure Casey into tendering his resignation in lieu of being fired. The appointed Mann, who at that time was serving as the city manager in Canyon Lake, to replace Casey. The council, taken aback by City Attorney David Snow's disdainful reaction to the abrupt move to jettison Casey, fired him and brought in

Mann's choice to replace Snow, Steven Graham, who was the city attorney in Canyon Lake. The circumstances under which the events of January 9 occurred, in which Graham was already in place to serve as city attorney when the council into its closed session to accept Casey's resignation and terminate Snow and Mann was present on the civic center premises, led many to conclude that a violation of the Brown Act, California's open public meeting law had occurred. The Brown Act prohibits prior discussion among a quorum of the elected or appointed members of a governmental board with regard to action to be taken or voted upon by that panel in its official capacity.

In addition to having been the city manager of Canyon Lake and now the city manager of Yucaipa, Mann was for-

active partner in numerous development projects in California, Nevada and Arizona. Having worked both as an elected official and as a developer, he uniquely understands the development process from both the public and private perspectives. Understanding the practices and motivations of each side better than most, he is able to provide tremendous value to the entire development process, making Mann Communications an invaluable member of any project team."

Highly troubling to many Yucaipa residents was that Mann, even as he was working as the city manager of Canyon Lake and then Yucaipa, overseeing the regulatory processes of those cities' land use decision-making and planning functions, he was simultaneously working for and accepting money from developmental in-

sponsored his hiring as city manager, Mann rallied and regrouped. In March, he had persuaded the woman he had promoted into the city clerk's position in Canyon Lake, Ana Sauseda, to come to work in Yucaipa as both city clerk and general services director by offering her a \$60,000 per year increase in salary, boosting the \$103,807 before benefits she was making as city clerk in Canyon Lake to an annual salary of \$163,858.63 before benefits in Yucaipa.

Mann easily persuaded Sauseda, who as city clerk was also Yucaipa's chief elections official, to file a writ of mandate against the recall proponents, alleging their were inaccuracies and falsehoods in their stated grounds for pursuing the recall of Garner, Duncan and Beaver. In short order the recall proponents became bogged down in the ramifications of responding to and contesting the legal action Sauseda had filed against them and consequently failed to gather by the August 16 deadline the signatures of 1,825 registered voters in District 1 to qualify the recall election against Garner, the 1,479 signatures of registered voters in District 3 to qualify the recall election against Duncan and the 1,623 signatures of registered voters in District 4 needed to qualify the recall election against Beaver. The three recall efforts thus failed.

The belief among many Yucaipa residents is that Mann has now been emboldened.

Yucaipa with its 4,270 mobilehome spaces, more than 94 percent of which are occupied, has the largest number of mobilehome residents in San Bernardino County per capita. Many do not consider it to be a misreading of the city's recent focus on revamping its standards and protocols relating to the conversion of mobilehome parks into alternate land uses to conclude City Hall is clearing the way for the development industry to, in essence, shutter some or even most of the city's trailer

parks and transform those properties into high-density residential neighborhoods. A majority of those living in mobilehomes in Yucaipa are elderly and live on fixed incomes. The Sentinel was unable to find even one mobilehome resident who was pleased with the concept of shuttering mobilehome parks in favor of redeveloping the land into apartments.

A question at the moment is whether Yucaipa residents who live in single family homes will rally to the assistance of those living in mobilehome parks who are likely to see the ground upon which their dwellings are located being sold out from underneath them. An issue at play is what the mobilehomes are to be replaced with. There is a difference between a residential subdivision where there are 16 units to the acre and where there are ten units to the acre and where there are six units to the acre and where there are half-acre minimum lots.

As one Yucaipa resident, one who lives in a large home on a large lot, put it, "The city manager and council majority have lost the trust and confidence of many citizens. Why is this issue with regard to mobilehomes coming to the forefront now? Who is behind it? Who stands to benefit financially? A vast number of longtime citizens are up in arms over the current densification being pushed all over the city. We are just now becoming aware of this latest agenda and wondering what the rush is. Chris Mann is a developer's dream. It's one thing to push for decrepit mobile home parks be replaced with better living conditions and improving the overall appearance in the city of Yucaipa, but why the allowance of high density development? It seems that the overall general plan of rural Yucaipa is under attack.

The *Sentinel*, in a future edition, will seek to obtain from Mann his viewpoint and justification of the policies he is pursuing in Yucaipa.

-Mark Gutglueck



merly the mayor of Westlake Village and an active partner in numerous development projects in California, Nevada and Arizona. He is also the principal in Mann Communications, which according to the company's own website functions in the main as a representative of developers and development interests seeking to move building proposals past the planning process and get them approved. Mann Communications specializes in, according to the firm's website, making sure that "elected officials are... provided the political cover they need in order to support good projects" to "provide our clients with a wealth of knowledge and experience and a winning approach to land use entitlement. Mann Communications Principal Chris Mann has been an

terests, the very entities he was supposed to be regulating. Word to the effect that Beaver, Duncan and Garner were in the pocket of the development industry and that they were on the take spread throughout Yucaipa. By April 24, a core group of Yucaipa residents - 94 of them - who were caught flatfooted in January when Casey's resignation materialized as a fait accompli, had coordinated a response. On that day, three of their representatives, one each from District 1, District 3 and District 4 came to Yucaipa City Hall with documentation signaling their intent to circulate petitions to recall Garner, Duncan and Beaver from office.

