

County Transportation Agency Gives Up On Light Rail Gold Line Commuting System

In an action of significant implication, the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency's board of directors, by a 15-to-11 ratio of those participating, on Wednesday, September 3, opted out of extending the Gold Line light rail transportation system into San Bernardino County.

The decision was one of historic proportion, as the dedicated commuter line, which links

up nearly all of Los Angeles County from west to east, has established itself as among the premier light rail systems in the country alongside those in Portland, Boston and San Francisco. The efficiency of the Gold Line, which is also referred to as the A Line, with its dual tracks and frequent arrivals and departures, has substantial enough ridership levels that it has mitigated freeway clogging by re-

ducing volume on them by thousands of cars per day on the west side of the San Bernardino County/Los Angeles County Line.

After construction of the Gold Line was initiated in 1994, its first phase was completed in 2003. Currently, service runs from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Azusa. An extension of the dual tracks has now been laid entirely Azusa to Pomona, which

will become operative upon the completion of testing and inspection.

While conceptually, there had always been the vision of having the Gold Line eventually run from Los Angeles to Palm Springs, more than a decade ago, serious discussion with regard to arranging the extension of the Gold Line from its eventual easternmost station in Los Angeles County in Claremont eastward in gradual

extensions, first to the Montclair Transit Center in Montclair and then to Ontario International Airport in Ontario. Between 2015 and 2019, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's predecessor, San Bernardino Association of Governments, known by its acronym SanBAG, had committed to completing the first phase of the intercounty transportation system, obtaining a \$41 million See P 2

Warehouse-Rich Yucaipa Freeway Corridor Plan Update Prompts Referendum To Rescind It

The Yucaipa City Council's August 25 vote to approve the long-gestating update of the city Freeway Corridor Specific Plan and a parallel proposal to construct two large warehouses within that designated area has triggered an effort by residents of the local area to seek a referendum rescinding that action.

The previously applicable development standards and blueprint for land use and its intensity in the 1,242 acres along the freeway and surrounding areas in Yucaipa was adopted in November 2008 as the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan. The planning document allowed for the construction of up to 2,447 residential units on 424.7 acres and up to 4,585,779 square feet of nonresidential uses on 242.7 acres within the 1,242-acre area.

In recent years, a handful of projects that were proposed and approved, taken together with development proposals on within the 1,241-acre expanse prompted calls for the specific plan's adjustment. Almost one year ago, the Palmer, Robinson, and Issa families sought permission to construct warehouses along Live Oak Canyon. Then-Mayor Justin Beaver, Councilman Chris Venable and then-Councilman Matt Garner balked at the proposal, while then-Councilman Bobby Duncan and then-Councilman Jon Thorp were willing to let the projects proceed. See P 3

SBC's Politicians & Administrators

By Mark Gutglueck
Political corruption figure Bill Postmus has reemerged as a participant in San Bernardino County government's land use and decision-making processes that bear upon the provision of taxpayer subsidizations to investors and sponsors of development proposals at various locations throughout the county.

The lack of transparency of the competitive process for the assistance programs, the nature of Postmus's criminal convictions which included bribery, the business model of Postmus's current operation, Postmus previous success in obtaining questionable favorable decisions for himself and his clients and the casual manner in which the county's high-

Welcome Postmus Back Into The Governmental Fold

est-ranking administrative and political figures have welcomed him into the application process involving decisions upon which millions of dollars are riding has created concern about the integrity of those public officials.

In the mid-1990s, Postmus, having grown up in the Victor Valley and graduated from Redlands University

with a business degree, surveyed the social landscape of the High Desert, concluding that the region's predominant political conservatism presented him with a magnificent career opportunity. Reinventing himself as an earnest advocate for Christian family values and a rock-ribbed Republican, he went to work for then-Assemblywoman Kath-

leen Honeycutt, and together with Keith Olberg, his Redlands University acquaintance Brad Mitselfelt and Honeycutt's son, Tad, founded the High Desert Young Republicans. After Olberg acceded to a position in the Assembly, the Young Republicans' focus next turned to preparing Postmus for political office. After he achieved an appointment See P 2

Systemic Educational Program Fraud Allegations Rock San Bernardino County School Districts

By Carlos Avalos
A comprehensive complaint filed with the San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller-Tax Collector, Ensen Mason, has revealed what appears to be a systematic pattern of educational fraud, constitutional violations, and civil rights abuses spanning multiple school districts under County Superintendent

Ted Alejandro's oversight. The allegations, if substantiated, represent one of the most serious cases of educational funding manipulation in recent California history. The complaint centers on alleged Constitutional violations of Article IX, Section 5 of the California Constitution, which guarantees free public education. The districts

in question, Etiwanda, Alta Loma, and Upland, are accused of operating what amounts to a "pay-to-play" public education system that directly contravenes this fundamental constitutional principle.

These practices also raise serious Federal Constitutional Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protec- See P 3

Southern California Deportations, On

By Richard Hernandez
Federal officials acknowledge there has been a lull in anti-illegal immigration law enforcement in most of Southern California since U.S. District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong's July 12 ruling which prevented federal immigration officials from conducting "roving patrols" aimed at finding and detaining those

who fit what the Donald Trump Administration maintains is a logically-derived and therefore constitutional profile of individuals likely to be in the country illegally. Nevertheless, federal officials say their effort to ascertain the citizenship status and deport those who do not have current visas or permission to be in the country will in a very short time resume

Hold Temporarily, About To Resume

with even more intensity than before.

After hearing the July 10 testimony of Sean Skedzielewski, counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the United States Department of Justice, who offered a defense of the aggressive immigration enforcement activities the federal government had initiated in early June and explaining what grounds

State H₂O Board Probing Missing Bunker Hill Basin Overdraft Logs

It is anticipated that California Water Resources Board officials and lawyers with that agency will have fully examined documentation, water use records and historical litigation rulings contesting the propriety of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians ongoing diversion of water in the Bunker Hill Water Basin by September 12.

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Amendment's guarantee of due process. According to Judge Frimpong, using race, ethnicity, language, accent, physical whereabouts or employment as a basis for immigration enforcement runs afoul of the 4th Amendment and its prohibition barring unreasonable searches and seizures by the government. She said the available evidence See P 7

Masquerading As A Rockribbed Conservative, Postmus Took Control Of The SBC GOP In The Early 20000s, Benefiting Himself & His Cronies Through Graft

from front page

to the Victorville Planning Commission and wangled being selected as that panel's chairman, he vied successfully in 2000 for First District County supervisor. As the fifth youngest supervisor in county history, Postmus intensified his activism on the part of the Republican Party, ensuring again and again that those political donors who showed generosity toward him and his fellow Republican officeholders. In 2004, he had consolidated his political hold by being selected as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the third-youngest in county history, while simultaneously being made chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee. That year he was handily reelected to the board of supervisors.

Thereafter, Postmus's exploitation of his political authority expanded geometrically, at which point he began shaking virtually everyone who had any type of business before the board of supervisors for "donations," which were tantamount to bribes, to his electioneering fund or those of his allies. By 2005, he recognized that the role of county assessor – the highest taxing authority in the county in which he had the discretion to increase the tax levied on property, machinery, factories and business operations throughout the county or lower it at will – would empower him to collect ever more money in political donations. In 2006, he ran what to this day remains the most expensive campaign for a county elected position in San Bernardino County history, involving the raising and spending of more than \$3 million, to defeat the incumbent assessor, Don Williamson. Upon becoming assessor, he filled 11 of the assessor's offices 13 highest ranking-and-paying staff positions with his own supporters or Re-

publican Party political operatives who had no experience, expertise or training in assessing the value of property, buildings, machinery or assets. By 2008, the degree to which Postmus was not only corrupting the function of the assessor's office but had been a corrosive influence on county government when he was on the board of supervisors had become ever more apparent. By 2009 the San Bernardino County Grand Jury, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and the California Attorney General's Office were on to what Postmus was up to. He was forced to resign as assessor and in June 2009 and then again in February 2010 he was charged with a series of political corruption charges. In March 2011, he entered guilty pleas on 14 political corruption charges, including bribery, solicitation of a bribe, acceptance of a bribe, conspiracy to receive a bribe, misappropriation of public funds, conflict of interest by a public official and perjury. His conviction on the conflict of interest by

a public official charge carried with it a prohibition on him ever holding public elected office in California.

In 2013, desperate to get back into the political game but faced with the reality that he could never again serve in a publicly elected capacity, Postmus sojourned to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he set up a business, Mountain States Consulting Group LLC. He then registered Mountain States Consulting Group as a Wyoming domestic limited liability company with the Wyoming Secretary of State's corporate division.

Having been involved in bribetaking and other forms of graft and corruption, Postmus was acutely conscious of the potential pitfalls in such activity and precisely how it was that he had been caught. Through his time in office, his arrests and ensuing prosecution and conviction, Postmus gained an implicit and explicit understanding of how the political and justice systems work and mesh, as well as both the reach and limitations of the prosecutorial arm

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of the government in making politicians adhere to the law. He had attained a flawless feel for the circular pay-to-play element of control and governance where politicians take in money from those with an interest in the governmental decision-making process, use that money to get into office or stay in office and vote to approve the development projects or the contracts or the franchises of those who have donated that money.

With Mountain States Consulting Group, Postmus created a political money laundering op-

eration, a device by which politicians can engage in pay-to-play trade-offs without getting caught and being stigmatized with criminal convictions as he had been. Mountain States Consulting Group takes money originating with individuals or companies with a stake in governmental decisions, launders that money through his company and then provides that cash, either as political donations or payments in some other form to the politicians making those decisions. Postmus employs Mountain States Consulting

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A Decade Ago San Bernardino County Committed To The High Ridership Volume Light Rail Gold Line & Pulled The Plug On It In 2019

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State of California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant to go toward the completion of the first phase of that extension to Montclair.

In 2019, by which time SanBAG had been transformed into the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and was going by the acronym SBCTA, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Chief Executive Officer Raymond Wolfe had become convinced that rail lines did not represent a viable solution to the region's transportation dilemma. Wolfe believed that a combination of factors, including

land acquisition costs for the rail line and the very poor train ridership figures demonstrated by the existing MetroLink commuter rail system in San Bernardino County, augered against San Bernardino County investing in the Gold Line. At the October 10, 2019 meeting of SBCTA's 12-member transit committee, Wolfe made his case for abandoning the project to complete first leg of the Gold Line's progression out of Los Angeles County to Ontario Airport, consisting of constructing the dual tracks one-and-a-quarter miles from Claremont to the Montclair Transit Station. Eight of the transit committee's members – Third District San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe and Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Lloyd Dennis Michael, then-Big Bear Councilman Bill Jahn, then-Yucaipa Councilman David Avila, High-

land Councilman Larry McCallon, Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren, Colton Mayor Frank Navarro, and Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson – voted to back Wolfe. Only Montclair Mayor John Dutrey, Ontario City Councilman Alan Wapner and Chino Hills Mayor Ray Marquez opposed his plan to scrub the county's support of the Gold Line.

By the committee's vote, San Bernardino County relinquished the \$41 million State of California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant.

In the aftermath of that vote, the Metro Rail Construction Authority and its contractor, Kiewit-Parsons completed the 1.9 mile extension of the Gold Line from Azusa to Glendora and embarked on the \$1.5 billion effort to extend the dual-track light rail line to three stations lying further east on the

Metro A Line, those being San Dimas, La Verne and Pomona.

In the time since, ridership on the single-track heavy rail transportation system, MetroLink, remained poor and declined, exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. After the end of the coronavirus crisis, the number of MetroLink passengers did not return to their already-weak numbers. Simultaneously, as the residents of the San Gabriel Mountains learned of the Gold Line, its use magnified.

With its dual-tracks, the Gold Line had the advantage of allowing eastbound and westbound trains to run simultaneously. In this way, during the rush hour/heavy commuting hours of 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. when demand for westward travel was at its heaviest and from 4:30 p.m. until 7: p.m. when the number of passengers going

east reached their peak, departures from the stations took place a quickly as every seven to nine minutes. This resulted in roughly 15,000 fewer car trips on those portions of the 210, 10 and 60 freeways in Los Angeles County.

This contrasted with the MetroLink system in San Bernardino County. MetroLink, which runs on a single line that also accommodates traditional freight-moving trains and connects Union Station and its station at the University of Redlands, utilizes trains that depart, at most, once every 61 minutes.

