

Luckino Leaving As Twentynine Palms City Manager For Desert Hot Springs

Making the fifth managerial advancement in his 31-year career, Twentynine Palms City Manager Frank Luckino is leaving San Bernardino County's 17th most populous municipality to take the administrative helm in the Riverside County city of Desert Hot Springs.

Luckino applied to be considered in the running to succeed Luke Rainey as Desert Hot Springs' city manager after the latter resigned abruptly in February. He was one of

29 competing for the job.

The field of 29 was reduced to around a half dozen by late August and Luckino was one of at least six candidates interviewed in early September. He was brought in for a second and final interview late in September.

The Desert Hot Springs City Council ultimately determined that Luckino's considerable experience in managing cities and agencies in the desert has rendered him better qualified than

those he was competing against, including some very experienced and accomplished municipal professionals, to take the reins in the 33,132-population city. The Desert Hot Springs City Council in a specially-called closed session on October 3 voted to hire Luckino.

His move to Desert Hot Springs from Twentynine Palms, where the population currently stands at 27,491, represents a modest move for Luckino up the municipal evolution-

ary chain.

Luckino has resigned as Twentynine Palms City manager, effective October 31. He will begin with Desert Hot Springs on November 6.

Luckino earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from West Liberty State College in West Virginia in 1992. He worked as a controller for several companies, including PACE Entertainment, Planet Hollywood International, and Gordon Biersch Res-

taurant Group. He also handled portfolio investment activity as an associate with Resource Connection.

His first significant venture into the public sector came when he was hired as the director of fiscal services at Copper Mountain College in 2003. He bought a home in Yucca Valley and, with his wife Shannon, opened a mortgage loan office, Mojave Mortgage Group. In 2004, he was elected to his first term on **See P 4**

Word Spreads Yucaipa To Replace 7 Mobilehome Parks With 1,128 Dwelling Units

Yucaipa residents who have already expressed concern that City Manager Chris Mann's stewardship of the city has set it on a trajectory that will see its semi-rural character obliterated by aggressive urbanization are citing policy changes now being enacted that will facilitate a first wave of conversions of seven of the city's 42 mobilehome parks into what will essentially be apartments and condo-

miniums as proof of their suspicions.

The best calculations available indicate the 547 mobilehome spaces in those parks will be transformed into 1,128 dwelling units.

This intensification of land use, according to those residents, is part and parcel of Mann's approach to managing city operations.

Mann, who is a developer himself, is the prin-

icipal in Mann Communications, which serves as a leading advocate on behalf of developers, land speculators, landowners, the building industry and those intent on building homes, apartments, commercial centers and warehouses.

Mann was hired as city manager on January 9 in the same fell swoop by which Mayor Justin Beaver, Councilman Bobby Duncan and Councilman

Matt Garner forced the resignation of former City Manager Ray Casey.

In seeking to explain why the trio had settled on Mann as city manager to replace Casey, Beaver alluded to Mann's status as the president of the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors and referenced Mann's knowledge of the community based upon his residence in the city.

Almost simultane-

ously, it was pointed out by those skeptical about the hiring that Mann is the principal in Mann Communications. According to the Mann Communications website, Mann has successfully served as a representative of developers and development interests seeking to move building proposals past the planning process and get them approved. According to that website, the firm endeavors **See P 2**

Upland City Council Chooses To Grant Planning Commissioner Aspinall Third Term As Chairwoman

"Consistency," Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "is the hobgoblin of little minds."

Civic leaders in Upland appear to have taken Emerson's admonition to heart, particularly with regard to its policy on who should serve on the city planning commission, for how long and in what capacity, pursuing a variable tact when it comes to sustaining the tenure of members and promoting them

into the panel's chairmanship.

The planning commission in the City of Gracious Living is of no little consequence. As the penultimate and in some cases the ultimate arbiter of what sort of development will take place in the 15.62-square mile city with 79,838 residents, the planning commission plays a key role in Upland being able to maintain its top-drawer status among

municipalities in San Bernardino County. Set below picturesque Mt. San Antonio and its two accompanying lower elevation summits of Ontario Peak and Mount Harwood, Upland, which occupies the highland above Ontario, was established as an upscale neighborhood where the movers and shakers in the Ontario business community at the turn of the 19th Century to the 20th Century made **See P 3**

Embattled Redlands Planning Commissioner Frasher Resigns

Redlands Planning Commission Chairman Steven Frasher yesterday resigned from the commission, two days after his arrest by the San Bernardino Police Department Tuesday on charges that pornographic images of children were among data contained on his personal cybernetic devices.

There were anomalies pertaining to the case developed against Frasher that have, at press time,

been given no explanation.

According to the San Bernardino Police Department, "On 10/03/2023, detectives with the San Bernardino Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Specialized Crimes Unit served a residential search warrant in the City of Redlands, referenc[ing] suspected producing, possessing, and disseminating child pornography."

The police **See P 3**

Within One Week, SB City Manager Candidate Carrigan Goes From Feast To Famine

On September 27, Steve Carrigan was a municipal managerial ace, one who was so in demand that California's 17th largest city, San Bernardino, was clamoring for his services and its 33rd largest city, Salinas, was desperately trying to hang onto him. Carrigan was in a position, as the saying goes, to write his own ticket. Less than a week later, on October 3, he was

thoroughly unemployed, having burned his bridges with both cities.

What happened?

Carrigan's progression toward the top of the municipal managerial trade — a respectable and well remunerated one — followed a progression only slightly different than most of those in the profession.

In 1996, the then 33-year-old Carrigan, who had a Bachelor of Science

degree in business administration from the University of Arizona and had fair-to-middling success in the private sector, resolved to try his hand in the public sector. Having started as a governmental employee at a slightly more advanced age than most, he had to work some basic, virtually entrance-level assignments as a public employee initially, but advanced rela-

tively rapidly. In his late thirties, he struck pay dirt, landing the first of a string of impressive positions, in this case that of economic development director in Stockton. He lasted in that post eight years. Thereafter, he worked as the assistant city manager of 25,000-population Sanger in Fresno County. In 2013, he was hired as the city manager of 37,000-population Los

Banos in Merced County. While there, Carrigan was a prime mover in an effort by city officials to develop a 1,585-acre industrial park along Interstate 5 and Highway 165. In 2015, the city council with 84,000-population Merced, the county seat of Merced County, hired him as city manager on a three-year contract. In 2018, the Merced City Council, suit- **See P 8**

Renteria, On The Lam Since Murdering His Grandparents And Uncle In January, Is Collared By Upland PD After His 4th Known Killing

Pete Renteria, who killed his grandparents and an uncle during what is believed to have been a psychotic episode in January, was taken into custody on Saturday, September 30 following his murder of another man.