Initially rocked back on his heels by the show of intense hostility toward the three members of the council who had

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In Local, Regional, Statewide, National and Ultimately International Politics, Feinstein Chalked Up An Impressive List Of Accomplishments And Firsts *from front page*

Moscone.

She was yet a councilwoman and the president of the board of supervisors in 1978, when Mayor Moscone and Supervisor/Councilman Harvey Milk were assassinated by Dan White, himself a former supervisor/councilman. Feinstein barely avoided being killed by White herself, coming into San Francisco City Hall just moments after the shooting and White had left. She was the first to come upon Milk's lifeless body. She reached to feel for his pulse, encountering a bullet hole near his wrist. Shortly thereafter, she became a national figure as she was seen in television news reports announcing the murders. A week later, she was selected by her board/council colleagues to replace Moscone.

Feinstein was elected mayor in 1979. In 1983, she outlasted a recall attempt and then was reelected mayor, serving in that capacity until 1988. She was prevented from seeking reelection in 1987 because of term limits.

Two years later, in the November 1990 election, she vied, as the Democratic nominee, for California governor against the Republican standard bearer, incumbent U.S. Senator Pete Wilson.

Wilson prevailed in that contest with 3,791,904 or 49.3 percent of the votes cast to Feinstein's 3,525,197 or 45.8 percent. Two years later, Feinstein ran in a specially-called election to complete Wilson's term as Senator when he was elected governor. In that contest, she defeated Republican John Seymour, whom Wilson had appointed to the senatorial position he had vacated to succeed him on an interim basis. Feinstein handily won that race with 5,853,651 votes or 54.3 percent to Seymour's 4,093,501 voter endorsements or 38.0 percent.

Also elected to the Senate from California that year was Barbara Boxer. This made California the first state in the nation to be represented by two women senators simultaneously. Feinstein was sworn in first, making her the senior senator from California the entire time she was in the U.S. upper legislative house. Feinstein was reelected in 1994, 2000, 2006, 2012 and 2018.

Relatively early in her tenure as U.S. Senator, Feinstein sponsored legislation of tremendous impact to San Bernardino County, that being the California Desert Protection Act of 1994.

The act, an earlier version of which had been proposed by California Senator Alan Cranston but had not gotten sufficient traction or support, established three separate national park systems in the Mojave Desert: Death Valley National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, and Mojave National Preserve.

In a way that Cranston had earlier failed to effectuate, Feinstein was able to induce Congress to make a finding that that federally owned desert lands of Southern California constitute an extraordinarily and inestimably valuable public wildland resource for current and future generations and that they embodied unique scenic, historical, archeological, environmental, ecological, wildlife, cultural, scientific, educational and recreational assets that were being threatened by adverse pressures, including overdevelopment and destruction. In its finding, Congress declared it to be national policy that that appropriate public lands in the California desert had to be included within the National Park System and the National Wilderness Preservation System in order to preserve them.

Feinstein further played a key role in protecting the Mojave Desert, using the California Desert Protection Act and other means and resolutions to hold off attempts by business

entities in California to commandeer control over and tap into the East Mojave Desert's aquifer and convey massive amounts of the water it contains westward to communities located closer to California's coast. Those designs on San Bernardino County's water have not abated, but throughout her time in the Senate, the San Bernardino County-to-Orange County water importation plan has not been actuated.

On the occasion of a 2019 celebration at the Mojave Desert Land Trust of the 25th anniversary celebration of the California Desert Protection Act, Feinstein wrote: "When I think of the California desert, I think of magnificent landscapes and mountain vistas. I think of beautiful species like bighorn sheep, mule deer and desert tortoises. I think of unique vegetation like the beautiful wildflower blooms and iconic Joshua trees. And I think of the long history of local Native American tribes. The California desert is a true American treasure. Our efforts over the past 25 years have resulted in the largest areas of public lands protected in the lower 48 states – that is something truly to celebrate."

Feinstein supported conservation groups in successfully petitioning President Obama to designate Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, Castle Mountains National

Monuments using the Antiquities Act in February 2016.

In 2019, she co-sponsored the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act which designated 375,500 acres of wilderness and more than 70 miles of wild and scenic rivers, and added 43,000 acres to Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks.

In 2007, while the Democrats were in control of the Senate, Feinstein became the chairwoman of the Senate Rules Committee, the first woman to hold that post. In 2009, she acceded to chairwoman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, again the first woman to hold that position. Also in 2009, she was named chairwoman of the Senate Narcotics Caucus.

Governor Gavin Newsom, speaking of Feinstein in the present tense after her passing, said he considered Feinstein to be "a role model not only for me but to my wife and daughters for what a powerful, effective leader looks like. There is simply nobody who possessed the strength, gravitas, and fierceness of Dianne Feinstein."