That chapter with regard to the future of light-rail commuting San Bernardino County persisted for nearly four years, with the plans to take the Gold Line beyond Claremont dead, or at least dormant. Still much lobbying was taking place quietly in the back corridors and

rooms of power and governance, the upshot of which was that San Bernardino County transportation officials should ponderously reexamine what they had done.

While the Metro Rail Construction Authority remained committed to finishing the line all the way to Pomona and was intent on lining up the funding to plan toward extending the line from Pomona to Claremont, urban planners, state legislators whose districts straddled both Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties and state transportation officials took note of the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency's action canceling the Gold Line extension. To a cross section of them, SBCTA's action in accepting and actuating Wolfe's recommendation was a shortsighted mis-carriage of policy. They believed the heavy rail,

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Haros Arraigned As Media Frenzy, Fueled by Investigative Leaks, Diminishes

After a delay of more than a week, Jake and Rebecca Haro were arraigned in Riverside Superior Court on September 4 on one charge each in the murder of their son and filing a false police report.

The arraignment took place 21 days after Rebecca, bearing a blackened right eye, reported that she had been knocked unconscious in the parking lot of the Yucaipa Big 5 sporting goods store while she was changing the diaper of her 7-month-old son, Emmanuel, as he lay on the backseat of the family car, whereupon she came to and discovered that he was gone. That report had triggered a frenzied search for the child and his alleged abductor, one that ranged through contiguous Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Kern counties. Within 48 hours, San Bernardino County Sheriff's detectives delving into the matter found inconsistencies in the story Rebecca and her husband told and retold them, and their focus shifted. The investigation of the Haros intensified when it was learned that Jake had been arrested in 2018 along with his then wife, Vanessa Avina, when it was learned that their then-six week old daughter, Carolina Rose, had recently suffered a broken rib and had five other partially healed broken ribs, a healing skull fracture, bleeding of the brain, a neck injury and a healing broken leg bone. The case against both Avina and Jake dragged on for five years, during which time their marriage ended in divorce and the child, who was left severely disabled for life as a result of her injuries, was adopted by Avina's sister. In 2023, Haro and Avina were convicted of willful abuse of a child, with Jake Haro having been given a four-year sentence that was suspended in lieu of probation. At the time of Emmanuel's disappearance, Jake was facing the potential of having that probation revoked after he had been caught in possession of a firearm.

The missing child/kidnap investigation, which was yet being conducted by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, shifted to one in which the premise was that the parents were involved in the disappearance of their son.

As part of its investigative strategy, members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department team working the case provided snippets of information to selected members of the press as well as social media influencers who had initially latched onto the effort to find Baby Emmanuel as a cause célèbre. This was done both with and without the explicit permission of homicide division Sergeant Nicholas Clark, who was heading the investigation. The hope was that, as the matter morphed from a missing child search to one in which suspicion had fallen on the parents, that Jake and Rebecca might be broken under the strain of continual revelations and the glare of negative publicity and that one or two or perhaps more of the newfangled breed of citizen journalists with their unorthodox methods of "newsgathering" might stumble upon something useful in the probe that had eluded the department's investigators using their conventional means of approaching the case.

Detectives obtained search warrants and served them at the Haros' residence at 50008 Ramona Street in Cabazo on August 18 seizing a num-

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1930s Lawsuit Dealt With Water Demand & Shortages In The San Bernardino Valley *from front page*

foothills above Highland and San Bernardino did not include provisions for the quantity of water being taken to be quantified. That ran afoul of stipulations made in the settlement of lawsuits relating to water rights in the Bunker Hill Basin litigated more than nine

decades ago and sustained in subsequent legal actions involving the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, extending to one legal action more than five decades ago that was settled in 1969. Those legal actions were resolved with or sustained restrictions on the use of that water which limit or prohibit its diversion during years of overdraft, that is, when more water is being taken out of the water table than is being

replenished by rainfall.

In the early 1930s, the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company, which was a provider of water in and around San Bernardino, was represented by attorney Ralph Swing, in a major water rights lawsuit brought against D.J. Carpenter, Isabel Turner, George Mason, J.B. Jeffers, L.R. McKesson, the National Thrift Corporation of America, the National Thrift Corporation, California Consolidated Water Company

and California Consumers Company, the Arrowhead Springs Company and Arrowhead Springs Corporation that was settled by a stipulation of those rights on October 19, 1931.

In the 1960s, both the Del Rosa Water Company and the City of San Bernardino, which had a 13.48 percent interest in the Del Rosa Water Company, were parties in another lawsuit relating to water use in the underlying Bunker Hill

Basin. In 1969, that lawsuit was resolved pursuant to a judicial decision that permits local water purveyors to draft from the local aquifer in a manner that is deemed to be a responsible utilization of the regional water source, subject to restrictions in the event the water table is subject to overdrafting.

A condition of that settlement was the confirmation of a previously enforced requirement that all entities drawing

water from the basin fill out, annually, California State Form 505 documents registering and recording water level readings. Based upon the data extrapolated from those documents, well owners, water pumpers and water purveyors could be limited in the amount of water they were taking or outright prohibited from drafting water from the Bunker Hill Basin altogether.

A Highland resi-

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Etiwanda School District Improperly Charged Parents To Send Their Kids To Transitional Kindergarten *from front page*

tion issues, as the alleged fee structure creates a two-tiered system where access to educational opportunities depends on a family's ability to pay. This practice is fundamentally at odds with the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law.

The Etiwanda School District's CLOUDS Preschool Program serves as the primary example of these alleged viola-

tions. According to the complaint, the Illegal Fee Structure in the program charges families a \$75 non-refundable registration fee and \$360 monthly tuition. There are also double-dipping concerns. While collecting these fees, the district simultaneously uses taxpayer-funded staff, facilities, and administration. The complaint states students are reportedly excluded until

payments are current, violating free education guarantees.

Perhaps most concerning are allegations of systematic misclassification of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) students. The complaint alleges that districts improperly regressed TK-eligible students into fee-based preschool programs, manipulated attendance records through "dual enrollment" practices, artificially inflated unduplicated pupil counts to maximize state funding, and denied mandated services to special needs

students during program hours.

The complaint mentions California state law violations of Education Code Section 48000, TK must be provided free as part of the K-12 public school system. Charging fees for TK access through preschool programs appears to directly violate this mandate. Education Code Sections 49010-49011 explicitly prohibit pupil fees for registration, participation, or educational activities, and ban exclusion or discrimination based on

non-payment.

Education Code Sections 42238.02 & 42238.07, Local Control Funding Formula "LCFF" supplemental and concentration funds must be used to "increase or improve services" for unduplicated pupils, not to subsidize fee-charging programs or manipulate funding formulas. Education Code Section 46120 states that Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) funds must extend learning time, not mask or subsidize fee-based programs.

Federal Civil Rights violations are alleged as well. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): The complaint alleges denial of Individualized Education Program (IEP) services during CLOUDS sessions, potentially violating federal mandates for Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, discrimination against students with disabilities through service denial constitutes a clear Section 504 violation. Title

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Yucaipa's Freeway Corridor Development Plan Opened The Door To Constructing Warehouses In Live Oak Canyon *from front page*

There were at that time two mindsets with regard to the warehouse issue. Pro-development advocates wanted to keep them out of Live Oak Canyon. Those of

the opposite persuasion believed that warehouses represent far too intensive of a land use in rustic Live Oak Canyon. Both camps agreed in one respect: They wanted the then-16-year-old Freeway Corridor Specific Plan scrapped. Those in favor of aggressive development wanted a more generous allotment of land to be eligible for light and medium industrial use, in-

cluding property within the mouth of Live Oak Canyon that falls inside Yucaipa's borders. Those intent to see the natural aspect of Live Oak Canyon preserved want the specific plan altered to prohibit light and medium industrial uses in the canyon and for the city to encourage that kind of land use to take place elsewhere within the 1,241 acres along the periphery of the 10 Free-

way. In September 2024 and the months thereafter, the council receded from dealing with the calls from both sides to revamp the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan.

With the November 2024 election, Garner was recalled from office, after which he was replaced through action of the council by Bob Miller. Duncan did not seek reelection, and he was replaced by Judy

Woolsey.

The Palmer, Robinson, and Issa families did not abandon their designs on constructing warehouses along Live Oak Canyon. The Yucaipa planning division has consistently sought to accommodate their overtures. The clash between the Palmer, Robinson, and Issa families on one side and those intent on protecting the sanctity of Live Oak Canyon

loomed for months and at last manifested on August 25, when the council considered the update of the city's blueprint for development in nearby environs of the 10 Freeway, along with proposals for two warehouses with nearing or exceeding floor plans of a million square feet each.

The Yucaipa City Council's August 25 vote to approve the long-ges-

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Convicted On Bribery & Other Political Corruption Charges And Unable To Hold Office, Postmus Reinvented Himself As A Political Money Laundering Consultant *from page 2*

Group and several other entities and political action committees he has direct or indirect control over, such as the Inland Empire Political Action Committee, the Conservatives for A Republican Majority Political Action Committee and the Citizens Against Wasteful Spending Political Action Committee, as cut-outs, insulating the recipients of the money – the politicians – from those who are providing the money. When Postmus properly executes on this mission, it protects the politicians from the perception that their votes are being purchased, which has political benefits, while serving to lessen to a considerable extent the possibility that the politicians he is funneling money to will be subject to law enforcement action for engaging in what in the final analysis are quid pro quos, out-and-out bribes or kickbacks. Postmus also utilizes Mountain States Consulting Group to employ politicians or those considered to be up-and-coming in politics with phantom assignments, providing them with revenue without actually having to work, freeing them up to engage in campaigning or other electioneering activity to advance their political prospects, standing or careers.

Using such entities at his disposal to launder political donations to elected officeholders and by sponsoring fundraisers for current officeholders, Postmus has created and continues to create the opportunity for individuals to provide money to politicians in a way that the individuals or companies from whom or from which the money originated could not and cannot be traced.

Having been an intrinsic part of the pay-to-play ethos in San Bernardino County, Postmus has cultivated a host of clients such as landowners,

investors and developers looking to get their project's approved, service providers or equipment/material vendors seeking contracts with local governments or those seeking to be granted franchises for service provision to the public governments. Another set of clients Postmus has cultivated are those who are seeking subsidies provided or loans guaranteed by governmental entities.

At two points, in 2016 and 2021, Postmus demonstrated his skill in the latter regard by guiding Wyn Holmes and Randall Friend, the principals in a Newport Beach-based company known as Eagle 55 in obtaining from the Hesperia City Council and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approval of virtually interest-free loans totaling \$9.3 million to be used toward completing the \$13 million "The Villas" project. Starting in 2015, Holmes and Friend were intent on securing the government loan earmarked for senior citizen housing developments to allow them to finance the project. They needed, however, to compete against other similar senior citizen housing proposals to qualify for the loan. Holmes and Friend obtained Postmus's assistance in wiring the approval of the loan by bringing Postmus and his longtime associate and business partner, John "Dino" DeFazio in as minority owners in Eagle 55.

Postmus had Holmes and Friend check the first box by having them commit to reserving a specified number of the units in the apartment complex they were proposing for low-to-moderate-income, low-income and very low-income senior citizen residents. Two years previously, Postmus had managed Paul Russ's successful election to the

Hesperia City Council in the 2014 election. That year, Postmus was aiding Rebekah Swanson, a political associate from his past, in her ultimately successful run for the Hesperia City Council in November 2016. Simultaneously, Russ and another member of the Hesperia City Council, Bill Holland, were challenging then-incumbent First District San Bernardino County Supervisor Robert Lovingood in his bid for reelection in the 2016 election cycle. At Postmus's suggestion, during the course of the campaign, Russ and Holland were provided with \$19,000 and \$16,000, respectively, by Eagle 55.

While Lovingood successfully turned back the effort by Russ and Holland during that year's primary election to drive him from office and he ultimately was returned to office by the voters that November, Holmes and Friend succeeded in ingratiating themselves with Holland and Russ. Accordingly, the Hesperia City Council voted to give The Villas project go-ahead and provide Holmes and Friend with an initial \$3.8 million loan.

Subsequently, the California Fair Political Practices Commission looked into the matter, initially on the basis that the \$19,000 and \$16,000 donations were violations of the county's then-\$4,200 per donor campaign contribution cap. Ultimately, the California Fair Political Practices Commission took action against Holmes and Friend, imposing fines on them, which both deemed to be part of the price of doing business in San Bernardino County. The Fair Political Practices Commission action did not overturn the approval of the first phase of The Villas project, and it was completed.