At the time Renteria was captured, authorities did not know who he was or of his connection to the January slaughter of his relatives.

On January 30, 2023, one of the residents of a home located at 4804 Ramona Place, a usually quiet cul-de-sac in the unincorporated San Bernardino County area known as the West End situated north of Chino, south of Montclair, west of Ontario and east of Pomona and the Los Angeles County line, came into the domicile just after 9 p.m. There he found the lifeless bodies of three other residents of the home, Sonia C. Ramirez, 68; her husband, George M. Ramirez, 72; and their son, David Ramirez, also known as David Renteria, 43. The three had sustained multiple gunshot wounds.

Deputies with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department were summoned to the 1,350-square foot, two-story three-bedroom home at 9:09 p.m. Deputies working out of the Chino Hills Sheriff's Station, which is roughly 6.4 miles from the home, were dispatched to the scene, arriving there after a driving time of about 11 minutes.

During the initial investigation, nearby residents said they **See P 2**

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heard what they thought were fireworks going off earlier in the evening.

Though Ramona Place falls within an unincorporated county district, properties there bear Ontario mailing addresses, as the Ontario Post Office provides mail delivery to that area.

When Pete Renteria, the grandson of George and Sonia Ramirez, the nephew of David Renteria and one of the five occupants of the residence at 4804 Ramona Place, had not returned as of mid-day on January 31, the sheriff's department identified him as a person of interest in the investigation.

After two-and-a-half weeks of investigation, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department on February 17 identified Pete Renteria as the likely killer of George and Sonia Ramirez and David Renteria.

Pete Renteria, when he was 18 years old had been charged on February 25, 2012 with a violation of Penal Code § 246.3(A)-F: discharge of a firearm with gross negligence in the City of Fontana, for which he had been convicted and served 487 days confinement as a result. He was charged on December 7, 2013 with another felony, Penal Code § 246-F:

shooting at an inhabited dwelling/vehicle/etc. in the City of Upland. He was convicted in that case and sentenced to three years in state prison.

In 2020, Renteria was again charged on May 7 of that year with another felony, a violation of Penal Code § 29800(A)(1)-F: being a felon in possession of a firearm, and was convicted 19 days later, on May 26, 2020, of that charge. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison with the proviso that he would have to serve half that time.

Investigators learned that Pete Renteria had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and that he was in a constant state of fear based upon both real and imagined circumstances in his life. He had, on occasion, evinced or expressed a fear of members of his own family. For that reason, he had armed himself on multiple occasions in the past. From 2019 until January 2023, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department had responded to over five dozen disturbance calls or welfare check requests at the Ramona Place address.

Pete Renteria's bouts of paranoia had been controlled in the past by the administration of anti-psychotic medication.

In the course of his brushes with the law, he had also been arrested and convicted of use, or being under the influence, of a controlled substance and had failed to make several

court appearances. He was also charged with a violation of community supervision and the terms of his past probation. He had been subject to a court order in 2016 that he participate in a domestic violence counseling and educational program.

On February 17, the sheriff's department offered an unequivocal statement that Pete Renteria was considered the primary suspect in the killings of George and Sonia Ramirez and David Renteria, and that he was regarded as a fugitive. For nearly seven-and-a-half months, Pete Renteria had not openly returned to 4804 Ramona Place, and his whereabouts remained unknown.

Based upon conversations with Renteria's family members and the physicians that treated him, investigators learned that when Renteria went off of the anti-psychotic medication that had been prescribed for him, which has for most users undesirable side effects, symptoms of his mental illness would manifest, altering his behavior and leaving him prone to episodic violence. This represented a danger, as his fugitive status made it difficult or perhaps even impossible for him to get access to that medication, which he was already disinclined to regularly administer to himself, leaving him in a psychotic and volatile state.

It turns out that the 29-year-old Renteria had

not gone far afield from Ontario.

According to a posting on the Upland Police Department webpage on September 30, "On [Saturday] September 30, 2023, at approximately 11:55 AM, officers responded to a shots fired call at the southeast parking lot of Memorial Park. Eyewitnesses who were at the scene described seeing the suspect flee the location in a southwest direction immediately after the shooting. Upon their swift arrival, officers successfully located and apprehended the suspect in close proximity to the scene. In addition, officers retrieved what is believed to be the handgun used in the incident. Preliminary investigations suggest that the suspect had been involved in a prior altercation with the victim at the same location. It appears that the suspect returned later to specifically target the victim. As such, this shooting is believed to be a targeted incident and not a random act of violence against members of the public."

The information provided by the department continues, "The victim is a 34-year-old male out of Upland who was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officers and members of the San Bernardino County Fire Department rendered aid to no avail. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene."

The *Sentinel* has learned that the suspect taken into custody was

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Pete Renteria.

The department's September 30 posting stated, "The area around the southeast parking lot of Memorial Park has been thoroughly inspected and has been rendered safe. Residents and visitors can feel assured of their safety. We express our gratitude to the vigilant witnesses and the swift response from our officers, ensuring the safety and security of our community. We are committed to maintaining a safe environment for our residents and visitors."

Saturday morning, at the time of the shooting, Memorial Park was full of people, as a youth baseball game was in progress within close proximity to where the shooting occurred. Slightly more distant, a sponsored "shredding event" was taking place, one in which paper shredders were on hand for Upland residents to

use in destroying documents containing sensitive information. Shortly after the shooting, San Antonio Hospital, the grounds for which are adjacent to the park, was temporarily locked down.

Pete Renteria was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, and was booked into West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga. He was being held there on two separate grounds, one of those being an arrest warrant on murder, California Penal Code 187(a), charges pertaining to the deaths of his grandparents and uncle. He is also being held on the basis of the fatal shooting at Upland Memorial Park. He is being held without bail. He is scheduled for a court appearance on October 24 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 15 at the Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse.

-Mark Gutglueck

Yucaipa City Manager Is As Much A Developer As He Is A Public Official from front page

to make 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 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 mo-

tivations 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."