The Mojave Desert Land Trust, an environmental group committed to the preservation of the Mojave Desert, offered this statement, "Among the environmental achievements in Senator Feinstein's long career was enshrining in law greater protections for the most well-known

public lands in the California desert. Building on the foundational work of Senator Cranston and conservationists, Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced the historic California Desert Protection Act that was signed into law in 1994. The legislation created almost 9.2 million acres of public lands, establishing Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks, Mojave National Preserve and 69 wilderness areas over 3,570,000 acres."

The Environmental Working Group, which advocates for environmental safety, said of Feinstein, "Environmental Working Group is saddened to learn of Senator Dianne Feinstein's death. Her remarkable and historic three-decade-long tenure in the Senate was a testament to her dedication to public service and the people of California. Senator Feinstein was a tireless advocate for consumers, including the risks posed by dangerous chemicals in consumer products. Thanks to her, Congress acted to keep toxic chemicals out of toys and modernized our cosmetics laws to give the Food and Drug Administration long-needed oversight powers. Environmental Working Group will always be grateful for her efforts to keep us safe. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her family during this difficult time."

-Mark Gutglueck

Salinas City Manager, To Whom SB Extended Job Offer As Top Administrator, Withdraws Application

By Mark Gutglueck

Salinas City Manager Steve Carrigan, who was chosen by the five-member majority of the San Bernardino's eight elected leaders to serve as the county seat's next city manager in August and had signaled his acceptance of that job offer, unilaterally withdrew his application for the position yesterday.

"Earlier this morning, I contacted the recruiter and removed my name from consideration for the position of San Bernardino City Manager," Carrigan wrote in a memo to the Salinas municipal staff on September 28. "Over the past few weeks I have had time to think about what's important to me from a personal and a professional standpoint and I have decided that Salinas is the best place for me."

Since December 2022, when former San Bernardino City Manager Robert Field recognized that his remaining in that position was no longer tenable following the election of Helen Tran as mayor the previous month and tendered his resignation, the city has been seeking a replacement. In January, former San Bernardino City Manager Charles McNeely, who held the post from 2009 until 2012, agreed to guide the city in an interim capacity until a replacement manager is found. McNeely, who is retired, under the rules of the California Public Employees Retirement System is permitted to work for a public agency in California no more than 960 hours per fiscal year running July 1 through June 30. He has been on the job, full time con-

tinuously for practically nine full months at this point. Since the onset of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year on July 1, he has worked roughly 520 hours, such that he is on a pace to be forced to leave as San Bernardino's city manager on or about December 15.

As of August 23, Tran and council member Ted Sanchez, Sandra Ibarra, Juan Figueroa and Fred Shorett had reached a consensus that Carrigan, who previously worked as the economic development director in Stockton for eight years, the assistant city manager of 25,000-population Sanger in Fresno County, the city manager of 37,000-population Los Banos in Merced County for two years and the city manager with 84,000-population Merced for five years before taking on the po-

sition of city manager in Salinas in 2021, was the best available candidate among 68 who had applied for the job. Though Councilman Damon Alexander was favorably impressed by Carrigan, he sided with Councilman Ben Reynoso and Councilwoman Kimberly Calvin who felt the city should continue its consideration of several of the other candidates who had also applied beyond the five of the 68 applicants who had been interviewed by the council and perhaps widen its selection process to others. The council, nevertheless, scheduled a specially-called meeting for August 28, at which the matter of a "public employee appointment" for the position of "city manager" was scheduled. Though it was anticipated Carrigan would be hired at that time, the

meeting concluded with no such appointment.

At the San Bernardino City Council's September 6 meeting, it was disclosed that the council had directed City Attorney Sonia Carvalho to make a formal offer of employment to the council's voted-upon choice as city manager. The manner in which Carvalho made the announcement strongly implied there were grounds to believe the offer contained terms already deemed favorable by the applicant and that the offer was to be accepted upon the city council considering and approving the contract at its October 4 meeting. Carvalho, nevertheless, stopped short of identifying the applicant. Based upon information available to it, however, the *Sentinel*, in its September 8 edition, identified Carrigan

as the council's choice to serve as city manager.

Indeed, after the *Sentinel* had reported in its August 25 edition that the five-eighths majority of San Bernardino's mayor and council had settled upon Carrigan as their choice to serve as the city's next top administrator, Carrigan the following day, in a rare weekend email to Salinas's department heads gave them a heads up that he was likely to be departing as their boss, given that, he said, "I am a finalist for the city manager job with the City of San Bernardino."

The following Monday, August 28, Carrigan made a wider disclosure to all of the employees at Salinas City Hall that he was on the verge of departing as their boss.

Now comes word that the narrowing of the

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Lack Of Warehouse Compliance With Pollution Monitoring And Control Regulations Puts Arrows In The Quivers Of Those Who Have Long Protested Local Politicians' Ready Accommodation Of The Logistics Industry from page 3

these facilities deserve to breathe clean air and our enforcement teams will work quickly to ensure that the facilities come into compliance as quickly as possible."