In 2021, Holmes and Friend had completed phase 1 of their project and were again looking for a no-interest or low-interest loan to assist them in financing that undertaking in order to boost their profit margin. Hesperia, at that point

was wary of further damage to its reputation if state agencies such as the Fair Political Practices Commission continued to scrutinize the action of its city council members who were monetarily connected to Holmes, Friend and Postmus. Hesperia officials let Holmes and Friend know the city would no longer be willing to associate itself with Eagle 55 in connection to taxpayer-subsidized construction efforts at The Villas complex.

On April 1, Postmus hosted a blow-out fundraiser for San Bernardino County's Republican candidates at the Tartan restaurant in Redlands which involved more than 50 deep-pocketed donors and brought in more than \$150,000, all told, in donations and pledges. Among those present at the soiree were Postmus, DeFazio, Brad Chapman, Fourth District County Supervisor Curt Hagman, First District Supervisor Paul Cook, Third District County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee Chairman Phil Cothran, Sr., Fontana City Councilman Phil Cothran, Jr., Adelanto Mayor Gabriel Reyes, Adelanto City Manager Jesse Flores, then-Former Fontana City Councilman and Future Second District Supervisor Jesse Armendarez, Developer Bruno Mancinelli, along with Cook's chief of staff Tim Itnyre and Rowe's chief of staff Matt Knox.

Postmus thereupon approached Supervisor Cook, who in 2020 had succeeded Lovingood as First District county supervisor as well as Cook's chief of staff, Itnyre, and his assistant chief-of-staff, Dakota Higgins, importuning them to work with Holmes and Friend in undertaking and completing phase 2 of The Villas 55+ Senior Community project. Cook, Itnyre and Higgins prevailed upon then San Bernardino County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez to explore the possibility of the project being carried out under

the auspices of county government, despite the consideration that it is located not within the county's unincorporated area but within the City of Hesperia. Hernandez handed the assignment of dealing with the project off to then-San Bernardino County Chief Operating Officer Leonard Snoke.

Based upon Postmus's relationship with him as a fundraiser, confident, advisor, predecessor in the office of First District supervisor and "friend," Supervisor Cook assented to use money from the county's special discretionary fund for specific priorities in the First District to initiate the second phase of Eagle 55's The Villas project. On December 14, 2021, Hernandez and Snoke, utilizing a staff report authored by Snoke which was presented by Hernandez to the board of supervisors, facilitated the board of supervisors' consideration and passage of action approving a \$5.5 million affordable housing loan to Eagle Hesperia 55 II, L.P. for the construction of the second phase of The Villas. Both Hernandez and Snoke recommended that the loan be made. The action taken in accordance with their recommendation made it so that no bidding on the project took place and the requirement that Eagle 55 pay prevailing wage or union scale wages to the construction workers on the project was waived.

Given that Postmus and DeFazio are minority owners in Eagle 55, Bill Postmus's fundraising activity in raising money to assist Supervisor Hagman, Supervisor Rowe and Supervisor Cook in their election campaigns suggests a quid pro quo arrangement.

The Sentinel is informed that both Hernandez and Snoke were aware during the county's dealings with Eagle 55 with regard to the \$5.5 million affordable housing loan for The Villas project that Postmus and DeFazio had a financial interest in the Eagle 55 ventures.

San Bernardino County Chief Deputy Controller Vanessa Doyle signed off on the county providing the loan to Eagle 55. The Sentinel initiated several inquiries with Doyle, both in the form of an electronically carbon copied email exploring the subject sent to other high-ranking county officials and phone messages for her left directly at her office. Among the questions Doyle did not respond to was whether it was made clear to her that Postmus and DeFazio had a financial stake in the Eagle 55 project and whether she independently had developed precise knowledge as to the fundraising and political money laundering activity Postmus had engaged in on behalf of Hagman, Cook and Rowe before she affixed her imprimatur and that of the county auditor-controller's office on the \$5.5 million affordable housing loan for The Villas project. Doyle did not respond to the Sentinel.

Doyle's ultimate boss, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Ensen Mason indicated that Doyle had not interested herself in the tangle of relationships involving Hagman, Cook, Rowe, Postmus, DeFazio, Holmes and Friend prior to her certification of the loan, stating, "All she did was review the financing numbers to say they were correct."

It does not appear that any agencies with prosecutorial authority, including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the California Attorney's Office or the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office took up an investigation into the provision of loans to Eagle 55.

This appears to have emboldened Postmus, who is now lobbying on behalf of another entity seeking the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors' approval for providing it with low-interest or no-interest loans.

On August 7, Sam Boersma, a senior analyst with UCR Group sent an email to Snoke, who in 2024 replaced
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The Gold Line's Vastly Higher Ridership Level Than MetroLink Convinced Transportation Officials To Revive The Concept Of Extending It Eastward *from page 2*

single-track MetroLink System was an inferior mass transit modality that should not have been used in evaluating the potential for the light rail, dual track Gold Line. Moreover, the substitute strategies Wolfe was marshaling as an alternative to ending rush hour gridlock – augmenting San Bernardino County's freeway system with tole lanes – would ultimately prove futile and inadequate, they felt.

On July 8, 2024, largely at the instigation of Los Angeles County transportation officials and the importuning State Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblyman Chris Holden, both of whose districts lie primarily in Los Angeles County but which overlap into western San Bernardino County, the California State Transportation Agency earmarked just under \$500 million to be used to extend the Gold Line into San Bernardino County. This brought the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority back on board for a light rail ride between Claremont and Montclair. Completion of the Gold Line to Claremont was anticipated for late 2026 to early 2027, at which point the construction of the line through to Montclair was to begin. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, newly enthusiastic about the prospect for a light rail system into the heart of the Inland Empire, set aside \$80 million for the project, \$37,199,643 of which was to be expended toward right-of-way acquisition and other engineering and preparatory work for the project.

This week, however, the entire SBCTA board reconsidered that commitment.

Under an item listed as “Gold Line to Montclair Project Cost Increase and Funding Request,” the authority staff had originally laid out four options, ranging

from simply “receiv[ing] an update on the Gold Line to Montclair Project” to “provid[ing] direction on what the recommendation should be in response to the recent funding request from the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority” to “approv[ing] keeping \$37,199,643 in funding in place until a decision is made regarding how to proceed” to “establish[ing] an ad hoc committee to work with staff to examine alternatives to the Gold Line Extension for the City of Montclair.”

Before the meeting began, however, the option of “provid[ing] direction on what the recommendation should be in response to the recent funding request from the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority” was changed to “mak[ing] a determination, based on finalization of the memorandum of understanding with the Gold Line Construction Authority and receipt of legal opinion on construction manager at risk pre-production activities in San Bernardino County, as to how to proceed with the memorandum of understanding.”

The SBCTA staff report for the item expressed concern about the increasing cost estimates for the completion of the project.

“The latest project cost to complete the San Bernardino County segment has gone up and is now estimated at \$145 million to \$244 million, with the low end of the range representing the latest estimate developed for the project by the construction authority and the high end of the range representing the bid previously received by the construction authority from the design-build procurement process,” according to the staff report. “The total allocation previously approved by the board for the project is \$39 mil-

lion, of which \$1.9 million has been expended on prior phase work. When combined with the \$41 million of 2018 TIR-CP [Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program] funds awarded to the San Bernardino County portion of the Project, a total of \$80 million has been allocated to the Project with \$78.1 million available for remaining project work.”

The staff report continued, “SBCTA will need to increase the funding for the remaining project work and allocate at least an additional \$67 million, and potentially up to \$166 million, to cover the current funding gap. Further, SBCTA staff recommends allocating an additional \$4 million to \$7 million to a project funding reserve to fund work SBCTA deems necessary but is not included in the Construction Authority's “baseline” project. In 2018, the estimated cost to complete the work in San Bernardino County was \$80 million and now, in 2025, the estimated cost to complete the work in San Bernardino County is \$145 million to \$244 million – which is an increase of 80% to 300% in seven years.”

The SBCTA board had designated Montclair Mayor John Dutrey and Chino Hills Councilman Ray Marquez to negotiate with the Gold Line Extension Authority in Los Angeles County to iron out issues that had cropped up as the memorandum of understanding between the Los Angeles Metro Authority and SBCTA with regard to the project.

Marquez on Wednesday indicated that incomplete progress had been made in coming to an accommodation with Los Angeles Metro had been achieved and recommended, as did Dutrey, that San Bernardino County transportation officials move forward with the project while further discussion over those issues takes place.

Marquez said that there had been previous resolve in San Ber-

nardino County to commit up to \$125 million to the project and that if “there was anything above that or higher... we'd go outside looking for money.” He said a dialogue had begun with Congresswoman Norma Torres about getting federal funds, but that those options had not yet been pursued.” Conceding that “The memorandum of understanding has been sort of difficult because the construction authority has thirty-plus miles that they've built as far as rail, 23 stations, but it's all been in LA County. We are now moving into San Bernardino County and the way we do business is different from how they do business. Yes, we do want control. We want to make sure that once we build it, we know what the ramifications are going to be and our liabilities for the future years. I want to thank the authority because I know initially when we started this about 14 months ago, there was no movement on trying to work with us to work out these issues or problems. Are we where we need to be today? No, we're not. But we're moving forward on this.”

Marquez said he understood the reluctance of the SBCTA board members who were concerned about joining in with the much larger and more powerful Los Angeles Metro, but indicated his belief that the final product – a continuous high-volume light rail project linking the two counties in a way that will reduce the volume of traffic on the local freeway system by as many as 25,000 vehicles per day – is worth the expenditure and effort.

“We've worked so hard on this the last 20-plus years,” Marquez said. “I think we're getting there.”

Ontario Councilman Alan Wapner, who six years ago was in favor of staying the course on the project at that time when the balance of the board's transit committee followed Wolfe's recommendation to discontinue it, proved this week

to be a key defector from the Gold Line extension's support network.

“I don't support continuing this thing,” Wapner said. “I think the benefit of the Gold Line coming into Montclair are incredible. I'm not going to argue that at all. While I'm concerned about the cost, I'm not as much concerned about how much money it costs. I'm more concerned about what's being proposed as far as a governance model from a policy level.”

Wapner likened going ahead with the project to “handing an open check to the construction authority to build anything they want to at our cost. I fully anticipated that once across county lines, things would reverse, that SBCTA would be the controlling factor, that we would get all the votes.”

Wapner indicated he would favor improving the MetroLink system. “I think that we really need to make an earnest effort of improving rail service to Montclair, as much money as it costs, whatever we need to do. We owe it to the community and the private development. Frankly, I would pay attention to the Gold Line. I think it's a great project, but only if we have control of where our money's going. It just makes no sense. I don't know anyone in good conscience could take their taxpayer money and hand it over to another agency for 100 percent of control where we receive 100 percent of their risk and expense.”

It was Wapner's suggestion that the Gold Line Construction Authority was commandeering San Bernardino County tax money that thereafter formed the basis of other members of the SBCTA board taking a stand against proceeding with the Gold Line extension.

Rialto Mayor Joe Bara Sr. said, “At the last board meeting we talked about how much say-so we would have, not only in terms of the amount of dollars we would be putting in, but how much

say-so we would be on that board, and I don't believe we would have any kind of authority in terms of even what happens in the future or what happens there because we're not going to be on that board that makes that decision. Yet, they're asking us to fund the additional dollars out here.”

Hesperia City Councilmember Josh Pullen piled on. “L.A. is just using us,” he said.

Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman said, “I don't want to give up on the memorandum of understanding because that's a template for us to use [for] later agreements that we have to figure out.” He said he had misgivings about the situation generally “if we don't figure out how to do regional projects with neighboring entities.”

After Montclair Mayor John Dutrey asked the board to consider extending the memorandum of understanding negotiations through September 29, the board, without San Bernardino County First District Supervisor and Victorville Councilwoman Debra Jones present, considered a motion by Highland City Councilman Larry McCallon that was seconded by Big Bear Lake Councilman Rick Herrick which called for discontinuing the memorandum of understanding discussions with the Metro Rail Construction Authority, to discontinue the funding of the Gold Line project extension, to use the \$37 million to provide more frequent departures and arrivals on the MetroLink line, to form an ad hoc committee to look at alternatives to the Gold Line.