From shortly after Mann was brought in to replace Casey, a cross section of Yucaipa residents has been troubled by the conflict they perceive between having Mann serving in the role of city manager and overseeing the regulatory process relating to land use decision-making and planning functions while he is simultaneously working for and accepting money from developmental interests, the very entities the city is supposed to be holding in check. Among Mann Communications' major clients are residential developers Lennar,

Pardee, Meritage Homes, Richmond American, Holland Development, the Golshan Group, Rotkin Real Estate Group as well as Jacobsen Family Holdings, Turner Dale, Carlton Properties, Preferred Business Properties Real Estate Services and Oakmont Industrial Group.

The prime movers on the city council in the hiring of Mann were Mayor Beaver and council members Duncan and Garner. It was relatively widely known previously that Duncan was a real estate agent. His election to the council in 2012, followed by his reelection in 2016 and 2020 seemed to demonstrate that Yucaipa residents did not object to the real estate industry being given a place at the table in the discussion and decision-making process with regard to municipal policy.

With the hiring of Mann, however, some Yucaipa residents – of whom a few are quite vocal – have begun to question the wisdom of allowing the real estate and building industries inside access to City Hall.

This was exacerbated when Mayor Beaver, in attempting to justify forcing the resignation of Casey and the hiring of Mann, asserted Mann "has the right relationships to help our city work collaboratively throughout the region for the benefit of Yucaipa residents." It was Mann's relationships with Lennar, Pardee, Meritage Homes, Richmond American, Holland Development, the Golshan Group, Rotkin Real Estate Group, Jacobsen Family Holdings, Turner Dale, Carlton Properties, Preferred Business Prop-

erties Real Estate Services and Oakmont Industrial Group that came to the fore of many people's minds when Beaver made that utterance. Residents began to question their previous assumption that Beaver was a controlled growth advocate.

Garner, one of the primary owners of a large building materials company which does, he maintains, "over \$4 billion of business per year," was elected to the council last year. His ties to the development community did not raise any red flags before the election, but there is now a persistent perception that Duncan, Beaver and Garner compose a ruling council coalition intent on allowing aggressive development to take place in Yucaipa. The hiring of Mann as city manager is concomitantly

seen as a crucial element in implementing that pro-development policy.

In 2016, long before Mann was brought in as city manager, the city council adopted Ordinance 344, which established mobilehome park conversion standards. Ordinance 344 permitted proponents of projects to be built on property previously used as mobilehome parks to construct up to 16 residential units per acre on that land. Some Yucaipa residents at that time and since considered that density allowance to be too generous, since single family homes in Yucaipa historically fell within the common range of four to six units to an acre, with neighborhoods more recently developed in which eight-to-ten units to the acre were considered to be at the top end in terms of

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department statement continued, "Internet Crimes Against Children detectives previously received a cyber tip indicating that the suspect, 62-year-old Steven Frasher of Redlands, was downloading illicit child pornography images on the internet and had them saved within an internet storage account. Additionally, the suspect was found to be in posses-

sion of numerous images of child sexual abuse material on his electronic devices. The investigation is ongoing, and a forensic examination of the electronic devices will be conducted. The suspect was arrested and booked into a local jail facility, awaiting a court appearance." The arrest took place at 8 a.m. at the Frasher residence in 1500 block of Hanford Street in Redlands, timed to take place when Frasher's wife, who works as a kindergarten teacher in the Fontana Unified School District, was not present. Frasher,

who is employed by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department, was on the premises.

Frasher was remanded into the custody of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, which placed him in a hold at its Central Detention Center in San Bernardino rather than transporting him to the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga. Within several hours, Frasher was able to arrange for the posting of \$30,000 bail and was released.

The Redlands Police

Department was not involved in making Frasher's arrest, although the San Bernardino Police Department did inform its sister agency its officers were going to effectuate his arrest.

Frasher has not been charged by the district attorney's office with any crime and no court appearance for him has yet been scheduled.

Of note, as was stated in the release by the San Bernardino Police Department, is that Frasher's arrest a) followed a "tip" that came into the task force; b) was effectuated prior

to a forensic audit of his electronic devices; c) came while an investigation into the matter was yet ongoing; and d) while Detective Clint Walton, who is leading the investigation into Frasher, was still actively seeking "anyone with information regarding this incident."

There was, the *Sentinel* has learned, a discrepancy between what the Los Angeles Regional Crimes Against Children Task Force was told Frasher was engaged in and the materials and evidence discovered by the detectives with

the San Bernardino Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Specialized Crimes Unit when the search of Frasher's Redlands home was carried out. While that search provided a preliminary indication that images featuring children were contained within files on some of those devices, there was nothing turned up to suggest Frasher was producing such materials.

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Positions On The Upland City Council, Doled Out By A Mayor & Council With Their Own Imperatives, Are Coveted For The Social Prestige And Political Advantage They Represent from front page

their homes. It became a paradise of Victorian, then Edwardian and eventually Craftsman homes intersticed among citrus groves. From the time of the city's founding in 1906 onward into the middle of the 20th Century and then into the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, Upland rivaled Redlands on the Inland Empire's east side for the disputed claim to being the county's most stately city.

Today, more than two decades into the Third Millennium, that section of Upland above Foothill Boulevard, Old Route 66, remains, along with sections of Redlands, Chino Hills, Rancho Cucamonga and some neighborhoods in Lake Arrowhead, among the most majestic of expansive San Bernardino County's districts.

Upland Planning Commission members, who have traditionally been chosen on the basis of their own professional accomplishments, wisdom, social standing, sophistication and good taste, are entrusted with ensuring that Upland maintains its vaunted status. Moreover, the planning commission has long been considered, and in fact is, a training ground for at least some of those who ultimately make it onto the city council. Current Mayor Bill Velto was a longtime planning commission member who acceded to the position of chairman. Likewise, former councilwoman Carol Timm and former Councilman Sid Robinson were members of the planning

commission.

Membership on the commission is not easily or freely granted, and the competition for appointment to the panel can be stiff, so intense, in fact, that many who might otherwise apply do not out of a belief that doing so is futile, given that the path to membership involves prevailing over so many other well-qualified contenders.

An issue that has evolved, therefore, is the belief, which sometimes prevails and sometimes does not, that the field of candidates to serve on the planning commission is so deep with talent that some order of limitation on the number of terms one individual can serve should be imposed. In fact, such a limit has been put in place, but it is not absolute. While to gain membership on the Upland Planning Commission one must be a city resident of the age of majority nominated by the mayor and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the city council for appointment to a first term and reappointment to a second term, an individual cannot be granted a third term or more without being approved by a four-fifths vote of the council. This has, on occasion, resulted in some members having their incumbency curtailed, such as when in 2019 Shelly Verrinder, who at that point had served the entirety of two terms, was nominated for a third go-round in office by then-Mayor Debbie Stone but was prevented from continuing in that

position when four votes to keep her in place did not manifest.