According to the SCAQMD, since 2021, it has been identifying and reaching out to warehouses, providing them with information, training, and assistance

to ensure compliance with the rule. Earlier this month, the agency issued a compliance advisory to warehouse owners and operators advising them of rule requirements and past deadlines. South Coast Air Quality Management District's enforcement team is preparing to issue notices of violation that can result in daily penalties and

further legal action. The agency said it will first focus on warehouses located in what it terms "environmental justice communities," which are defined as a community or geographical area most impacted by environmental harms and risks. The United States Environmental Protection Agency uses the alternate phraseology, "overburdened communities." In essence, an environmental justice community is where there is: disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards and increased vulnerability to

those hazards.

According to the South Coast AQMD, "Warehouses are a key destination for heavy-duty trucks and have other sources of emissions like cargo handling equipment, all of which contribute to local pollution. Emissions from sources associated with warehouses account for almost as much NOx emissions as all of the refineries, power plants and other stationary sources in the South Coast Air Basin combined. Those living within a half mile of warehouses are more likely to have higher

rates of asthma and heart attacks and must endure a greater environmental burden. The Warehouse Indirect Source Rule is expected to reduce smog-forming emissions by 10-15 percent from warehouse-related sources."

South Coast AQMD's Warehouse Rule is aimed at reducing noxious emissions through an arrangement by which individual warehouse are credited with so-called pollution offset points on an annual basis for action that includes utilizing, instead of diesel fuel vehicles, natu-

ral gas near-zero and/or zero-emission on-road trucks, zero-emission cargo handling equipment, solar panels, or zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure. Warehouse operators or owners can also put into place a customized plan specific to their site or choose to pay a mitigation fee. Mitigation fees are to be used to purchase cleaner trucks and charging/fueling infrastructure in communities surrounding the participating warehouses.

-Mark Gutglueck

Top County Executive & The County Emergency Operations Manager Either TempORIZED Before Convening Or Never Actually Conducted The Conference Call With The Sheriff, Fire Chief, The Highway Patrol Commander, Caltrans Supervisor, Public Works Director & Other Responders The County's Extreme Weather Event Protocol Requires from page 6

the board of supervisors to begin acquiring equipment, supplies, manpower etc. to initiate the response. An emergency meeting of the board of supervisors is then supposed to be convened, probably within 24 hours, to give the county chief executive officer that spending authorization.

Despite those specified actions and the National Weather Service warning, neither then-County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez nor his appointee as the head of the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services, Deputy County Executive Officer Daniel Muñoz, instituted

the conference call in a timely fashion, that is by February 16 or 17, as was indicated by the circumstance.

The mountain blizzard touched down February 22, 2023. The storm was so intense that more than 30,000 residents of the San Bernardino Mountain communities found them-

selves snowed in and trapped, without access to food, fuel, supplies or medicine or, alternately, caught down the mountain and unable to return to their homes.

The board of supervisors, which held a regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, did not conduct an emergency meeting relating to the blizzard until March 1. The media were not alerted to the emergency meeting pertaining to the blizzard that took place on March 1 at 2:45 p.m. until after 1:30 p.m. on March 1.

At that meeting, the board of supervisors confirmed Hernandez's proclamation of a local emergency, expediting the provision of county resources, services and expenditures to render assistance as needed to relieve mountain residents impacted, including endeavoring to give the public and first responders access to necessary resources such as grocery stores, gas stations, utilities and public infrastructure. The board of supervisors proclaimed the conditions in the mountains, which it

marked as having commenced on February 22, 2023, constituted an emergency pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, and provide essential public services, which would not permit the delay resulting from a formal competitive solicitation of bids to procure construction services for projects necessary to prevent or address the effects of the storm. In accordance with that find-

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s/ VINCENT I ONI, Owner
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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/ Deputy J7550

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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2320648

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: CHUN MING CHEN filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

CHUN MING CHEN to JIMMY C M CHEN

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: 10/10/2023
Time: 08:30 AM
Department: S26

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil Division 247 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

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

Dated: August 29, 2023
Sergio Villanueva, Deputy Court Clerk

Chun Ming Chen, In Pro Per

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIVSB231848

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: Petitioner: EDEN USHER filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KATELYN CATALEYA ROMERO to KATELYN CATALEYA USHER 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: 10/09/2023
Time: 08:30 AM
Department: S31

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

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

Dated: 07/03/2023
Judge of the Superior Court: Brian S. McCarville
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2318312

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ASTRID MARTINEZ [on behalf of JOHAN ANDRE GONZALEZ] filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JOHAN ANDRE GONZALEZ to JOHAN ANDRE BALDERAS

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: 10/13/2023
Time: 08:30 AM
Department: S15

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil Division 247 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

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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.