That motion carried 14-to-11, with support from Barstow Mayor Tim Silva, Big Bear Lake Councilman Rick Herrick, Colton Mayor Frank Navarro, Grand Terrace Mayor Bill Hussey, Highland Councilman Larry McCallon, Needles Mayor Janet Jernigan, Ontario Councilman Alan Wapner, Rancho Cucamonga

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Yucaipa City Officials Delayed Consideration Of Warehouse Projects And Then Acted Rapidly In August, Generating Substantial Reaction Of & Oppostion
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tating update of the city Freeway Corridor Specific Plan and a parallel proposal to construct two large warehouses within that designated area has triggered an effort by residents of the local area to seek a referendum rescinding that action.

The previously applicable development standards and blueprint for land use and its intensity in the 1,242 acres along the freeway and surrounding areas in Yucaipa was adopted in November 2008 as the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan. The planning document allowed for the construction of up to 2,447 residential units on 424.7 acres and up to 4,585,779 square feet of nonresidential uses on 242.7 acres within the 1,242-acre area.

In recent years, a handful of projects that

were proposed and approved, taken together with development proposals on within the 1,241-acre expanse prompted calls for the specific plan’s adjustment. Almost one year ago, the Palmer, Robinson, and Issa families sought permission to construct warehouses along Live Oak Canyon.

Then-Mayor Justin Beaver, Councilman Chris Venable and then-Councilman Matt Garner balked at the proposal, while then-Councilman Bobby Duncan and then-Councilman Jon Thorp were willing to let the projects proceed.

There were at that time two mindsets with regard to the warehouse issue. Pro-development advocates wanted to keep them out of Live Oak Canyon. Those of the opposite persuasion believed that warehouses represent far too intensive of a land use in rustic Live Oak Canyon. Both camps agreed in one respect: They wanted the then-16-year-old Freeway Corridor Specific Plan scrapped. Those in favor of aggressive development wanted a more generous

allotment of land to be eligible for light and medium industrial use, including property within the mouth of Live Oak Canyon that falls inside Yucaipa’s borders. Those intent to see the natural aspect of Live Oak Canyon preserved want the specific plan altered to prohibit light and medium industrial uses in the canyon and for the city to encourage that kind of land use to take place elsewhere within the 1,241 acres along the periphery of the 10 Freeway. In September 2024 and the months thereafter, the council receded from dealing with the calls from both sides to revamp the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan.

With the November 2024 election, Garner was recalled from office, after which he was replaced through action of the council by Bob Miller. Duncan did not seek reelection, and he was replaced by Judy Woolsey.

The Palmer, Robinson, and Issa families did not abandon their designs on constructing warehouses along Live Oak Canyon. The Yucaipa planning division has

consistently sought to accommodate their overtures. The clash between the Palmer, Robinson, and Issa families on one side and those intent on protecting the sanctity of Live Oak Canyon loomed for months and at last manifested on August 25, when the council considered an update of the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan which called for increasing the permissible number of residential units from 2,447 to a total of 2,472, while changing the amount of land upon which nonresidential uses could be constructed from 4,585,779 square feet or 105.275 acres to 5,093,265 square feet or 116.93 acres. The revamping of the specific plan, in addition to providing for an increase of 25 residential units into the area overall, upped by 2,786,461 square feet the amount of land that could be developed under the city’s Business Park (BP) zoning and reduced by 2,278,976 square feet the amount of land that could be developed under the city’s Regional Commercial (RC) zoning. Since the BP zoning includes ware-

housing as a permissible use, the change increased substantially the amount of warehouses that are likely to be constructed within the 1,242 specific plan area, extending to Live Oak Canyon.

Included with the specific plan update item was consideration of the Pacific Oaks Commerce Center, which consisted of the development of two buildings, one being a 1,032,500-square-foot warehouse, a second 981,500-square-foot warehouse and a 20,000-square-foot office, totaling 2,054,000 square feet of building space, as well as truck parking and docking bays, consistent with the provisions included in the Freeway Specific Plan Update.

Over the objections of a number of local residents who showed up at the meeting, the Yucaipa City Council approved the project in a 4-1 vote this week, with Mayor Jon Thorp and Councilmembers Justin Beaver, Judy Woolsey and Bob Miller prevailing and Councilman Chris Venable dissenting.

Offering his view that the warehouses develop-

ments would not prove compatible with other projects anticipated for the area and that the intensification of truck traffic in the area would be “a disaster,” Venable in vain sought to have council reject the update as presented. That motion failed to get a second.

City staff in its report sought to justify the update and the two warehouse projects by noting that the city had expended close to \$1.5 million in examining and reexamining the specific plan over the last three years, that the warehouse developer will reimburse the city \$500,000 toward that amount and the city will net somewhere in the neighborhood of \$14 million in development impact fees from the projects.

In reaction to the city’s action, Friends of Live Oak Canyon said they will seek to place a referendum on the June 2026 ballot to countermand the city council’s August 25 vote.

David Matuszak, the president of Friends of Live Oak Canyon, called upon all of those members of both the Yuciapa,

Another Company Linked Up With Postmus Wants Low-Interest Loans From The County
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Hernandez as the county’s chief executive officer. Boersma wrote, “I am writing to formally introduce the Park Avenue 55+ Apartments, a 213-unit market-rate senior housing community with 4,200 square feet of retail space, to be developed within the Groves at Loma Linda Specific Plan. The project is fully entitled and will provide high-quality housing tailored to active 55+ seniors. Located in close proximity to major medical providers including Loma Linda University Health and the VA Medical Center, Park Avenue is designed to meet the growing demand for age-targeted housing in a walkable, service-rich environment.”

Boersma continued, “The total development budget is estimated at \$100 million, with an \$80 million loan sought to support project financing. We respectfully request the county’s partnership in providing this loan either through a taxable bond issuance via an appropriate conduit issuer or, alternatively, through a direct investment from the county’s general fund. The anticipated loan structure includes a 40-year amortization with a fixed interest rate of approximately 4.50% with a term not to exceed 5 years. First-year projected effective gross income is \$7.8 million, with net operating income estimated at \$5.5 million after expenses and reserves. We welcome the county’s guidance on financing strategy and are open to any structure that best aligns with county policy and resources.”

Electronically carbon copied on the email from Boersma to Snoke was Denise Shelton of the UCR Group, Bill Postmus and Tom Stoddard of the UCR Group.

It appears that Postmus is serving as some order of an advisor or consultant to the UCR Group relating to the company’s effort to obtain the loan.

On October 27, 2022, the UCR Group provided \$4,000 to Second District Supervisor Jesse Armendarez’s electioneering campaign.

On December 30, 2022, the UCR Group provided \$3,900 to Supervisor Paul Cook’s reelection fund.

On December 31, 2022, the UCR Group, through Jim Mauge, provided \$4,900 to Supervisor Curt Hagman’s reelection fund.

On May 31, 2024, the UCR Group, through one of its associates, Jim Mauge, provided a

\$4,900 donation to Supervisor Dawn Rowe for her reelection campaign.

On 06/30/2025 Stephen Reeder of the UCR Group provided Supervisor Curt Hagman’s political war chest with \$499.

The UCR Group is a private development and management firm specializing in multi-family developments in Southern California, with experience in consulting on the acquisition, entitlement, and development of residential and commercial projects. According to the company’s website, since the 1960s, it has participated in the development of over two million square feet of retail and approximately 10,000 multi-family residential units. According to the company, it prides itself on its “strong relationships with local and regional governmental agencies,” which, according to the company’s website, ad-

vances its “ability to successfully manage and execute projects.”

Some 43 minutes after Boersma sent the email to Snoke, he followed up by sending an email containing a copy of his email to Snoke to San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lynna Monell. Thereafter Monell’s executive secretary, Julie Arentz forwarded the email to Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors Dawn Rowe, the secretaries for th other four members of the board of supervisors, County Counsel Tom Bunton, Deputy County Executive Officedr Stephanie Shea, Executive Administrative Assistant Abi Martin, Executive Secretary Josie Anglin, Chief Executive Officer’s Executive Secretary Kristina King, another of the county’s executive secretaries, Raquel Ramos, along with copies to Snoke and Monell.

At present, the typical interest rate on a construction loan ranges from 6.5 percent to 9 percent.

According to a county employee knowledgeable about Postmus’s activities, the county’s top administrative echelon expects the county’s staff at lower levels who are answerable to them and who will process the loan applications to facilitate Postmus’s requests without question.

Another county employee asked, “Why would a developer and Bill Postmus be requesting an \$80 million loan from the county?”

The atmosphere at the county is such, the employee said, that “I cannot ask my department these questions.”

County officials were unable to process the Sentinel’s pass through of that inquiry by press time.

1930s Lawsuit Dealt With Water Demand & Short-ages In The San Bernardino Valley
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IX prohibits sex and gender-based discrimination in federally funded education programs. Unless inequities are tied specifically to gender, Title IX is unlikely to apply here. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in federally funded programs. Income-based discrimination is not covered unless it disproportionately affects a protected racial

or ethnic group. The allegations suggest potential criminal fraud violations as well. California Penal Code Section 424 Misappropriation of public funds, California Government Code Section 1090, conflicts of interest in public contracting, Federal Wire Fraud Statutes (18 U.S.C. § 1343), if federal funds were obtained through misrepresentation.

A broader systemic pattern is alleged in the complaint. San Bernardino County’s Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre, alleged inaction takes on additional sig-

nificance given his current investigation by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for conflict of interest and fiscal mismanagement. The complaint suggests a pattern of willful blindness to obvious violations across multiple districts, failure to exercise statutory oversight duties, and potential conspiracy to maintain fraudulent practices.

The systemic nature of these allegations across Etiwanda, Alta Loma, and Upland suggests a multi-district scope of wrongdoing. The complaint alleges a coordinated fraud scheme rath-

er than isolated incidents, county-level guidance or tolerance of illegal practices, and potential coordinated fraud implications. However, applying the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) would require proof of an 'enterprise' engaged in a pattern of racketeering activity, which is speculative without stronger evidence.

Constitutional and Civil Rights violations are also mentioned. The complaint alleges Equal Protection Violations; the fee structure and exclusion practices may create

arbitrary, wealth-based barriers to educational access. While courts have held that education is not a fundamental right under the Fourteenth Amendment (San Antonio ISD v. Rodriguez, 1973), such practices may still raise Equal Protection concerns.

Under the strict scrutiny analysis of Equal protection, the alleged practices fail constitutional muster. Regarding compelling state interest, there is no legitimate interest in charging fees for constitutionally guaranteed free education, and fee structures are over-

broad and unnecessarily discriminatory. There are least restrictive means by having the option of an alternative funding mechanism that exists that doesn’t violate constitutional rights.

In the complaint, there is alleged criminal liability and individual culpability. School board members, superintendents, and fiscal officers who knowingly participated in these schemes could potentially face felony charges under California Penal Code Section 424, public fund misappropriation, federal
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California Federal Judges Have Temporarily Put The Kibosh On Aggressive Immigration Enforcement Locally
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indicated the federal government was engaged in racial profiling in that they were using race, the work people were engaged in, their location, and their language to form “reasonable suspicion,” to detain those arrested on charges of

being in the country illegally.

That “reasonable suspicion” was unreasonably derived, the judge said.

Judge Frimpong ordered the Trump administration to halt indiscriminate immigration

stops and arrests in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. She further issued an order that such detaining cease forthwith and issued a secondary order that those in custody at Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s downtown B-18 detention facility be given 24-hour access to law-

yers and a phone line unmonitored and untapped by the government. The Trump Administration appealed Judge Frimpong’s decision. It was taken up by the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. The matter was entrusted to a 9th Circuit panel of three justices, those being Judges Marsha S. Berzon, Jennifer Sung and Ronald M. Gould.

In making the appeal, the Trump Administration had requested a stay of Judge Frimpong’s ruling, asserting irreparable harm would ensue as the interruption of the government’s effort to locate and arrest illegal aliens would allow many dangerous individuals to evade capture and remain in the country. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Yaakov

Roth asserted that Judge Frimpong was in error in that the government had in all cases met the burden of abiding by the Fourth Amendment and that none of the arrests had been effectuated indiscriminately. At a hearing on Monday July 28, Roth offered the government’s position that the operations were within the guidelines of
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It Appears Monitoring Of Possible & Actual Overdrafts Of The San Bernardino Valley Water Table Was Neglected For 38 Years
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dent, Anthony Serrano, through an exhaustive archival examination, determined that the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company made regular annual Form 505 filings from January 13, 1960 through March 19, 1986 in compliance with the court settlement. From 1987 onward to date, Serrano has been unable to find in the archives evidence that either the company or its corporate successor made the required Form 505 filings.