In 2014, Carol Timm, who had originally been appointed to the planning commission in 1998, was nearing the close of her fourth consecutive four-year term in that appointed capacity and was confidently looking toward appointment to a fifth term. Then-Councilman Glenn Bozar, however, was able to convince his council colleagues that Timm should satisfy herself with the four bites of the planning commission apple she had already had. Timm was not reappointed but, based in no small measure upon the name recognition she had garnered in her capacity as a planning commissioner, she ran successfully for city council in that year's election, joining Bozar on the council dais as his equal.

Upland residents, chaffing at what is perceived as a few insiders' monopolization of planning commission berths, have not limited themselves to protesting merely about one individual acceding to repeated terms on the commission, but have extended their objections to allowing one person to continuously occupy the chairmanship of that august panel, as well. There grew a substantial determination on the part of some that the chairmanship of the commission should not reside with a single member of the commission for too long.

Gary Schwary was appointed to the Upland Planning Commission in 2002, reappointed in 2006 and then was granted a third term in 2010. Subsequently he was further entrusted with the

commission chairmanship, which is bestowed in two-year allotments. Schwary's aplomb in running the meetings and his ability to ensure inclusion of input from all parties and viewpoints was such that even those who disagreed with his own positions and votes on matters before the commission acknowledged that he was the model of what a presiding officer of a public panel should be. In 2015, his board colleagues elected him to a third two-year term as chairman and again, in 2017, to a fourth two-year term as chairman.

In 2019, an issue was made of the consideration that he had already had four terms as chairman conferred upon him and that renewing him as chairman would result in him having parliamentary control over the commission for a decade. As a consequence, the planning commission was encouraged to choose another chairman. It did so, designating Commissioner Robin Aspinall as chairwoman in August of that year. The city council approved that nomination and appointment. Aspinall was reappointed in August 2021.

Aspinall and Schwary are neighbors in one of north Upland's more upscale neighborhoods, which lies within Upland's First Council District.

Next year, the current term of First District Councilwoman Shanan Maust, elected in 2020, will elapse. Word is that she is leaning against seeking re-election, which, if true, would leave the contest to represent the First District wide open. Among the names heard as potential candidates in

that race are Aspinall and Schwary.

In August, Aspinall's second term as chairwoman of the commission expired. At the August 23, 2023 regular planning commission meeting, Commissioners Christine S. Caldwell and Brian Staton nominated Aspinall to continue serving as chairperson. The commission voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Aspinall to serve for two more years as chairwoman.

There are practical, legal and political considerations that go into decisions relating to commission appointments.

In 2020, a notable set of events involving the planning commission and the city council occurred. In February of that year, the planning commission, in two of its last open meetings before the COVID-19 crisis forced the revamping of public meetings as ones conducted remotely, engaged in action which is yet reverberating.

On February 12, 2020, the Upland Planning Commission, with then-Commissioner Alexander Novokov absent, considered a project proposal by Bridge Development Partners to construct on the west side of Upland a 201,096-square foot distribution center for on-line retail behemoth Amazon.

The commission decided by a margin of 3-to-2, with commissioners Gary Schwary, Linden Brouse and Yvette Walker prevailing and commissioners Robin Aspinall and Carolyn Anderson dissenting, to recommend that the city council not approve the project.

After two weeks during which the commission members were intensely

lobbied, the commission on February 26 met once more to reconsider the project despite its previous rejection, this time with Novokov present. Even though Novokov cast a vote against recommending approval of the project, two of the commissioners who had voted against the project previously – then-Commissioner Schwary and then-Commissioner Brouse – switched their votes, such that in a move unprecedented in Upland's history, the planning commission reversed itself, voting 4-to-2 to recommend that the city council approve the project.

On April 1, 2020, the Upland City Council by a 4-1 vote approved the project, in doing so accepting a \$17 million development agreement offered by Bridge Development Partners. That approval included the council's mitigated negative declaration, which is a far less exacting review of environmental considerations than an in-depth environmental impact report. Thereafter, a contingent of Upland citizens banded together as a group, taking on the name Upland Community First. The group's members retained attorney Cory Briggs, who then filed a petition for a writ of mandate, seeking from the court an order that the city revisit the environmental review process for the project, make a determination that the mitigated negative declaration was inadequate and require that a full-blown environmental impact report for the project be carried out before the project is allowed to proceed.

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Following His 2003 Move To Yucca Valley, Luckino Embarked On A Political Career, Which Morphed Into A Series Of Governmental Management Assignments *from front page*

the Yucca Valley Town Council.

His experience on the politically powerful but only tokenly-remunerated town council exposed him to a multiplicity of governmental administrative issues. He used his position on the Yucca Valley Town Council to vault into a position as finance officer with the Hi-Desert Water District. In 2011, when he was offered a promotion to the position of assistant general manager/chief financial officer with the water district paying \$139,000 in annual salary plus benefits, he resigned from the town

council. At that point, he had enrolled at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was remotely pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

In May 2013, Luckino learned that the position of finance director with the city of Blythe, which paid between \$94,000 and \$117,000 per year, was open. He was further informed that the city manager's position in the same Riverside County city on the banks of the Colorado River was also likely to open up later that year and that the finance director would stand a

decent chance of assuming the city manager post. Luckino took the pay cut, resigning from the Hi-Desert Water District.

Luckino's departure from the water district came as that entity was struggling with the financial challenges of having Yucca Valley comply with a state mandate to convert from its traditional septic systems to a sewer system in several phases over the next decade. Town voters in 2012 had voted down a sales tax measure put forth by town officials, which those officials said would be primarily devoted to funding the sewer program.

Though his abandonment of the Hi-Desert Water District left Yucca Valley in a bad way, his gamble in departing for Blyth paid off for him per-

sonally. By October 2013, he had his master's degree in public administration and the Blythe City Council, torn over elevating him or city clerk Mallory Sutterfield to the position of interim city manager, in a split 3-2 vote chose Luckino.

Less than two years later, in March 2015, the Twentynine Palms City Council, which had burned through two city managers – Richard Warne and Joe Guzzetta – in a relatively short period of time, unanimously voted to hire Luckino to replace acting city manager Larry Bowden. That arrangement was to Luckino's liking, as it eliminated for him a 286-mile daily commuting round trip.