Judge Brian S. McCarville
Dated: 08/14/2023
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT JOSEPH FIORE, aka ROBERT J. FIORE, aka ROBERT FIORE

CASE NO. PROSB2300493

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ROBERT JOSEPH FIORE, aka ROBERT J. FIORE, aka ROBERT FIORE has been filed by JASON FIORE and CHERYL FIORE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JASON FIORE and CHERYL FIORE be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held AT 9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 19, 2023 San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F2 - Fontana
17780 Arrow Boulevard
Fontana, CA 92335

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

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Fontana, CA 92335

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SUSAN BALAND

CASE NO. PRO-VA2300035

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held AT 9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 2, 2023 San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 - Fontana
17780 Arrow Boulevard
Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ ZALASAR

CASE NO. PRO-VA2300057

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ ZALASAR

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOSE JUAN GONZALEZ LARIOS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSE JUAN GONZALEZ LARIOS be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F-1 at 9:00 a.m. on October 11, 2023

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

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17780 Arrow Boulevard
Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: NELSON ANGEL BERNAL

CASE NO. PRO-VA2300056

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANA CRISTINA BERNAL BALMACEDA in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANA CRISTINA BERNAL BALMACEDA be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F-3 at 9:00 a.m. on October 5, 2023

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

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17780 Arrow Boulevard
Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

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

Filed: September 8, 2023
Deputy Court Clerk Valerie Goldstein

Attorney for Ana Cristina Bernal Balmaceda:
ANTONIETTE JAU-REGUI (SB 192624)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2320699

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA DE LOS ANGELES VALERO DE PENALOZA filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MARIA DE LOS ANGELES VALERO DE PENALOZA to MARIA DE LOS ANGELES VALERO PERALTA

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: 10/18/2023
Time: 08:30 AM
Department: S33

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil Division 247 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm

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.

Judge Brian S. McCarville
Dated: 08/02/2023
Aradelsi Pisco, Deputy Court Clerk

Maria De Los Angeles Valero De Penaloza, In Pro Per

2250 Darby Street Space 44

San Bernardino, CA 92407
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FBN 20230008333

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as FAST WOK 2550 S. VINEYARD AVE SUITE C ONTARIO, CA 91761 FAST WOK, LLC 1401 21ST ST STE R SACRAMENTO, CA 95811

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, REGISTERED WITH THE State of California under the number 202358611573. 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/ HELEN H HIEM, CEO

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/18/2023. 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 J5480 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FRANCES SANDOVAL CASE NO. PROVA 2300084

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held AT 9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 30, 2023 San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F3 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

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.

Fernando Sandoval, In Pro Per

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1012 W. Olive Street San Bernardino, CA 92411 Phone (909) 674 9269 fernies63@yahoo.com Filed: September 19, 2023 Valerie Goldstein, Deputy Court Clerk Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 22 & 29 and October 6, 2023.

FBN 20230008076 The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as FLORERIA EL QUEZTAL 12571 EAST END AVE CHINO, CA 91710: ISABEL N BARTOLA SALVADOR 263 VERNON DR. #B UPLAND, CA 91786 Mailing Address: 263 VERNON DR. #B UPLAND, CA 91786 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: AUGUST 09, 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.

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/ ISABEL NICOLASA BARTOLA SALVADOR, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/10/2023

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 J7550

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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2322988

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: SERINA ROSE KO filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SERINA ROSE KO to SERINA ROSE

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

Notice of Hearing: Date: 11/2/2023 Time: 08:30 AM Department: S22

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 SBC Sentinel in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 09/21/2023 Judge of the Superior Court: Brian S. McCarville

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FBN 20230009381 The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as BASKET CASE 35231 AVENUE C YUCAIPA, CA 92399: GEORGEANN HANNA 35231 AVENUE C YUCAIPA, CA 92399

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ GEOREGANN HANNA Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/15/2023 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 J55748

Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 22, 29 and October 6 & 13, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PHILIP YU-HONG WONG CASE NO. PROVA 2300060

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of PHILIP YU-HONG WONG has been filed by JOSEPHINE T. WONG in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSEPHINE T. WONG 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 OCTOBER 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

Filed: AUGUST 29, 2023 AMY REYES, 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

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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 Josephine T. Wong:

R. SAM PRICE SBN 208603 PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 454 Cajon Street REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 9500 sam@pricelawfirm.com

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 29 and October 6 & 13, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Christine Bouldin Lawson Case NO. PROVA 2300016

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Christine Bouldin Lawson A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nathaniel Ellis Bouldin in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nathaniel Ellis Bouldin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F3 at 09:00 AM on 10/24/2023 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 17780 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, CA 92335, San Bernardino District-Probate Division - Fontana

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

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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.

Chris Scarcella: 250 W. 1st St., Suite 244 Claremont CA 91711 Telephone No: 909-529-3979

Published in the SBCS Ontario on: 09/29/2023, 10/06/2023, 10/13/2023

FBN 20230009740 The following entity is doing business, primarily in San Bernardino County, as:

JOSEPH W. BRADY, INC., 12402 INDUSTRIAL BLVD., SUITE B-6 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395 [and] BARSTOW PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE GROUP [and] BARSTOW REAL ESTATE SERVICES [and] BRADCO COMMERCIAL LEASING GROUP [and] THE BRADCO COMPANIES [and] BRADCO DEVELOPMENT [and] BRADCO DIVERSIFIED [and] BRADCO HIGH DESERT REPORT [and] BRADCO REAL ESTATE GROUP [and] HIGH DESERT COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE GROUP [and] MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE GROUP:

JOSEPH W. BRADY, INC., 12402 INDUSTRIAL BLVD., SUITE B-6 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

Mailing Address: PO BOX 2710 VICTORVILLE, CA 92393-2710 This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California as number 1564782

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/25/2023

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: DECEMBER 4, 1989 County Clerk, Deputy J2523

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).