Over the last 38 years, the San Manuel Tribe, through what was originally its Indian Bingo Parlor and is today the Yaamava’ Casino, has transformed itself into one of the region’s wealthiest entities as well as a major water consumer, thereafter increasing its water usage by more than an additional 100 acre-feet annually with the opening of the 17-story, 432-room hotel tower Yaamava’ Resort and Casino in

2021. The Tribe had previously been utilizing water provided to it by the Nestlé Corporation, water which had come from tapping into the underground supply in Strawberry Canyon above the 5,000-foot elevation in the San Bernardino Mountains. Ultimately, action by the California Water Resources Board in issuing a cease and desist order to prevent Nestlé and its corporate successor, BlueTriton Brands from taking water out of Strawberry Canyon, restricted the tribe from using water high up in the San Bernardino Mountains. Consequently, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians increased its drafting of water at a lower elevation, at a level of 2,000-foot elevation and below, from East and West Twin Creeks, impacting the water level in the Bunker Hill Basin. The tribe’s efforts to obtain alternative wa-

ter sources in preparation for its casino expansion included purchasing from the City of San Bernardino in January 2019 its 13.48 percent interest in the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company.

Serrano alerted the San Bernardino Valley Municipal

Water District's about his research findings relating to the failure of the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company and its corporate successor to file the Form 505s and monitor their water use and its impact on the water table in the Bunker Hill Basin.

In his further research, Serrano learned from the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District by means of a report prepared at that agency by Assistant Engineer Laura Torres that the Bunker Hill Basin is in a state of deficiency, meaning no water can be diverted from it currently during the November to May timeframe.

Serrano made a provision of his findings to both Heather Dyer, the CEO/general manager of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water

District and Wen Huang, a licensed engineer and the chief operating officer and assistant general manager of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal District, making an inquiry as to who is responsible to make the "annual water level measurements" listed on pages 9 and 12 of the 1931 settlement document for the Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino Civil Court case brought by the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company against D.J. Carpenter, et al.

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District oversees the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin in San Bernardino. The district manages the basin, which has an estimated capacity of 5 million acre-feet and serves approximately 600,000 residents in the East San Bernardino Valley.

Dyer was not aware who might be responsible for the "annual measurements."

Huang indicated he believed it was the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water

Rights which is the responsible party for accepting the “annual Form 505 filings” made by the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company or its successors. Serrano contacted Form 505 Del Rosa Mutual Water Company for years 1987 to date and Ryan Spencer McIntock a water resource control engineer with the California Water Resources Control Board and Robert Cervantes, an engineer and program manager in the California Water Resources Control Board’s enforcement division, asking them to look into the existence of the Form 505 filings by the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company for years 1987 to date. He made other related inquiries regarding the need for water use monitoring in the Bunker Hill Basin, keeping Kenneth Petruzzeli, an attorney with the California Water Resources Control Board, in the loop.

It did not appear that the Form 505s relating to the water use in the Bunker Hill Basin had been filed, as they could not

On September 2, McIntock wrote back to Serrano, stating that he was not certain of who with the California Water Resources Control Board staff processes the Form 505s and that he was looking into it.

Yesterday, September 4, Serrano told the Sentinel he had received communication from Alexander Sweat, the acting supervisor of the Water Resources Control Board’s division of water rights, informing him that his staff would formulate responses with regard to Serrano’s questions about the tribe’s and other entities’ use of water that originated as the Del Rosa Mutual Water Company’s water use entitlements under the 1931 settlement.

“Division staff are currently researching files related to your request, Sweat wrote to Serrano. “We will contact you by Sep 12 to notify you of our findings.”

-Mark Gutglueck



Advocates For Live Oak Canyon Say Inundating It With Warehouse Development Will Spoil Its Rustic Charm

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Redlands, San Bernardino County and Riverside County communities who value the atmosphere and tranquility Live Oak Canyon to come together in action and prevent the loss of “a lifestyle we commonly value.”

Matuszak said, “When you travel along the four-mile stretch of Live Oak Canyon from Interstate 10 at the north end and San Timoteo Canyon to the southwest, you would never know you were in Southern California. It is an oasis of open space, cattle ranches, horse ranches, large, five-acre estate homes and protected open space. Roughly 25 to 30 percent of the property along the road is under the control of the Redlands Conservancy, which includes nature trails and three preserves, the Herngt ‘Aki’ [meaning

“rattlesnake house in the indigenous Serrano language] Preserve, the Quail Canyon Preserve and the Gateway Preserve. The action taken by the Yucaipa City Council on August 25 will begin the gradual destruction of the Canyon as it now exists. We don’t want that natural beauty spoiled.”

The entity he heads, Friends of Live Oak Canyon and a small group of others, Matuszak said, have already taken the first steps in the resistance to the city’s designs on Live Oak Canyon.

“The Thursday following the vote, the city was handed a notification that we intend to place a referendum on the ballot,” Matuszak told the Sentinel on September 4. “Under the law, the city has ten days to respond. So, we are about seven days into the ten day period, in a holding pattern, waiting for the city’s response. Once the city responds, that will set the clock in motion and we will have 30 days to gather over 4,000 signatures on the petition for the referendum. Signature gathering

will be begin next week, on about September 8 or 9. I don’t think it’s realistic that we can meet the deadline to get this on the upcoming November ballot, so we are probably looking at the June primary next year.”

Matuszak said there is no doubt that adequate sentiment exists against what the city is doing to create a groundswell of opposition to stop it. He said it is merely a matter of getting all of the political horses hitched up to the wagon and pulling in the same direction at the same time.

“The city council voted on the project last week,” Matuszak said. “We are going to strike while the iron is hot. We are looking for the public, for those people who feel as we do and are fed up with warehouses in the Inland Empire, in particular in Yucaipa, to step up. If anyone is willing to assist us with time or a contribution, we will accept it. We need well over \$60,000 to fund this. We are looking for donations. Of course we are appealing to Yucaipa’s

of the ongoing procurement, the Los Angeles County portion of the project was kept separate from the San Bernardino County portion to allow clear understanding of the different costs for each county, and also to allow more time for SBCTA to agree to fund the design work.”

Bailan continued “[T]he SBCTA board of directors met today and had a lengthy discussion on whether or not to continue to support completing the Foothill Gold Line to Montclair. Although SBCTA has been planning for the project for more than two decades (since 2004, when the project was included in the county’s successful half-cent sales tax measure; and since 2012, when the construction authority’s enabling legislation was updated to extend the agency’s authority to build to Montclair), the SBCTA board today decided to stop negotiating a memorandum of understanding with the construction authority, not approve the funding needed to include the

voters, but you don’t have to live in Yucaipa to be part of this. We are looking for prospective volunteers.”

The referendum petition drive has put a hold on the projects approved on August 25, any further ones in the pipeline on the desks of the city’s planning and community development staff and any others that are being contemplated but have not yet reached the application stage, Matuszak said.

“The petition is calling for a referendum that will rescind the city council decision and overturn the freeway corridor plan, which in turn allows for the building of mega-warehouses. While we are in the act of signature gathering, the development application is on hold. Nothing can be approved at City Hall from the time we notified the city that we intend to seek a referendum. That froze the city’s ability to move forward with any projects that fall under the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan. The city can do nothing until the referendum is de-

Montclair extension with the design procurement currently underway, and directed their staff to study options to connect Montclair with improved transit using the \$37 million in local funding the agency has been holding to complete the Foothill Gold Line to Montclair.”

Bailan said, “The construction authority has been working closely with SBCTA over the past several months to come to agreement on a working relationship in which the construction authority has the authority to design and build the project and SBCTA has significant opportunities to provide input into the process. But SBCTA did not accept the terms of that agreement; and today their board confirmed their fundamental concern – not wanting an outside agency having authority to make decisions in their county. This is despite the construction authority’s statutorily mandated role to plan, design and build the project; as well as our successful track record of complet-

cided.”

The best advertising for the movement he is heading, Matuszak said, are the 1,032,500-square-foot and 981,500-square-foot monstrosities approved by the city council on August 25.

“Those are the only ones approved under the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan so far,” he said, which should give everyone a clear understanding of what will occur if the council’s action in approving the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan update is allowed to stand. “This development opens the door for further development,” he said.

The city cut corners in approving the two projects on August 25, according to Matuszak, by using a 17-year-old supplemental environmental impact report for the projects, aspects of which are outdated, he said. A number of residents wanted a new environmental impact report undertaken or an updated supplemental environmental study used to certify the project. The

ing \$3 billion of projects on time and on budget.”

Bailan noted, “The construction authority’s board chairman, Claremont Council Member Ed Reece, attended today’s meeting and spoke about the significant benefits the project would have for San Bernardino County. He and Foothill Gold Line Joint Powers Authority Secretary/Treasurer, Montclair Council Member Bill Ruh both highlighted the economic and mobility benefits of the project for San Bernardino County and its residents. Both quoted from the recent economic analysis that showed San Bernardino County is expected to gain \$1.4 million for every \$1 million they invest in the construction, and \$3.5 million for every \$1 million they invest in operation of the line. These benefits are in addition to the jobs and labor income associated with activities both during construction and after operations; as well as the economic impact of the transit-oriented developments planned

city refused, Matuszak said, which is a harbinger of what will come if the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan is left in place as it is.

“There is irony in all of this,” Matuszak said. “The Palmers were the founders of the Friends of Live Oak Canyon, a 5013c dedicated to preserving the natural environment of Live Oak Canyon. The Palmer Family owned the Christmas Tree Farm and Pumpkin Patch which were landmarks at the intersection of Live Oak Canyon and the I-10 for two generations. The Palmer Family was instrumental in getting the organization I am now the president of founded. When industrialization and urbanization threatened their thriving Christmas tree operation, they resisted. There was a concrete block factory close to where the current In-N-Out Burger now stands. Way back, when the state decided it was going to put in a new interchange at the freeway and Live Oak Canyon, it used emi-

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around the future Montclair light rail station. Additionally, they highlighted the strong relationship between people living in each county and traveling for work to the other (both from San Bernardino County to Los Angeles and vice versa), including tens of thousands traveling between cities in western San Bernardino County and the Foothill Gold Line cities in Los Angeles County.” Today’s vote was not unanimous and went against a motion presented by Montclair Mayor John Dutrey and Chino Hills Council Member Ray Marquez to continue to work on the memorandum of understanding. While it is not the end of the line for the Gold Line to reach Montclair, today’s vote was a significant setback, as it results in the Montclair extension not moving forward simultaneously with the Claremont portion of the final project segment. In the coming weeks, the construction authority staff and board will discuss next steps.”

-Mark Gutglueck

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Mayor L. Dennis Michael, Redlands Mayor Mario Saucedo, Rialto Mayor Joe Baca, San Bernardino Mayor Helen Tran, Twentynine Palms Councilman Daniel Mintz Sr, Yucaipa Councilwoman Judy Woolsey, Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe and Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca Jr. Those opposing the motion were Adelanto councilman Daniel Ramos, Chino Mayor Eunice Ulloa, Chino Hills Councilman Ray Marquez Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren, Hesperia City Councilman Josh Pullen, Loma Linda Councilman Ronald Dailey, Montclair Mayor John Dutrey. Upland Mayor Bill Velto Yucca Valley Councilman Rick Denison, Second District County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez and Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman or Supervisor County of San Bernardi-

no Curt Hagman.

Curiously, despite his statement excoriating Los Angeles County transportation officials for taking control over San Bernardino County tax money intended for transportation projects, Pullen opposed McCallon’s motion.