Luckino has lasted eight-and-a-half years as Twentynine Palms city

manager. In that time, he has overseen progress toward the completion of Project Phoenix, a redevelopment project for the downtown area. That project was one of the last traditional redevelopment projects initiated under the State of California's former municipal redevelopment authority. Redevelopment projects statewide were discontinued pursuant to legislation approved in 2011, and Twentynine Palms had to wage a legal battle with the State of California to keep the bond financing for the project in place.

Luckino's political masters on the city council were satisfied – indeed pleased – with his performance as city manager. They were a bit taken aback by the sudden announcement of his pend-

ing departure. By one of his public utterances, Mayor McArthur Wright indicated he had not seen Luckino's resignation coming.

In Twentynine Palms, Luckino was being remunerated with an annual salary of \$194,373.85, pay add-ons and perquisites of \$16,758, benefits of \$43,166 and a contribution of 18,802.07 toward his pension for a total annual compensation of \$273,099.92. In Desert Hot Springs, Luckino is to be provided with a \$235,000 annual salary, deferred compensation of \$12,000, perquisites and benefits nearing \$56,000 per year and a city contribution of \$22,731.90 toward his pension, for a total annual compensation of roughly \$325,731.90.

-Mark Gutglueck

Police More Aggressive Than The DA With Regard To Frasher Child Porn Accusations *from page 3*

Force, which includes the San Bernardino Police Department as a member, has the technical ability to utilize cybernetic trapdoors or back doors to gain, through the internet, access to a computer or smart device remotely and make an analysis of its contents. That access can be gained without a warrant, but any data or information gleaned from a forensic examination carried out in that way would be inadmissible in a prosecution against the computer or device owner. If that access were to be gained under the auspices of a warrant, any incriminatory information obtained could be used in a prosecution. That methodology would allow investigators to determine not only if such offending material was present among the data recorded on the computer's hard drive or internally on the device, but how and when it came to be lodged there.

Based on the information released by the San Bernardino Police Department, if a warrantless back door/trapdoor were used prior to his arrest to scout Frasher's computers and devices that were vulnerable to such a search, it does not appear that any such contraband was detected at that time, although the limitations on available information render such a

conclusion uncertain.

The San Bernardino Police Department did not provide the precise basis for the issuance of the arrest and search warrants pertaining to Frasher, his domicile, his computers and his devices. It is possible but unlikely that a judge would issue an arrest and search warrant solely on the basis of an uncorroborated "tip" from an unnamed source.

Though Frasher did resign from the Redlands Planning Commission, there was nothing prior to his decision to do so that suggests Redlands officials had been supplied with any damning information indicating his guilt or that Redlands officials had requested or demanded his resignation.

The absence of a criminal filing by the district attorney's office might reflect a) that information relating to the matter was not shared with prosecutors in advance of Frasher's arrest; b) that the information/evidence obtained by the police department failed to establish Frasher's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; and/or c) caution on the part of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, which has been burned in the past on child pornography possession cases it prematurely pursued against local public figures.

In 1999 the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office sought a child pornography possession conviction against Dr. Geoffrey Hill, a civic

activist in San Bernardino County's mountain communities, based on two photographs of an unclothed child in his files. The photograph was subsequently determined to be one taken for legitimate purposes, but not until the action taken against Hill had severely damaged his reputation, resulting in his suicide. The prosecution of Hill on false pretenses contributed to then-District Attorney Dennis Stout being voted out of office in 2002.

In 2009, then-District Attorney Michael Ramos signed off on his office filing child pornography possession charges against San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee spokesman and finance committee chairman Sam Clauder, based upon images contained within the Clauder household computer that had been downloaded from the internet.

Clauder was arrested by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department on a child pornography possession charge following what turned out to be an inadequate investigation after Clauder's estranged wife, Lana Pittman, and Clauder's stepson, Trey Stancher, provided Clauder's computer to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office in Twin Peaks on July 7, 2008. Pittman and Stancher told investigators with the sheriff's department that Clauder had downloaded the images depicting sex acts involving children contained

on the computer's hard drive, maintaining the computer was password protected and they had no access to it. The sheriff's department carried out a less-than-exhaustive forensic examination of the computer, confirmed that it indeed contained prohibited photos of sexual activity involving children, and arrested Clauder.

Clauder maintained his innocence from the outset but was fired by Congressman Joe Baca from his position as a staffer in Baca's office after word of the arrest became public.

The district attorney's office proceeded with filing the case against Clauder, despite anomalies, including that the downloads in question were limited in scope and occurred during a very compressed timeframe. The case was assigned to Deputy District Attorney Maryanne Jung Won Choi. In late 2009 and again in the spring of 2010, Choi was provided with exculpatory evidence indicating Pittman and Stancher, rather than Clauder, were responsible for the downloads that had resulted in the charges against Clauder. That evidence included that when Pittman and Stancher submitted to a polygraph examination on January 8, 2009 and were questioned regarding their discovery of the images, both "failed" and made what were characterized as "inconsistent" statements. Sheriff's Deputy Brian Swann, however, deemed the allegations made by

Pittman and Stancher to be credible. It was the report sent over to the prosecutor's office by Swann and other sheriff's department employees that the district attorney's office based its prosecution of Clauder upon.

Choi failed to pass on to Clauder's defense team the full range of exculpatory material relating to the case, including findings by the sheriff's department's High Tech Crime Unit which cast doubt on whether Clauder was responsible for downloading the images.

Ultimately, in September 2012, the district attorney's office dismissed all criminal charges against Clauder after a computer forensics expert, Sheryl Katz, was able to establish that the images had been downloaded during a time when Clauder did not have access to the computer, which at that point was in the possession of his stepson and Pittman. The offending images downloaded onto the computer bore the tell-tale electronic signature cybernetically imprinted when they had been obtained via peer-to-peer networking software registered to Stancher's account. Despite Pittman and Stancher's assertion that they did not have the password to access the computer, the computer had some 30,000 system events, with daily activity, between May 1 and July 7, 2008, during which time Clauder was not living with Pittman and Stancher.

Faced with the data

Katz had unearthed, the sheriff's department, in the personage of Sergeant Roberto Lomeli, subjected Stancher to an interrogation. During the course of Lomeli's questioning, Stancher acknowledged an "uncontrollable hate" for his stepfather and that it was he who had downloaded the child pornography onto Clauder's computer.

Choi, who had previously refused to accept anything less than a guilty plea that would have subjected Clauder to at least four years in prison, requested that the case against Clauder be dismissed "in the interest of justice." The Superior Court, at Clauder's request, in December 2012, issued a finding of factual innocence in the case against him.