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 29 and October 6, 13 & 20, 2023.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2323256

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANTHONY JASON VAZQUEZ filed with this

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court for a decree changing names as follows:

ANTHONY JASON VAZQUEZ to JASON ANTHONY VAZQUEZ

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

Notice of Hearing: Date: 11/14/2023 Time: 08:30 AM Department: S27

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 SBC Sentinel in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 09/26/2023 Judge of the Superior Court: Brian S. McCarville

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 29, and October 6, 13 & 20, 2023.

FBN 20230008699 The following person is doing business as: TONY'S LUXE WASH. 642 E 17TH ST UPLAND, CA 91784; [MAILING ADDRESS 642 E 17TH ST UPLAND, CA 91784]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO LUIS A NAVA 642 E 17TH ST UPLAND, CA 91784.

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: AUG 20, 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/ LUIS A NAVA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: AUGUST 28, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023 CNBB35202311MT

FBN 20230008140 The following person is doing business as: AMAZETHEM PINZ. 4669 ROSEWOOD ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763; [MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO YESSICA PIEDRAGIL MARTINEZ 4669 ROSWOOD ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763.

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JUAN C CIFUENTES MOLINA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: AUGUST 23, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023 CNBB35202303MT

FBN 20230008637 The following person is doing business as: ALL SEASON FIREPLACE INC. 3511 JUNE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ALL SEASON FIREPLACE INC 3511 JUNE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 The business is conduct-

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County Clerk of San Bernardino on: AUGUST 14, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023 CNBB35202301FA

FBN 20230008817 The following person is doing business as: SUPERIOR CNC MACHINE. 16414 EMBARK WAY CHINO, CA 91708. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: DEC 04, 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/ LETICIA GONZALEZ MUNOZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: AUGUST 30, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/15/2023, 09/22/2023 CNBB35202302IR

FBN 20230008506 The following person is doing business as: TACOS TAMALES Y PUPUSAS DOÑA SILVIA. 73777 TWENTYNINE PALMS HWY TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO JUAN C CIFUENTES MOLINA 4561 ADOBE RD SPACE #27 TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ JUAN C CIFUENTES MOLINA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: AUGUST 23, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et seq., Business & Professions Code).

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FBN 20230008637 The following person is doing business as: ALL SEASON FIREPLACE INC. 3511 JUNE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ALL SEASON FIREPLACE INC 3511 JUNE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 The business is conduct-

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FBN 20230009169
The following person is doing business as: JOE Y NERIO, 1832 S CORDOVA AVE COLTON, CA 92324 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/19/2018 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JOE NERIO, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 08, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 09/22/2023, 09/29/2023, 10/06/2023, 10/13/2023 CN-BB38202305MT

FBN 20230009521

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original field of 68 to five and the gravitation toward selecting Carrigan has been for naught.

Carrigan was lured to San Bernardino largely on the basis of it standing higher on the common standard of graduation of prestige among municipalities, a simple reduction as to size population-wise. Salinas has a current population of 161, 565, making it the 33rd largest city in California and the 160th largest city in the United States. San Bernardino, with 220,328 residents, is the 17th largest city in California and 102nd largest city in the United States.

While Salinas is providing Carrigan with

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The following person is doing business as: SA&S. 1683 HYACINTH AVE REDLANDS, CA 92373 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO. MORWEAR CORPORATION. 1683 HYACINTH AVE REDLANDS, CA 92373 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ SAUGAT KATEL, PRESIDENT Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 09/22/2023, 09/29/2023, 10/06/2023, 10/13/2023 CN-BB38202306MT

FBN 20230009261
The following person is doing business as: MARISCOS PUERTO NAYARI. 16312 ARROW BLVD STE C FONTANA, CA 92335 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO. JUAN C ANAGRITA VELEZ 16312 ARROW BLVD STE C FONTANA, CA 92335. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant

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\$250,830.75 in yearly salary, something like 16,158 in perquisites and pay add-ons, \$54,425 in benefits and a \$34,485.63 yearly contribution to his pension fund for a total annual compensation of \$355,899.38, San Bernardino was prepared to up his annual salary by \$40,000 while maintaining his benefits and perks at the same level of what he is receiving now, thus providing him with an annual total compensation of roughly \$396,000.

Sheer numbers, however, were unable to keep Carrigan on a trajectory to land in San Bernardino.

One element of the allure the county seat of Monterey County had for Carrigan is his accomplishments there so far. Another is the challenge lying ahead. "In Salinas, we've made a lot of progress on major issues like homelessness, affordable housing,

crime and infrastructure and I want to be here to continue that momentum," he wrote in yesterday's memo. "I cannot see myself working anywhere else."