Foothill Gold Line Chief Executive Officer Habib F. Balian in response to the SBCTA board vote, on Wednesday told the Sentinel, “As you know, the construction authority is now underway with the first of two procurements to deliver the final Foothill Gold Line project segment from Pomona to Claremont and Montclair. The first request for proposals for design/engineering services was issued this past June, with proposals due next month. This follows Los Angeles County committing nearly \$800 million last year to complete its portion of the project, and meets the schedule approved by the construction authority board earlier this year. As part

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NOTICE TO CITY OF YUCAIPA CITIZENS REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. 460

On Monday, August 25, 2025, the City Council of the City of Yucaipa did consider and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 460, relating to the City’s Municipal Code.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUCAIPA, CALIFORNIA, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUCAIPA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 394 TO THE YUCAIPA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS

AYES: C O U N C I L - MEMBER:

Thorp, Venable, Beaver, Miller and Woolsey

NOES: C O U N C I L - MEMBER: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER:

None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER:

None

You may wish to examine the full text of this Ordinance, which is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

/s/ Ana V. Sauseda, MMC

City Clerk
City of Yucaipa
Published September 5, 2025 in the San Bernardino County Sentinel

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIV SB 2522959

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANDREA-DANIELA BECKY ROSALES filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANDREA-DANIELA BECKY ROSALES to ANDREADANNIELLA REBEKAH ALEJO

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: 09/25/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 30

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

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

Dated: 08/14/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Maria Rubio, Deputy Clerk of the Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
N U M B E R CIVSB2510807,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Maxwell Michael Kovacevich, filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Maxwell Michael Kovacevich to Maxwell Javier Caron

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: 09/18/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 08/07/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga on 08/15/2025, 08/22/2025, 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIVBA 2500604,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner George N Maridis, filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: George N Maridis to Georgios Marmaridis

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

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 10/03/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: B1

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Barstow District, 235 E Mountain View St.Barstow, Ca 92311, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 08/08/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: James R. Baxter
Published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga on 08/15/2025, 08/22/2025, 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIVBA 2500603,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Chris-

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

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 10/03/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: B1The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Barstow District, 235 E Mountain View St. Barstow, Ca 92311, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBCS ? Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 08/08/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: James R. Baxter
Published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga on 08/15/2025, 08/22/2025, 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
N U M B E R CIVSB2520045,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIKA SERRANO CRUZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANNETTE CARIANA VISORIO to ANNETTE CARIANA VISORIO SERRANO, 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: 09/17/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: APT The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 08/06/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: GILBERT G OCHOA
Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 08/15/2025, 08/22/2025, 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025

FBN20250007340
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
LAKE SIDE CAFE 32300 SAN TIMOTEO CANYON ROAD REDLANDS, CA 92373: LAKE SIDE CAFE LLC 32300 SAN TIMOTEO CANYON ROAD REDLANDS, CA 92373
Business Mailing Address: 14711 MANZANITA PARK RD, SPACE 54 BEAUMONT, CA

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

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: August 4, 2025

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/ MARC WILLIS, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/04/2025

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 K1587

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 15, 22, 29 and September 5, 2025.

FBN20250007638
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
GIBIN CUSTOM STAIRS & MILLWORK 4201 E SANTA ANA ST UNIT F ONTARIO, CA 91761: GIBIN REMODELING INC 2125 S HELLMAN AVE STE O ONTARIO, CA 91761
Business Mailing Address: 2125 S HELLMAN AVE STE O ONTARIO, CA 91761
The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 4649368.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: August 11, 2025

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/ IMELDA PULIDO, Secretary
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/12/2025

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 J6733

Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FBN20250005892
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
RIVERA'S ROLLING SUDS 6985 GROVE AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346: JUAN C RIVERA
Business Mailing Address: 6985 GROVE AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 1, 2024
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JUAN C RIVERA, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/24/2025
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San

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Bernardino County Clerk By:/ Deputy J6733

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FBN20250007637
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
+BAKE CAFE 8685 BASELINE RD. SUITE B RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: TAKE UR SEAT TOO 4275 CONCOURS ST. UNIT 130 ONTARIO, CA 91764
Business Mailing Address: 15319 MONTEREY AVE CHINO HILLS, CA 91709

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 4801987.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: March 1, 2025

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/ MIRA OBADIA, President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/12/2025

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 A5235

Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FBN20250006413
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

ARNALDO ALEMAN CHIROPRACTIC, INC [and] UPLAND CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC 377 N SECOND AVE. UPLAND, CA 91786: ARNALDO ALEMAN CHIROPRACTIC, INC 3777 N SECOND AVE. UPLAND, CA 91786
Business Mailing Address: 377 N SECOND AVE. UPLAND, CA 91786

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: April 1, 1990

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/ ARNALDO ALEMAN, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 07/10/2025

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 K5932

Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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no County Sentinel on July 18 & 25 and August 1 & 8, 2025. Corrected on August 15, 22 29 and September 5, 2025.

FBN20250007374
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
UPLAND CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC 377 N SECOND AVE. UPLAND, CA 91786: ARNALDO ALEMAN CHIROPRACTIC, INC 3777 N SECOND AVE. UPLAND, CA 91786
Business Mailing Address: 377 N SECOND AVE. UPLAND, CA 91786

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: April 1, 1990

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/ ARNALDO ALEMAN, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/05/2025

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 K1587

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FBN20250007759
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
MUSTANG ENTERPRISES 5364 MAYFIELD AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407: ROBERT A BARTLEMAN
Business Mailing Address: 5364 MAYFIELD AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 17, 2025

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/ ROBERT A BARTLEMAN, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/15/2025

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 A5235

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FBN20250007585
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
MADE IN MEDALLO 1253 E HOLT BLVD ONTARIO, CA 91761: ALEXANDER VALENZUELA SALAZAR [and] DARLIN LANDINEZ MEJIA
Business Mailing Address: 1253 E HOLT BLVD ONTARIO, CA 91761
The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: July 31, 2025
By signing, I declare that all

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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/ ALEXANDER VALENZUELA SALAZAR, Manager

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/08/2025

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 J7527

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Trustee Sale No. 25-03-1076 Title Order No. 2612980CAD APN 105-531-44-1-000

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/10/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 09/16/2025 at 01:00PM, Yuhua Chen as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/12/2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0135181 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by: Phillip H. Lam, AKA Phillip Hon Lam, a married man as his joint property, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: NEAR THE FRONT STEPS LEADING UP TO THE CITY OF CHINO CIVIC CENTER, 13220 CENTRAL AVENUE, CHINO, CA 91710, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold “as is”. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 521 Doral Street, Ontario, CA 91761. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust,

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estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$121,275.80 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Cashier's checks tendered at the Trustee's Sale shall be made payable to Lender's Foreclosure Services. If the Trustee is unable to convey title or the sale is set aside for any reason, the successful bidder shall have no other recourse against the Trustor, the Beneficiary, or the Trustee except for a full refund of monies paid to the Trustee at the sale. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (626) 579-5350 or visit www.lendersforeclosureservices.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-03-1076. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If you are the owner of a residential real property containing no more than four dwelling units, the sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed ONCE for 45 days pursuant to Section 2924f of the California Civil Code, if the trustee receives from you, at least five business days before the scheduled date of sale, by certified mail with the United States Postal Service or by another overnight mail courier service with tracking information that confirms the recipient's signature and the date and time of receipt and delivery, a listing agreement with a California licensed real estate

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broker to be placed in a publicly available marketing platform for the sale of the property. If the trustee receives, at least five business days before the scheduled date of sale, from you, by certified mail with the United States Postal Service or by another overnight mail courier service with tracking information that confirms the recipient's signature and the date and time of receipt and delivery, a copy of a purchase agreement for the sale of the property, the trustee shall postpone the scheduled date of sale to a date that is at least 45 days after the date on which the purchase agreement was received by the trustee. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 626-579-5350 or visit this internet website www.lendersforeclosureservices.com using the file number assigned to this case 25-03-1076 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 8/18/25 Yu-Hua Chen, as Trustee c/o Lender's Foreclosure Services 2158 Durfee Ave El Monte, CA 91733 (626)-579-5350 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 08/22/2025, 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Public, Shelton Darwin Daniels Case NO. PROSB2200492 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ETHEL FAYE SWAIN: A petition for probate has been filed by LORI HOWARD in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that 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. V12 at 09:00 AM on 09/08/2025 at Superior Court of California,

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County of Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino Victorville Division, , San Bernardino, 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392, Victorville Division, 11530 Marcello Way, LOT 123 OF TRACT NO. 13442, IN THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 205 PAGES 63 TO 67 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY AND AMENDED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED MAY 2, 1989 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 89-156170 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS., , 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. Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 08/22/2025, 08/29/2025, 09/05/2025

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ETHEL FAYE SWAIN CASE NO. PRO-VA2500675 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ETHEL FAYE SWAIN: a petition for probate has been filed by LORI HOWARD in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR Probate requests that LORI HOWARD 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 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at: San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

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Department F3 – Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Lori Howard: Mathew Alden (California Bar Number 288429) 255 North D Street Suite 200 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 414-0797 mralden123@gmail.com Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on August 22 & 29 and September 5, 2025.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2523501 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: JORDAN HECTOR MARTINEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JORDAN HECTOR MARTINEZ to CAMILO MARTINEZ THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 10/10/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 14 The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition. Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on August 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, 2025.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2523412 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: DEBORAH HERNANDEZ ARIZAGA filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DEBORAH HERNANDEZ ARIZAGA to DEBORAH HERNANDEZ 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: 09/30/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 17 The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition. Dated: 08/19/2025 Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa Abrianna Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk of the Court Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on August 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, 2025.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2523412 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: DEBORAH HERNANDEZ ARIZAGA filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DEBORAH HERNANDEZ ARIZAGA to DEBORAH HERNANDEZ 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: 09/30/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 17 The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition. Dated: 08/19/2025 Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa Abrianna Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk of the Court Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on August 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, 2025.

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SECOND AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2516012 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: OSCAR QUIROZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: AISLYNN DAELYN VERA to AISLYN DAELYN QUIROZ 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: 09/24/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 17 The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition. Dated: 08/12/2025 Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa Priscilla Saldana, Deputy Clerk of the Court Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on August 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, 2025.

FBN20250007873 The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as AMBITION HOMES & LOANS 8047 DAY CREEK BLVD #100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739: WASSIM ALBO Business Mailing Address: 8047 DAY CREEK BLVD #100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A 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/ WASSIM ALBO, Owner Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/19/2025 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 J9965 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 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, 2025.

FBN20250008020 The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as ARCHER ATTORNEY SERVICE 7211 HAVEN AVE, E 543 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701: LARRY M BALLESTEROS Business Mailing Address:

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7211 HAVEN AVE, E 543 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701 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/ LARRY M BALLESTEROS, Owner Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/22/2025 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 K1583 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 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, 2025.

FBN20250007693 The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as FULL FAITH AUTO DETAILING 6525 N YOUNGSTOWN LANE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407: JULIAN FLORES Business Mailing Address: 6525 N YOUNGSTOWN LANE SAN BERNARDINO 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/ JULIAN FLORES , Owners Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/13/2025 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 J6733 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 29 and September 5, 12 & 19, 2025.

FBN20250008015 The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as THE GOD'S WAY MOVEMENT 9431 HAVEN AVE SUITE 100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: COURSE AND COACHING LLC 9431 HAVEN AVE SUITE 100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 Business Mailing Address: 9431 HAVEN AVE SUITE 100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California 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/ DENNIS M WEST, CEO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/22/2025 I hereby certify that this copy is

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a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy J9965

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

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FBN20250008106
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

DAD'S GARAGE AUTO SHOP 1687 W ARROW RTE UNIT A UPLAND, CA 91786; CORDOVA'S AUTO SOLUTION, INC 1072 W 9TH ST, UPLAND, CA 91786

Business Mailing Address: 6909 STONECROP LANE FONTANA, CA 92336

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California

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/ GUSTAVO CARDOVA. President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/26/2025

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 AS235

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

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FBN20250008068
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

TRUE CARE CHIROPRACTIC CENTER 1525 N D STREET SUITE 2 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405; GEORGINA BARRIGA ORTIZ

Business Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 1752 RIALTO, CA 92377

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/ GEORGINA BARRIGA ORTIZ, Director

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/25/2025

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 J6733

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

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FBN20250007729
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardi-

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no County as
MASALA DISTRICT INDIAN CUISINE 990 ONTARIO MILL DRIVE SUITE H ONTARIO, CA 91764; AURKA FOODS LLC 5188 COLLARD AVE FONTANA, CA 92336

Business Mailing Address: 5188 COLLARD AVE FONTANA, CA 92336

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

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: August 14, 2025

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/ KARTHIK PEMMARAJU, CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/14/2025

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 J3256

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

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FBN20250007948
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

VISTA PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 820 N MOUNTAIN AVE SUITE 104 UPLAND, CA 91784; OASIS ACCOUNTING INC 820 N MOUNTAIN AVE SUITE 104 UPLAND, CA 91784

Business Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 8361 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 5919864

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: September 26, 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/ CESAR N DAVILA-GUZMAN, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/21/2025

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 F3010

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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIV SB 2521503

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner IMANI NELIA ALCARAZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

IMANI NELIA ALCARAZ to BELA MARIE REYES

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated

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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: 09/30/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 14

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

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

Dated: 08/04/2025

Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Matthew Stutte, Deputy Clerk of the Court