Frasher has dozens, and perhaps scores, of enemies. Until his resignation yesterday, he had been a member of the Redlands Planning Commission since 2012. During that time, Redlands City Hall, including the city council and the planning commission, has been out of step with a vocal and sizable contingent of residents opposed to aggressive growth and development within the city. Members of the city council and the planning commission have, consistently over the years that Frasher was an appointed city official, approved projects involving intensive land use and densification, including high rise

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Under Mann, The City Is Set To Go From Previously Allowing Mobile Home Parks To Be Redeveloped Into 16-Units-Per-Acre Housing To Even More Densely Packed 24-Units-To-The Acre Residential Subdivisions *from page 2*

density.

On September 6, preparatory for the then-upcoming September 25 city council meeting, the Yucaipa Planning Commission at its meeting discussed a proposed alteration of Ordinance 344 in the form of Ordinance 429. The upshot of that discussion was a decision by the planning commission to recommend that the city council adopt, at its September 25 meeting, Ordinance 429. Superseding elements of Ordinance 344, Ordinance 429 offered up language amending 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 within the circumscribed "overlay" district are now located, and would be able to do so without review/approval by the planning commission or the city council. Those replacement projects could entail densities of up to 24 units per acre. In addition, Ordinance 429 calls for a "streamlined process" in making those conversions, indeed empowering city staff – i.e., Mann, Director of Development Services Fermin Preciado, Deputy Director of Community

Development Benjamin Matlock or Associate Planner Madeline Jordan – to approve those projects/conversions on their own authority.

There are 42 mobilehome parks in Yucaipa. Seven of those – Westwind, Mountain View, Melody Lane, Hide-A-Way, Hitching Post, Las Casitas and Holiday Mobile Rancho – fall within the Mobilehome Park 3 Overlay. In that way, Westwind, with its 86 units; Mountain View, with its 77 units; Melody Lane, with its 32 units; Hide-a-way, with its 46 units; Hitching Post, with its 109 units, Las Casitas, with its 68 units and Holiday Mobile Rancho, with its 129 units, are targeted for easy and expedited removal.

Ultimately, based on calculations the *Sentinel* can make based upon the somewhat inexact available documentation pertaining to the overall acreage the seven trailer parks in question entail, the eventual owner or owners of those seven parks would be able to develop 1,128 units on the approximately 47 acres that would

become available for development if and when the mobilehome parks' owners opt to convert those seven properties.

Some Yucaipans, primarily 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 Ordinance 429 as providing Mann with even more authority.

According to Deputy Director of Community Development Benjamin Matlock, the provision of Ordinance 429 creating the Mobilehome Park 3 Overlay which zooms the number of permitted units per acre to be developed to 24 applies only to the seven circumscribed mobilehome parks. He indicated that Ordinance 429 merely gives the owners of those properties the option of redeveloping them as residential units at that level of density, since they could choose to develop at a lower density or could instead not make any conversion. The benefit to the city of allowing such properties to be built to that degree

of density, Matlock said, is that doing so would help the city achieve the goal of meeting the mandate of accommodating, theoretically, the construction of more than 2,800 total housing units under the guidelines of the State of California's so-called Regional Housing Need Allocation process.

That program, administered and monitored by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, determines the total housing need for each region and regional subjurisdiction in the state. The Regional Housing Need Assessment makes a determination of the number of dwelling units according to affordability type each community is to accommodate over an eight-year period, in this case during the October 2021-to-October 2029 planning cycle. According to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Yucaipa must allow for the construction of 2,859 dwelling units by October 2029, of which 714 are to house those of very low income, 495 are

to be for those with low income, 509 are for those in the moderate-income bracket, and 1,142 are to be home to those of an above moderate income.

Matlock said that by converting some of the city's more dilapidated trailer parks into high density housing, the city will ensure that affordable housing stock is available in Yucaipa in the future.

The *Sentinel* was unable, by press time, to induce Mann to go on the record with regard to the perception that he is intent on intensifying density within the City of Yucaipa in accordance with the interests of the building industry and land speculators.

Residents of the city's mobilehome parks have told the *Sentinel* that they are concerned that within the next generation, Yucaipa, which has historically been more accommodating of mobilehome parks than virtually every other city in Southern California, will have eliminated the lion's share of the 42 trailer parks that are in the city at present.

-Mark Gutglueck

Arrest Prompts Frasher's Resignation *from page 4*

projects in the downtown area, in some cases approaching 100 residential units per acre.

In that same time-frame, Frasher has been a member of a coalition of city officials pushing for the city's adoption of an official policy embracing accelerated development by erasing the low-growth, slow-growth and controlled-growth initiatives – Proposition R in 1978, Measure N in 1987 and Measure U in 1997 – passed by Redlands' voters. In 2020, those pro-growth oriented city officials, of whom Frasher was a part, sought to get the city's voters to approve Measure G, which would have rescinded Proposition R, Measure N and Measure U in one fell swoop. The city's voters overwhelming, by a 64.88 percent to 35.12 percent margin, rejected Measure G. A substantial cross section of the city's residents who are opposed to accelerated development has come to collectively believe that most, if not all, of the current city council and their

planning commission appointees are in the pocket of the building industry. Frasher, who had acceded to the chairmanship of the planning commission, was widely perceived as a prime mover of the city's aggressive growth agenda.

An accusation of any manifestation of pedophilia in modern American society carries with it an overwhelmingly discrediting effect.

Computer hacking is an increasingly common phenomenon. A variety of methods is available to hackers to gain access to computers that are linked to the internet, including sending to a victim an email or pop-up with a deceptive message to induce the recipient to click a link, which will allow access through the same type of back door or trapdoor that law enforcement investigators can exploit to get access to a computer's hard drive. Through that link, without the computer user's knowledge, material of any sort, including pornographic images, can be infiltrated to the target hard drive. This would leave a cybernetic fingerprint, but unless a concerted effort at analysis were to be performed, that

infiltration route would not be apparent. Unless investigators were to go to the effort of conducting such a forensic examination, the

discovery of offending images on a hard drive could prove sufficient grounds to effectuate the arrest of, and initiate criminal charges

against, that computer's or device's owner.

Frasher did not respond to efforts, via email and phone, to elicit a statement

from him regarding his arrest and decision to resign from the planning commission.