Perhaps more persuasive was the relationship he has become caught up in with Salinas City Elementary School Superintendent Rebeca Andrade. In his email to staff yesterday, Carrigan, without mentioning Andrade by name, wrote, "I have met someone in Salinas that I'm crazy about."

The mayor and members of the city council in San Bernardino, who up until yesterday were set on hiring Carrigan next Wednesday, were caught flat-footed by Carrigan's decision. Several had not been informed about his withdrawal at the close of the business day on Thursday.

Hastily, the city clerk's office, which had prepared the October 4 city council meeting agenda

that included an item relating to Carrigan's hiring augmented with a staff report recommending the acceptance of an attached employment agreement, had to withdraw that document for redrafting before posting it on the city's website today, September 29. The item relating to Carrigan's employment with the city was deleted, and the numerated items that followed it on the agenda altered, with each given an identifying number one less than what had already been assigned to them. In addition to altering the agenda, the city mounted an announcement stating, "The City of San Bernardino was notified that due to personal and professional reasons, the city manager candidate to whom the City Council made an offer has decided to remain with his current employer. While it is rare for a candidate to withdraw from con-

sideration after an announcement is made, it is always a possibility."

The posting continued, "The mayor and city council will be determining its next steps in closed session on Wednesday, October 4 and remains confident that it will attract and hire the right person to manage the city. In the meantime, Charles McNeely will remain as interim city manager."

Reportedly, Carrigan was not the mayor and city council's absolute first choice as the ideal candidate among those who had applied for city manager. Another applicant was, the *Sentinel* was told, considered by the mayor and six of the seven council members to be the best person for the position. However, according to one well-placed source, that individual, who is currently employed by another city, withdrew from the sweepstakes to become

San Bernardino city manager when someone from San Bernardino approached a member of the city council of the city where the applicant is employed. At that point, not certain of whether San Bernardino would extend a job offer and not wanting to risk losing the applicant's current job over an ultimately empty job prospect, the candidate withdrew.

One of the other three finalists for the position could yet be offered the post. It is also possible, as had been Reynoso's and Calvin's earlier preference, that more applicants be sought and a wider range of interviews conducted before a final choice is made and employment offer extended. One constraint, however, is that the city would prefer to fill the vacancy before McNeely must depart from his position as interim city manager in mid-December.

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but nevertheless ones that local water officials have had to be careful of. District officials do constant monitoring of water quality. While water in the Twentynine Palms area does exhibit elevated chromium VI levels, it remains below, even well below, the current 50 parts per billion threshold for all forms of chromium – including

hexavalent chromium, trivalent chromium or other chromium isotopes that would render the water unsafe for human consumption per the state standards.

The California Water Resources Control Board is contemplating moving away from specifying total chromium in making its safe indication level of the contaminant to one focusing on chromium 6 alone, reducing the threshold saturation level of that specific type of chromium to 10 parts per billion.

The State Water Board held a hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act on August 2 on the proposed maximum contaminant level for hexavalent chromium in drinking water. The board is tentatively set to consider amending its table for maximum contaminant levels for hazardous inorganic chemicals in which the conversion specifying chromium VI at 10 parts per billion over total chromium at 50 parts per billion after all of the draft comments on the change from the

public and governmental entities that were due on August 18 have been considered. That board vote is likely to come before the end of the year. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limits the total chromium content in drinking water as opposed to chromium 6.

It is unclear what percentage of the chromium contamination in the wells for that portion of the desert originates from natural sources.

There is a host of other contaminants present

in desert drinking water. Among the substances regulated by the state are aluminum, antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cyanide, fluoride, mercury, nickel, nitrate, nitrite, perchlorate, selenium and thallium.

In Wonder Valley, which is roughly nine miles from Twentynine Palms, a serious problem with not only chromium but arsenic and fluoride in water wells has been noted for some time.

In September 2017, an analysis was done on water drawn from the well

where San Bernardino County Fire Station 45 obtained its water. It was discovered that the water was contaminated with arsenic, hexavalent chromium and fluoride at levels approaching or exceeding 1,000 times the threshold for each deemed safe for human use and consumption. On September 22, 2017 the county shut the fire station down, relocating the crew to the Twentynine Palms fire station. The reason given was the threat to the health of the firefighters.

-Mark Gutglueck

The Blizzard Appears Have Hastened Deaths Of Many In The Mountains Who Were Elderly Or Had Pre-Existing Medical Conditions from page 6

ing, the board approved a resolution authorizing the county purchasing agent, subject to Hernandez's approval, to issue purchase orders and/or contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$20 million for any emergency construction and modifications related to the effects of the storm.

Nevertheless, the previous day, on February 28, at the board's regularly scheduled meeting, approval was given for Supervisors Hagman and Rowe, along with Hernandez, Williams, County Economic Development Director Derek Armstrong and four others to travel to the greater Seoul area in South Korea and Tokyo, Japan between April 15, 2023 and April 22, 2023 to represent San Bernardino County for the purposes of a trade and investment mission, and continue to strengthen relationships established as a result of the previously signed and renewed Memorandum of Understanding with the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority. Despite requests that the mission be postponed because of the uncertainty that the county faced over the ongoing storm, the board of supervisors consented to appropriating \$5,829 to provide for travel and lodging for each of the nine people scheduled to

make the trip along with up to \$30,000 toward other costs of the trade mission.