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DIANNE LOUISE REESE

CASE NO. PROBVA2500705

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DIANNE LOUISE REESE: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RONALD J. REESE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RONALD J. REESE be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F-3 at 9:00 a.m. on October 16, 2025

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District Department F32 – 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

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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. Attorneys for Ethan Jesse Wright:
R. SAM PRICE SB 208603//ROSA M. MARQUEZ SB 313405
PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 454 Cajon Street REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 9500 attorneys@pricelawfirm.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CRAIG ROBERT VOIGT

CASE NO. PROBVA2500707

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of CRAIG ROBERT VOIGT: a petition for probate has been filed by ETHAN JESSE WRIGHT in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ETHAN JESSE WRIGHT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held October 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Department F-1 at San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District 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

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

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Business Mailing Address: 10565 CIVIC CENTER DR., #160 W. BLDG RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: August 20, 2025

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/s/ NADINE CABANILLAS TORALEZ

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/s/ CHRISTINA HUR, Owner
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Matuszak Is Coordinating The Response To Yucaipa’s Embrace Of Warehouses *from page 8*

nent domain there. What followed was an effort to move the concrete block factory near the Christmas Tree Farm. The Palmers were the leaders in forming the Friends of Live Oak Canyon. They wanted to protect and keep the land natural when someone else was trying to ruin the the natural beauty of

Probe Of School Districts’ Corner Cutting In Claiming Funds *from page 7*

charges for wire fraud and conspiracy, and civil liability under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for constitutional violations. There is also the potential for institutional liability. School districts in San Bernardino County may face loss of federal funding under Title VI and other federal programs, state sanctions, including potential state

Media Competed & Cooperated With Investigators To Demonize The Haros *from page 13*

While the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department was able to provide enough damning information with regard to the Haros to obtain an arrest warrant, its investigators had come up short in cinching the case together by producing Emmanuel’s body and demonstrating that either one or both of the Haros had placed that corpse where it was found. This gap—a crucial one—in the case against the mother

of the canyon. So, what has changed? It’s all about money.” During the August 25 public hearing on the Freeway Corridor Specific Plan update and the approval of the two warehouses, Matuszak said, “The other landowners were side-by-side with the Palmers to support their plans The plans of the others are contingent on the same Freeway Corridor Specific Plan.” Without the referendum and the vote to undo what has been done, there will

takeover, and massive civil judgments in terms of class-action lawsuits. The whistleblower in the complaint believes immediate actions are required, such as a forensic audit of all financial records, including tuition collection and fund comingling, attendance record analysis to identify manipulation patterns, Local Control Funding Formula – LCFF – funding verification to detect fraudulent reporting, and a civil rights compliance review for discriminatory practices. This complaint also

and father presented Bianco and his department with an opportunity to, if not outright steal, then redirect the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s thunder and the lightning it had in a bottle by locating the body. By 8 a.m. on August 22, the Haros had arrived at the Presley Center. They were not, as is normally the case with those arrested on murder charges specified in an arrest warrant issued by a court, immediately booked and processed. In the case of Rebecca Haro, she was not booked until 12:31 p.m., over a half hour after noon. Jake was not booked until 5:32 p.m.. In this way, Rebecca was relegated to

be warehouse crammed along the freeway near its confluence with Live Oak Canyon Road as well as up into the mouth of the canyon, Matuszak said. There are already too many existing warehouses, Matuszak said. “At the county line in Calimesa, across the freeway from Yucaipa, is a vacant warehouse,” he said. “Two years ago, a giant warehouse was built near the 10 Freeway in Cherry Valley. It is still vacant. There is one off California Street in Redlands. at

emphasized the importance of evidence preservation. Critical evidence includes board meeting minutes and recordings, financial records and bank statements, attendance logs, Americans with Disabilities Act ADA reporting, Email communications between district officials, and student enrollment and fee payment records. The complaint adamantly touched on the implications for the state and California Education. If these allegations prove accurate, they represent, systematic undermining

a holding/admission cell for more than four-and-a-half hours, while Jake was placed in such temporary custody for nine-and-a-half hours. This gave the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department an opportunity to carry out undercover operations – consisting, in the case of Jake, of a male deputy masquerading as another inmate or, in the case of Rebecca, a female deputy assuming the guise of a woman incarcerated with her – aimed at getting them to make an admission or offer some information that would lead to determining where Baby Emmanuel’s body is. In undertaking the operation, Bianco was running

the spot where Pharaoh’s Kingdom was. It is completed and is vacant and for lease or sale. So much warehouse space is unoccupied. We don’t need any more. We don’t need the traffic or urban blight. In the areas surrounding warehouses, the temperature has increased by two degrees solely because of the reflective heat coming off the concrete roofs, where the heat was previously absorbed by the vegetation and soil. This is beyond what we are experiencing with global

of California’s constitutional education guarantees, precedent-setting fraud that could encourage similar schemes statewide, and erosion of public trust in educational institutions. The complaint also encouraged reforms. This potential case highlights the urgent need for enhanced oversight mechanisms at the county and state levels, stronger penalties for educational fraud, clear guidance on preschool and transitional kindergarten funding boundaries, and Whistleblower protections for

a risk. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution protects American citizens from being compelled to testify or offer evidence against themselves. The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution offers a criminal defendant further protections, one of which is the right to representation by a lawyer. Under established case law, agents of the government, which include investigators for a law enforcement agency, are prohibited from directly questioning a suspect or indirectly obtaining statements from a suspect or arrestee who has asked for an attorney or who is already represented by an attorney. In the case of Jake, he was

warming.” “This land has been previously closed to warehouse projects,” Matuszak said. “For those who want to put a stop to this insanity, the time to act is now. Yucaipa grass root organizations are teaming with the Friends of Live Oak Canyon and the Save Live Oak Canyon groups to make sure we get a referendum in place so the city council cannot act unilaterally to destroy the quality of our community. If this referendum petition is successful and the citizens

educators reporting violations. The allegations outlined in this complaint represent far more than administrative oversights or bureaucratic confusion. They describe a deliberate, systematic subversion of California’s constitutional commitment to free public education. The charging of fees for constitutionally guaranteed educational services, the manipulation of funding formulas designed to support our most vulnerable students, and the creation of discriminatory two-tiered

previously represented in the 2018 criminal case that concluded in 2023 by an attorney, Vincent Hughes, who had given indication on August 16 that he was yet Jake’s legal counsel. Moreover, the Riverside County Public Defender’s Office, which is chartered with offering representation to indigent criminal defendants such as the Haros, had temporarily assigned Brian Cosgrove, who heads the public defender’s office’s complex litigation division, to represent both Jake and Rebecca. Thus, it appeared that an undercover operation of the sort the sheriff’s department embarked upon was impermissible

vote the way there is every indication they will, it will send a very loud message to future developers who attempt to ruin Live Oak Canyon that citizens will not stand by and allow that destruction to take place. We will turn back this action and we will repeat our efforts as many times as necessary to protect this canyon.” Matuszak invited anyone willing to join in with Friends of Live Oak Canyon to contact him at dave@pacificsunset.com.

systems all strike at the heart of educational equity and constitutional governance. Finally, the complaint states that as this investigation proceeds, it will serve as a critical test of California’s commitment to upholding both the letter and spirit of our educational laws. The outcome will determine whether constitutional guarantees remain meaningful protections or mere paper promises that can be circumvented through creative accounting and administrative sleight of hand.

and that even if one or both of the undercover deputies succeeded in obtaining incriminating statements from one or both of the Haros, those statements would not be admissible at trial. Bianco’s calculation, however, was more along the lines that either the mother or the father might spill where the child was buried. Finding the corpse would put the final touches on the case, Bianco figured. It does not appear the undercover operation achieved the sought-after result. The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department emphasized that no other arrests had been *Continued on Page 15*

Feds Chomping At The Bit To Renew Intense Immigration Enforcement *from page 7*

the constitutional protections that all Americans enjoy, and he maintained that Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were not acting arbitrarily in identifying suspects based on a host of criteria and information available to them, extending to race, ethnicity, language, location, and occupation. Judges Berzon, Sung and Gould essentially upheld Judge Frimpong, concluding the Trump Administration was arbitrarily arresting those accused of being in the country illegally, violating the Fourth Amendment in the process. The three-judge panel rejected the appeal and denied the Trump Administration's request that Judge Frimpong's ruling be stayed, stating the federal government would not suffer irreparable injury "by an injunction aimed at preventing a subset of stops not supported by reasonable suspicion."

While the Frimpong and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rulings put a crimp in the Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations throughout Southern California, reducing the number of detentions and initiated and completed deportations by more than 70 percent in the ensuing month, it did cease immigration enforcement in the Southland altogether. Both personnel and equipment remain in place at federal facilities and staging areas. An appeal of the 9th Circuit ruling has been made to the U.S. Supreme Court. The federal government contends in that appeal that the plaintiffs in the case — Pedro Vasquez Perdomo, Carlos Alexander Osorto, Isaac Antonio Villegas Molina, Jason Brian Gavidia and Jorge Luis Hernandez Viramontes and their legal representatives the American Civil Liberties Union, Public Counsel and a handful of private attorneys had falsely asserted that federal agents

were using ethnicity or race alone as the basis for detaining specific individuals. In actuality, according to the federal government, while race or ethnicity alone does not constitute the grounds for a search or arrest, taken in conjunction with other factors provides agents of the government with lawful and constitutional authority to detain individuals to ascertain whether they are in the midst of the commission of a crime. Judge Frimpong and the 9th Circuit did not accurately determine whether the "totality of circumstances" including ethnicity or race might constitute reasonable suspicion in the underlying cases relating to Perdomo, Osorto, Molina, Gavidia, Viramontes in making their analyses, of whether U.S. government agents can interrogate individuals about whether they are lawfully in the United States, according to the government's lawyers. The Trump Administration has asked for a speedy resolution of the appeal, and they anticipate a ruling before the end of September.

In the meantime, the Sentinel has learned, those heading the immigration enforcement effort in Southern California — Immigration Czar Tom Homan, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California Bilal Essayli, Andre Quinones, a deputy field office director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Kyle Harvick, an agent overseeing the Border Patrol office in El Centro in Imperial County — have refined the policy and techniques they have already begun to apply and which will be brought into full use once the Supreme Court makes its ruling on the 9th Circuit's upholding of Judge Frimpong. With three of the current Supreme Court justices having been appointed by President Trump and three others appointed by so-called conservatives, it is the troika's calculation that Judge Frimpong's order will be vacated. Moreover, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border

Patrol agents have been relying on a wide variety of indicators, including ones derived through technical means, to support the findings of probable cause in carrying out immigration enforcement operations. These include emanations from electronic devices in the possession of suspected illegal aliens that make for a prima facie case that individuals in possession of those items — smart phones and cell phones — are undocumented aliens.

Agents in the field have been given explicit instructions that they should use the technology available to them, extending to body cameras, in-vehicle cameras, cellphones, in-vehicle computers and laptop computers, to scrupulously document operations from beginning to end, capturing images and statements of those targeted and anything encountered in the field, either before or after suspects are engaged with, which would support or reinforce the adducing of probable cause.

The Sentinel has been told that supervisors at the various detention facilities for suspected and actual illegal immigrants, the B-18 holding area in downtown Los Angeles, the facility in Santa Ana and the Adelanto ICE Process-

Investigators Misled The Media In An Effort To Extract A Confession From Rebecca Haro *from page 14*

made, and no other suspects remained outstanding. Nevertheless, the department had interested itself in Jake's mom, Rachel Cosentino along with Jake's stepfather, Scott Costentino, the owners of the home in which Jake and Rebecca resided and who lived in another home in Cabazon, at 48875 Taos Road.

Over the weekend of August 23/24, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with San Bernardino County investigators moved onto a second stratagem in trying to extract information from the Haros, again scheming to utilize the press/social media to, in this case,

ing Center among them, have been instructed to revive the past practice of surveying the captive population very closely through morning and evening walk-throughs, giving those in custody who might be U.S. citizens inadvertently caught up in a raid, those with dual citizenship and those who might have the legal right to be present in the United States an opportunity to make such a claim before they are placed on a bus to Tijuana via San Ysidro.

The department has also, the *Sentinel* has learned, begun on a small scale and intends to expand to large scale infiltration of bilingual agents into the captive population to gather information and intelligence useful in both deportation processing and future operations.