-Mark Gutglueck

Upland Planning Commission Appointment Inconsistencies *from page 3*

First legal filing, any action toward the completion of the project, including site grading has been suspended. A ruling by Judge David Cohn found some elements of the environmental challenge to be valid, further blocking the project from proceeding. Bridge, Amazon, the city and their respective legal teams are yet engaged in action and discussions that have not been publicly disclosed which are intended to find some solution that will allow the project to move ahead, including plugging the gaps in the environmental reporting with regard to the project that tripped it up previously. As a direct consequence of her vote against the project, Walker was bounced off the planning commission by then-Mayor Debbie Stone. Because of their initial votes against the project,

Schwary and Brouse were viewed with some degree of skepticism, and they are no longer members of the planning commission.

At its first meeting last month on September 11, the Upland City Council considered the ratification of the planning commission's appointment, the previous month, of Robin Aspinall to serve as chairperson of the planning commission for a third consecutive term. The council confirmed that appointment.

A possible implication in that vote is that it will allow Aspinall to run for city council in the First District next year while she is serving in the capacity of not only a member of the planning commission but as its chairwoman, perhaps giving her a leg up on the competition.

With the issues relating to the Amazon warehouse still up in the air and the legal sparring over it yet ongoing, the majority of the city council as it is now composed would in

all likelihood prefer that Councilwoman Maust be replaced with a member who will support the city's position in trying to get the court to allow the warehouse project as approved to proceed. Aspinall, who supported the warehouse project all along, fits that bill. The council, on the other hand, may be a bit less enthusiastic in its attitude toward Schwary, who initially voted against the warehouse project before acceding to the pressure and coming around to support it when an unprecedented second vote on the matter was taken.

The Upland City Council, in its determinations with regard to who should be appointed and/or reappointed to the planning commission, has been less than consistent. It has not followed a single standard with regard to the criteria for appointment and who should remain in place and who should be cleared out to make way for a replacement, who should be privileged to head

the panel as chairman or chairwoman and who should defer to others who are to take his or her place. If there is a consistency, it does not appear to be one of dispassion and impartial evaluation, but rather of whether the individual to be appointed has views which align with the political goals of, and the positions already taken by, the council members who have the power of appointment.

By all reports, Schwary and Aspinall, neighbors and former commission colleagues, are close friends. With circumstances and ongoing events on a trajectory toward seeing them vying against one another for First District councilman or councilwoman next year, that friendship might be put to the test. Upland history, California history, American history, indeed world history, is chock full of examples in which politics has transformed close friends into dire enemies.

-Mark Gutglueck

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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.

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 Phone: (909) 640-8250 penaloza.angeles@gmail.com

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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.

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). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on August 11, 18, 25 & September 1, 2023. Corrected on September 15, 22, 29 and October 5, 2023.

FBN 20230008333 The following entity is do-

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ing 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 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 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 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,

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 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 22, 29 and October 6 & 13, 2023.

FBN 20230009381 The following entity is do-

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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

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.

NOTICE OF PUBIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction pursuant to Sections 21701-21716 of the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act. A public lien sale will be conducted by www.storage-treasures.com on the 27th day of October 2023, at or after 9:00 am. The property is stored by All American Storage Ontario located at 505 S. Mountain Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762. Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. All American Storage Ontario reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: miscellaneous personal and household goods stored by the following persons:

- Unit Name C002 Ricky Alvarez C162 Guadalupe Hernandez D038 Oreste Leyva Monagas E082 Lashae McCraw E049 Philecia E Patterson E008 Jorge G Sanchez Sengura D062 Jamie Hoffman C075 Joseph Bustillos B024 Juanita A Cabrera B052 Reynaldo Aguilar E036 Desiree Brannon D011 German D Baldizon D109 Jason Arenas D090 Soledad Martinez E005 Carla D Johnson Dated: 10/4/2023 Signed: Garrett Gossett storage-treasures.com Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party. Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel October 6 & 13, 2023.

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.

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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/ GEORGEANN 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 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 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 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 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.

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

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 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.

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 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. 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

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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB 2323256 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANTHONY JASON VAZQUEZ filed with this 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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Alicia Gamboa Case NO. PROVA2300006

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alexis Gamboa 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 11/01/2023 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 17780 Arrowhead Blvd, San Bernardino District-Probate Division

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.

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FBN 202300010013 The following person is doing business as SANTIAGO'S APPLIANCE, 273 WEST E ST COLTON, CA 92324 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO FILIBERTO RODRIGUEZ 273 WEST E ST COLTON, CA 92324; AGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ JIMENEZ 273 WEST E ST COLTON, CA 92324. The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. 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/ FILIBERTO RODRIGUEZ, GENERAL PARTNER. Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 02, 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

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FBN 20230009909 The following person is doing business as DUCTH MOTEL, 25252 REDLANDS BLVD LOMA LINDA, CA 92354 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NEO'S HOSPITALITY, INC. 25252 REDLANDS BLVD LOMA LINDA CA 92354. 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/ PRIYADERSHINI Y. PATEL, SECRETARY. Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 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

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FBN 202300010007 The following person is doing business as A&J INTERIOR TILE, 2549 N QUINCE AVE RIALTO, CA 92377 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO A&J BUILD & DESIGN, INC 2549 N QUINCE AVE RIALTO, CA 92377. The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares 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/ ALEX C. ARREOLA, PRESIDENT. Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 02, 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

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FBN 20230009972 The following person is doing business as SAVE MONEY AUTO SALES, 822 W VALLEY BLVD RIALTO, CA 92376 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AUTO CENTER SALES INC 822 W VALLEY BLVD RIALTO, CA 92376. 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/ KHALID E. FAKHOURY, PRESIDENT. Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 29, 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 10/06/2023, 10/13/2023, 10/20/2023, 10/27/2023 CNBB40202306MT

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FBN 20230009941 The following person is doing business as ACE SOLAR CARE, 7996 JUNIPER AVE FONTANA, CA 92336 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ACE SOLAR CARE, LLC 7996 JUNIPER AVE FONTANA, CA 92336. The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ FERNANDO MENDOZA SANTANA, MANAGING MEMBER. Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 29, 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 10/06/2023, 10/13/2023, 10/20/2023, 10/27/2023 CNBB40202307MT

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Changing His Mind After Spurning Salinas For SB, Carrigan Spurned SB For Salinas; Then Salinas Spurned Him from front page

ably impressed with his performance, extended his managerial contract. Things continued to go swimmingly for Carrigan in Merced, but in 2020, the COVID-19 crisis hit. Carrigan sought to get on board with the State of California's response to the pandemic, and when Gavin Newsom, California's Democratic governor, issued a series of mandates in the late winter and spring of that year, Carrigan moved rapidly in an effort to seamlessly make the transition from the conventional governmental operational mode to crisis mode in keeping with those mandates and using his authority as city manager to make public fund expenditures to carry out Newsom's orders. That did not sit well with then-Merced Mayor Mike Murphy, a Republican, who, with other members of his party, was questioning the rationale for the governor's measures, believing they were doing damage to the economy and squandering local taxpayer money needlessly. In the face of Newsom's demands, Murphy believed the proper stance was to make a show of dissent or defiance to Sacramento. When Carrigan sought to defend having complied with the state mandates, Murphy even more pointedly charged Carrigan with withholding information from the council. Perceiving that

the mayor had sufficient votes to terminate him, Carrigan in July 2020 departed as city manager.