The following day, March 1, there was a less than 24-hour respite in the storm conditions in the San Bernardino Mountains, the only point in the 17-day period between February 22 and March 10 that snow was not falling accompanied by medium to heavy winds. In addition to conducting the specially-called meeting that, Hernandez and Rowe utilized a sheriff's department helicopter to bypass the closed roads into the San Bernardino Mountains and survey the storm conditions.

The delay in holding the conference of responsible responding entities by at least ten days resulted in what residents of the mountain community's have almost universally characterized as a lackluster response to the nearly two-and-one-half-week-long blizzard, leaving roads impassable for most of that time, resulting in food, fuel and medicine shortages as well as deaths.

According to the sheriff's department, within which and out of which the county coroner's office operates, only one of the deaths referenced in the 2023 Mountain Storm Response Summary & After-Action

Review was directly storm related. Four of the 13 deaths were of individuals who were either on hospice care or under doctor's care at a medical facility in the mountains. The coroner's office investigated the other nine deaths.

A 39-year-old woman who died on February 26 in the emergency room at Bear Valley Community Hospital after being struck by a vehicle in Fawnskin.

On February 28, a 65-year-old woman, with no known medical history who had complained of flu-like symptoms, died in her home in the 1300 block of Irene Street in Wrightwood.

On March 2, a 77-year-old woman died at her home in the 24200 block of Zell Court in Crestline. Her death was attributed to cardiopulmonary arrest due to coronary artery disease and tobacco use dependence, with associated conditions of alcohol dependency, atrial fibrillation and hypertension.

On March 3, a 77-year-old man with no medical history was discovered during a welfare check at his home in the 23100 block of Sycamore Lane in Valley of Enchantment. He was last known to be alive on February 28. His death was potentially brought on by his lack of access to diabetes medication.

On March 3, a 33-year-old man known to be a chronic alcoholic with hypertensive cardiovascular disease died at his home in the 32700

block of Willow Lane in Arrowbear.

On March 3, a 62 year-old man suffering from chronic alcoholism was found dead during a welfare check at his home in the 100 block of Barker Boulevard in Big Bear City. He was last known to be alive on February 19.

On March 6, in the 560 block of Summit Boulevard in Big Bear Lake, a 46 year-old woman with an extensive mental health history was found dead during a welfare check. A toxicology screening indicated the presence of acetone, but the coroner's office said it was "unknown if that will be related to the cause of death."

On March 6, a 93-year-old woman with a significant medical history including lymphocytic leukemia was found dead at her home in the 23900 block of Inspiration Road in Crestline. The cause of death was determined to be aortic stenosis due to hyperlipidemia.

On March 8, a 68-year-old man with a well documented medical history was found dead at his home in the 22000 block of Crest Forest Drive in Crestline. His cause of death was attributed to, according to the coroner's office, "chronic methamphetamine abuse over a period of years. Contributing to the death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, more commonly known as emphysema."

In April, officials with

the Federal Emergency Management Agency came to San Bernardino County and went into the San Bernardino Mountains for an initial assessment of the disaster. Those federal officials returned to the county for discussions with top county officials during the week of April 15-22, but Rowe, the chairwoman of the board of supervisors and the representative of the Third District, which encompasses the mountain communities devastated by blizzard together with Supervisor Hagman, Hernandez and Williams, who as the county's chief of administration had direct authority over the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services, were out of the county, indeed, out of country.

There is no indication of when, if at all, the conference call involving the head of the county office of emergency services and the county chief executive officer, the sheriff, county fire chief, county public works director, Caltrans regional representative, California Office of Emergency Services representative, local CHP commander, relevant city managers and utility company representatives took place. On March 22, the *Sentinel* filed a request under the California Public Records Act for access to the communications that took place between communications between Hernandez and Muñoz from January 15, 2023 until March 22, 2023.

Despite repeated assurances that those communications would be turned over, the county has yet to produce them.

On August 8, Hernandez was due to return from a vacation he had initiated in July, but the board of supervisors subjected him to an involuntary extension of that vacation leave on that day. Two days later, on August 10, Hernandez signed a severance agreement with the county in which he agreed to resign as county CEO effective August 18. In signing that severance agreement, Hernandez executed a confidentiality clause that imposes a gag order on him and the county which prevents either party from publicly disclosing what issues led up to his resignation.

-Mark Gutglueck

Upland Council Made No Hesitation Before Moving To Sell Land Some Thought Should Be Converted To A Park from page 3

vately owned lands, we must be able to provide for more open spaces on our public lands. If we let our public lands disappear, our city will not be able to provide new parks and preserve the quality of life that Upland residents should be able to enjoy."

Despite Walton's entreaty, the council unanimously voted to approve the consent calendar.

-Mark Gutglueck