The Trump Administration previously used California National Guard and Marine Corps troops to provide logistical and security support to Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol agents carrying out operations primarily in Los Angeles County in June and July before criticism of utilizing military personnel in a civilian context resulted in having those service members withdrawn. Extremely reliable sources

trick Rebecca into making an admission. Late on August 23, word spread among several social media sites that Jake Haro had confessed to killing his son and that Emmanuel's body had been found or that, at the least, its location was known. A report circulated that Jake Haro had told San Bernardino County Sheriff's detectives that he had unintentionally rolled over on Emmanuel in bed, discovering the infant dead the next morning, whereupon he panicked and disposed of the body. Saturday night, select members of the media were given heads up that they would get a glimpse of something important if they made it to a specified spot along the 60 Freeway east of Moreno Valley the following morning.

On Sunday, August 24, a bevy of investigators accompanied Jake, clad in a

tell the Sentinel that in recent weeks, Homan, in phone conversations with President Trump, has discussed highly focused operations targeting individuals in the country illegally whose criminal history goes beyond simply violating immigration law and involves serious crimes such as murder, armed robbery, drug trafficking, rape, human trafficking and livestock theft. In those operations, Homan has proposed and President Trump reportedly fully supports, using military personnel side-by-side in effectuating arrests. During one such conversation, Homan told the president, it was conveyed to the Sentinel, that he shared his determination to prevent "criminals from roaming the streets of America unhindered."

The Sentinel is informed that President Trump is determined, in the aftermath of the upcoming Supreme Court ruling on Judge Frimpong's order which he believes will unshackle his hands on the immigration issue, to be even more aggressive and place a higher higher priority on the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's operations in California than the currently ongoing crack-downs in New York City and Washington, D.C.,

dark orange/red jail jumpsuit, to the hillside along the 60 Freeway near Gilman Springs east of Moreno Valley. The coterie of reporters, photographers and videographers who had shown up were under the impression that the discovery of the dead child's remains was imminent. They observed, from a distance, the suspect and the investigative team walking along the fire roads and pathways on the hillside near Gilman Springs.

Videos and photographs of Jake accompanied by investigators walking along the rustic trail in the Gilman Springs area were posted to social media sites by late afternoon and early evening Sunday. Photos ran in the following day's newspapers, with captions and reports that Jake was speaking to investigators and had divulged to them crucial details about the

Midway Blitz in Chicago and Operation Patriot in Boston. This is because California is home to more illegal aliens — an estimated 2.3 million — than any other state in the country. Moreover, President Trump is angered by sanctuary declarations by Governor Gavin Newsom, Democratic members of the California legislature and mayors and other officials in various cities in California.

Those unregistered foreigners who have had their pace of residence traced, those day laborers congregating in places recognized by authorities to draw illegal immigrants, those employed by companies which have demonstrated a propensity for employing unregistered migrants in the past, those employed in marginal "professions" which have traditionally attracted foreigners who are not present in the United States legally, workers who hold jobs that formerly paid decent wages to American-born or naturalized American citizens but which now have seen hourly wages drop to the level of the state's minimum wage or below it and workers being paid "under the table" are going to be targeted for removal from the country in coming weeks.

child's death and how the tot's body had been disposed. Copies of those newspapers were left lying around at various places on the 7th floor of the lockup, that portion of the facility in which Rebecca Haro was housed, as a means to convince her that her husband had turned and was in full cooperation with investigators, implicating her in their child's murder.

A report that spread rapidly via the internet was that Jake had told a fellow inmate that he had killed Emmanuel and disposed of him in the trash.

Reports surfaced that the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department had grounds to believe that Emmanuel was dead as early as August 4 and that the child had been disposed of in the trash shortly thereafter. The department focused for a time on the

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possibility that the child's body was somewhere in the Lamb Canyon Landfill near Beaumont Republic Services.

Investigators asked Republic Services, the trash hauler which has the refuse handling franchise for Cabazon, to trace which truck, precisely, had been responsible for trash pick-up on Ramona Street and ascertain what time the truck had offloaded at the Lamb Canyon Landfill, believing detectives might learn from the landfill's operators which disposal area had been open for franchise operators during the timeframe in question – August 4 to August 14 – and whether a log existed that would show the time of the arrival of particular trash trucks. Based on this, the investigators were looking to narrow down where in the landfill the child's corpse might be located. Several days had passed after Emmanuel's alleged abduction and detectives making contact with Republic Services and the landfill operator. After investigators surveyed the landfill in an effort to delineate a section of the landfill where the body could conceivably be located, assuming that it had been hidden in the trash ultimately dumped there, it was concluded that conducting a search operation in which a reasonable chance of finding the body would be too monumental of a task.

Reports with regard to the undercover operations the Riverside County Sheriff's Department targeting Jake and Rebecca, ones based on impeccable sources within both the sheriff's department and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, surfaced in the traditional press and media by Monday, roughly simultaneous to the revelation that the excursion to Gilman Springs had not led to the discovery of Emmanuel's body.

On Tuesday, August 26, the Haros were in the courtroom of Judge Gary Polk for their arraignment on the murder and filing a false police report charges. Ultimately, those proceed-

ings were postponed when the Riverside County Public Defender's Office, concerned that as the case progressed differences might arise between Rebecca and Jake, sought a postponement to determine what arrangement could be made to bring in a defense attorney to represent one or the other to avoid a representational conflict for their legal team.

The following day, August 27, with what had been the Emmanuel Haro kidnapping case having transformed into a murder case that was garnering regional, statewide, national and international attention, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin called a press conference. Going into the conference, Hestrin faced a mélange of difficulties that were not of his own making but rather ones that had been handed off to him by the San Bernardino County and the Riverside County sheriff's departments. One problem was both departments had provided information to and planting stories with the press, traditional television and radio media and social media outlets which had created a frenzied atmosphere which had primed the larger public for the prosecution of the parents, but which had also fueled speculation about the nature of the evidence that was plain inaccurate. A second problem was that the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department had arrested the pair somewhat prematurely, prior to all of the elements of the crime having been established. A third complication was Sheriff Bianco's gamble on the undercover operations targeting the defendants that had been initiated in the jail and had not produced anything tangible in terms of evidence or confessions. A fourth issue was the combination of the effort to fool Rebecca into confessing by publicly displaying her husband in the Moreno Valley Badlands and simultaneously falsely implying to the public at large, through the manipulation of the press and the media, that authorities had discovered the child's lifeless body when that was, in fact, not the case.

Having called the press conference, Hestrin sought to, and initially succeeded in, controlling its flow. He made a series of state-

ments, providing a narrative in which the Haros were depicted as having killed their child and thereafter engaged in perpetrating a false clam relating to the abduction to obfuscate their culpability and mislead the investigators. The crowd of reporters on hand, consisting in large measure of the establishment/legacy/traditional press was generally politely respectful of the district attorney, in no small part because of the widespread perception that the Haros were guilty of all they were being accused of and perhaps even more. Skillfully, Hestrin utilized questions about Jake Haro's previous conviction on child abuse charges to vector the press corps' focus to the horrific nature of the crime alleged and the nature of the criminals the two sheriffs' departments and his office were dealing with. He shunted aside, glossed over or deflected questions that touched on the Riverside Sheriff's Department's undercover operation, reports that Jake had confessed to killing his son accidentally or purposefully or suggestions that the lack of body compromised the strength of the murder case. He insisted that there had been no confession in jail, while leaving the issue of undercover operations undressed, and stated, "We have a pretty strong indication of where the remains of Baby Emmanuel are."

It appeared that Hestrin, by his gravitas and the deference the establishment media accorded him, had successfully stood down the questions that had surfaced with regard to the case before they mushroomed into critical doubts that might have clouded or would perhaps undo the public perception of the Haros' guilt, which as a consequence of the leaks regarding the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department investigation had grown so overwhelming only a week before.

Well into the press conference, however, Ahmed Bellozo, a new wave citizen journalist who lacks formal journalistic training and depends primarily on instinct, gumption and tips pouring in from virtually anywhere that may or may not be well-grounded in fact, rose to ask just how solid the assumption that Emmanuel is dead. Bello-

zo, whose style consists of wielding a microphone to question public or private figures he believes might be knowledgeable or have some insight with regard to issues of public interest while his accompanying videographer records the exchanges, was as aggressive with Hestrin as he is with the subjects he interviews for his Tic Tok Channel "On The Tira." Having sensed that the Baby Emmanuel story was one that would garner for him not only local viewers but ones from the entire Southern California region and beyond, across the continent and perhaps both oceans, he had assumed, early on in his coverage of the matter that the Haros were guilty of murdering their child. He had generated on his own videotaped evidence that cast doubt about Rebecca Haro's claim of being assaulted and having her child taken from her. He had energetically traced leads that had originated with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to churn up penetratingly suggest the Haros were at the center of their son's disappearance. He had gone out on a limb and reported that they were guilty of murdering their son. When Hestrin said the prosecutor's office and the investigators working the case had a good idea about where the body was, Bellozo interpreted that to mean the body was in hand and a soon-to-be completed forensic examination would vindicate his reporting to that effect and the criminal charges that were lodged against the pair.

Pressed so directly on the issue and flushed out of the position of ambiguous suggestion he had assumed, Hestrin had to back off what he had said earlier, acknowledging Emmanuel's death had not been confirmed through the discovery of his corpse.

He then lashed out at Bellozo, telling him he needed to give his investigative efforts a rest.

For the legacy and establishment media present in the room and those watching it on video, the exchange between Hestrin and Bellozo was jarring and sobering. It was followed by a protracted lecture from Bianco who excoriated the media for its gullibility for latching onto speculation or suggestions

by other members of the media and its unwillingness to accept at face value and as authoritative the versions of events offered by officialdom and law enforcement. Bianco, seemingly disregarding that the media over the previous week-and-a-half had widely and trustingly spread the word provided to it by law enforcement personnel, stated that the media, by its constant questioning, independent investigative efforts and seeking to fill in the gaps in the narrative of what had occurred in the Haro household was "doing nothing but harming this investigation. And when you form your opinion and come in here and ask questions like that, you're not serving the public in any way."

While the display of anger by the district attorney and the sheriff at the press and social media over its intense interest in the case did not erase, for the most part, the generalized belief among the press corps that the Haros, more likely than not had some involvement in the disappearance or death of Emmanuel, the two officials' reaction threw into stark relief their insistence that they had enough evidence to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Jake and Rebecca Haro are murderers of their own child. Indeed, with Bianco stating with such conviction that the media was interfering with his department's investigation, it raised a question as to whether the murder charges had been prematurely lodged.

More pointedly, however, the entire episode forced many in the press and media to consider the degree to which the law enforcement entities involved in the case – both sheriff's departments and the district attorney's office – had taken for granted that they could manipulate the media and press, both individually and collectively, to do their bidding through a selective release of information bordering on the provision of misinformation in its effort to fool, trap or otherwise implicate the Haros. When elements of the media inquired as to what was true and what was not, Bianco suggested that such questions were tantamount to assisting the defendants. Given the previous coverage that emphasized the mounting evidence of guilt

on the part of the parents and the constant drumbeat across the entire media spectrum calling for the Haros' arrest, media executives became alarmed that the public might have come to perceive the press as lapdogs who could be snapped into line by being shamed for not simply parroting what they were being told by the police. National and international journalists, who had previously seen Bianco as the head of one of the involved investigative agencies, took stock of the consideration that he was a politician looking to convert a conviction into the governorship of the country's largest state, began eying him with a jaundiced eye, the precise opposite of what he had hoped to achieve by lecturing the press on August 27 in the aftermath of Bellozo's inquiries.

Over the next several days, the Riverside County Public Defenders Office elected to remain as Jake Haro's legal counsel, assigning deputy public defenders Allison Lowe, who oversees the office's complex litigation division with Cosgrove, and Paulette Garthwaite to formulate his defense under the supervision of Cosgrove. To ensure that no conflict between the husband and wife emerges and neither will be disadvantaged by having a legal team with divided loyalties, Jeff Moore of the Riverside-based law firm of Blumenthal & Moore will represent Rebecca.

On September 4, the Haros, who were separated from each other to prevent them from communicating with one another when they were brought into the courtroom of Judge Gary Polk, were arraigned. In contrast to the previous frenzied atmosphere in which their guilt was assumed, the proceedings were dealt with expeditiously, with the murder and filing a false report charges read against them and not guilty pleas entered.

Moore gave indication of an upcoming motion to move the proceedings against his client out of downtown Riverside to the courthouse in Banning, which is geographically closer to Cabazon, where the prosecution is set to allege the murder took place.