Having fallen from, or being knocked from atop, the Merced horse, Carrigan immediately moved to mount another steed. When Ray Corpuz, Jr. left the position of Salinas' city manager in September 2020, Carrigan applied for that position. In a competition against 77 other applicants, he underwent interviews by the mayor and members of the city council in place prior to the November 2020 election and then further interviews with the new mayor and reconstituted council after the election. Ultimately, on the scorecards of the council as it was composed prior to the election and the council after the election, Carrigan was deemed the most suitable candidate and given a contract as city manager in January 2021.

In Salinas, a substantial amount of Carrigan's time was spent dealing with the city's institutionalized budget deficit, crime, homelessness and efforts to create affordable housing. He was given high marks all around for the progress he was making.

In the meantime, 355 miles away in the southern part of the state, another county seat, San Bernardino, had long been wrestling with similar bedeviling issues. That city was consistently ranked as being anywhere between the eighth and 52nd most crime-ridden city in the country over a period of a dozen years. Beset with a recalcitrant homelessness problem, the city had been in a downward economic spiral that was triggered when the Department of Defense in 1994 shuttered Norton Air

Force Base, which had been a primary economic engine locally since the Second World War. In 2012, the city had filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection. From 2009 until 2022, it had burned through no fewer than seven city managers - Charles McNeely, Andrea Travis-Miller, Allen Parker, Mark Scott, Travis-Miller again, Teri LeDoux and Robert Field - and two interim city managers. Earlier this year, the city had contracted with McNeely, now retired, to guide the city while a city manager was sought. The city advertised widely that it was seeking a city manager, employing the Berkeley-based head-hunting firm of Gallagher Benefit Services, which is also known as Koff & Associates, to carry out the recruitment effort and do a preliminary evaluation of the responses to inform the council in its determination as to which of those applicants were best suited and merited closer scrutiny by the mayor and seven council members, who were charged with making the ultimate hiring decision.

There were no fewer than 68 applicants for the post, Carrigan among them.

The Sentinel received a report that one of those applicants was so impressive that by mid-summer, seven of the eight decision-makers were determined to hire that candidate. When someone with the city, the Sentinel is told, approached a member of the city council in the city that currently employs that individual and thereby let the candidate's political masters know about the application, the candidate, at that time uncertain of being ex-

tended a job offer in San Bernardino, withdrew. The council redoubled its examination of the field of applicants, which by that point had been winnowed to roughly a dozen semi-finalists. From that group, according to sources, "about four" finalists were arrived at by mid-August. Shortly thereafter, Mayor Helen Tran and council members Ted Sanchez, Sandra Ibarra, Juan Figueroa and Fred Shorett were leaning heavily in favor of extending an offer to Carrigan, the Sentinel was reliably informed. Councilman Damon Alexander was favorably impressed with Carrigan, but not 100 percent sold. Council members Ben Reynoso and Kimberly Calvin were in favor of considering other applicants more seriously or widening the selection field.

On August 28, the city council was set to meet in a specially-called closed session and make a decision on extending a job offer to the leading candidate, who, at that time was Carrigan. Carrigan, anticipating his hiring was imminent, informed members of the Salinas City Council on August 26 that he had applied for the San Bernardino job. The August 28 meeting concluded, however, with no vote to make that job offer. At the San Bernardino City Council's first regularly scheduled meeting in September on September 6, a decision was reached in closed session to hire Carrigan. In announcing that decision during the public portion of the September 6 meeting, City Attorney Sonia Carvalho stopped short of identifying Carrigan by name, stating that the official hiring decision would take place in open

public session at the council meeting on October 4 and that full details would become publicly available with the September 29 release of the agenda for the October 4 meeting.

On September 28, however, Carrigan had an abrupt change of heart. He called Gallagher Benefit Services and informed the company he would not take the San Bernardino job, after all. He then drafted a memo to the Salinas municipal staff. "Earlier this morning," he began, "I contacted the recruiter and removed my name from consideration for the position of San Bernardino city manager. 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. 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. I cannot see myself working anywhere else."

Carrigan then alluded to something many people already knew, that a huge element of his decision to remain in Salinas was based on his desire to maintain the relationship he had developed over the previous two years with Salinas City Elementary School Superintendent Rebeca Andrade. "I have met someone in Salinas that I'm crazy about," he wrote.

In San Bernardino there was a mad scramble on at City Hall, particularly in the city clerk's office, where staff had to redraft the nearly fully prepared October 4 city council meeting agenda by deleting the item relat-

ing to Carrigan's employment with the city and renumbering the items that followed it on the agenda, with each given an identifying number one less than what had already been assigned, and likewise altering the agenda packet to remove the staff report relating to and recommending Carrigan's hiring, which was augmented with an employment agreement.

Over the weekend of September 30/October 1, Carrigan was looking forward to life with renewed purpose: continuing to meet, and overcome, even more than before, the challenges facing Salinas.

On October 4, the day that the San Bernardino City Council would have voted on approving his contract with the city that would have provided him with a \$291,000 annual salary, pay add-ons and perquisites worth \$16,000 or thereabouts and benefits/deferred compensation in the range of \$89,000 for a total annual compensation of \$396,000, six of the seven Salinas City Council members met in a two-hour closed session, after which it was announced they had voted 6-to-0 to terminate Carrigan from his \$355,899.38 total annual compensation job as city manager.

While it is yet possible that he will be able to find another municipal management posting elsewhere, the circumstances that ultimately led to Carrigan's current state of unemployment might make that difficult. Reportedly, he is now seeking employment with a non-profit organization that will pay him less than one-fourth of what he was earning as Salinas city manager.

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