

Board-Ordered Probe Of Incumbent County Treasurer Carries Political Overtones

By Mark Gutglueck

A move by four of the members of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and their political support network to boost the electoral prospects of the Rancho Cucamonga councilman challenging County Treasurer Ensen Mason in this year's election has resulted in charges and counter-charges of conflicts-of interest together with suggestions that the county's elected

officials are exhibiting inadequate diligence, dedication and focus on their duty to those who elected them.

After two unsuccessful attempts at running for the position of San Bernardino County treasurer/tax collector/auditor/controller in 2010 and 2014, Ensen Mason was elected in 2018 and reelected in 2022. This year, he is being challenged by Ryan Hutchison, who in 2018 was

elected to the position of Rancho Cucamonga Third District councilman and in 2022 was returned to office by proclamation when no one ran against him.

Hutchison is a member of a coalition of San Bernardino County politicians affiliated with the current leadership of the county Republican Party and supported by the building industry, developers, the real estate profession and public

employee unions representing both line and public safety workers. That coalition, which has evolved to dominate San Bernardino County politics and become what is the most widely-perceived embodiment of the leadership of the county establishment, includes San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Paul Cook, San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Jesse Armendarez,

San Bernardino County Second Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe and Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman as four of its primary members.

For a multiplicity of reasons, Cook, Armendarez, Rowe and Hagman want Mason out as treasurer/tax collector/auditor/controller, and the circumstance has grown propitious to move Hutchison in as his replacement. **See P 2**

Beaver Does 180° Flip, Now Wants Yucaipa To Fight State For Local Land Use Autonomy

In an intriguing but perhaps not entirely unexpected turnaround, the Yucaipa City Council on Monday February 23 moved toward the forefront of resistance to the State of California's usurpation of local land-use authority.

The action was an attempt to put the brakes on what might otherwise prove to be a develop frenzy that virtually all

elements of the building industry view in a positive light. Of note is that just three years ago, pro-development forces, acting independently of state officials and utilizing three of the members of the Yucaipa City Council, staged a coup which removed the city's long-time city manager, whose controlled growth approach to municipal governance had prevent-

ed Yucaipa, the seventh smallest geographically of the county's 24 municipalities, from being subjected to unbridled urbanization. Those events resulted in the most chaotic and disruptive chapter in Yucaipa's 37 years as an incorporated city, including the recall of one of the councilmen. the decision by another to retire from politics and the virtual

destruction of a third councilman's reputation.

Now, roughly a half decade after the governor and state legislature initiated an historic effort to override local control with regard to the intensity and quality of development that takes place in California to encourage the construction of housing to accommodate the state's burgeoning population, bring down

the skyrocketing cost of housing and alleviate the growing phenomenon of homelessness, the Yucaipa City Council as it is now composed has come around to the position a handful of cities in San Bernardino County and three or four dozen from around the state assumed four and five years ago when they stood up to state officials and enunciated **See P 5**

Sheriff's SMASH Detail Intensifies Operations Targeting Street Gang Violence & Hooliganism

Between February 16 and 22, investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's - gangs and narcotic division, along with deputies from patrol stations and personnel from partnering agencies, served nine search warrants and contacted criminal suspects throughout the county. Additionally, the de-

partment's street crime enforcement team's San Bernardino Movement Against Street Hoodlums (SMASH) detail conducted proactive patrols in the High Desert and surrounding jurisdictions.

Over the one-week period, investigators contacted gang members and people prohibited from possessing

firearms. During their investigations, 11 firearms were seized. Investigators made 10 felony arrests and one misdemeanor arrest during the operational period.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors authorized funds for countywide crime suppression. The intent is to provide additional funding to the **See P 3**

Marshall Set To Lose Victorville Planning Commission Berth

The Victorville City Council next week will consider removing Derek Marshall from his position as a member of the planning commission, based on a request from Councilman Robert Harriman that Marshall be relieved of that honorific.

At the February 17 Victorville City Council meeting, Harriman cited

Marshall's participation as a self-appointed chap-eron during a student walkout at Victor Valley High School on February 13. That action, in which the students left class and the school campus as a protest/demonstration against what those students and their representatives said in overreach by the federal Department of **See P 3**

Ontario Chaffey Showband To Perform Western Music At Gardner Spring March 16

The musicians of the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band and the Ovitt Family are proud to present a program entitled "Boots, Spurs, & Dolly" on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be held in Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium, located on the campus of Chaffey High School at

1245 North Euclid Ave. in Ontario. The Woodwind Celebration Ensemble will present a pre-concert recital in the auditorium lobby at 7:00 p.m. Complimentary coffee and cookies will be served in the lobby prior to the concert. The performance is free to the public.

The concert will present an evening of country

and western music. The Show Band is excited to have two guest performers return to our stage, Kim Eberhardt and Bob Morley. Also featured will be Show Band musician and vocalist John Holguin, along with the musicians of the Show Band.

Kim Eberhardt, who sings and talks like Dolly Parton, is an ac-

complished artist. She performs country legend Parton's hits with panache. Kim's love of Dolly Parton began young, early in her performing life, and was only enriched when she was cast as the Dolly Parton role in the stage musical 9 to 5. Kim says about her tribute performances, "This show is my love letter to Dolly.

She is a national treasure!" Kim will perform four of Dolly Paton's greatest hits, *Here You Come Again*, *Jolene*, *9 to 5*, and *I Will Always Love You*.

Bob Morley started performing when he was in the sixth grade. At 14, he started his own rock-and-roll band at the birth of the genre in the 50's. He trav- **See P 5**

Ontario Solons Make Clear They Oppose The Measures The City Paid \$1.255M To Put Before The Voters

More than three months ago, Ontario's mayor and city council voted to spend \$1,255,000 in city funds to place two ballot initiatives before the city's voters.

Thus, on March 24, Ontario's residents will have the opportunity to vote yes or no on two ballot measures, Measure V and Measure W.

Despite spending more than one-and-a-quarter-million dollars to hold that special election, the mayor and all four members of the council are in agreement: the city's residents should reject both Measure V and Measure W.

Both measures pertain to hotels and motels, what is also referred to as the "hospitality industry" in Ontario. The were forced on the city by Unite Here Local 11, a union representing those who work in hotels throughout Southern California. The members of the city council expressed the view that the measures will increase costs borne by those who stay at motels and hotels in the city and will hurt the efforts City Hall is making to build Ontario into a convention magnet, attracting thousands of outside businesses to the city temporarily and thus boosting the economy.

Measure V calls for creating a local minimum wage for hospitality workers that would rise to \$30 an hour by 2030, and build in other regulations for **See P 3**

Treasurer Is Double-Dipping & Using His Government Status To Advantage In His Private Sector Business Practice, Four Men Fronting For The Board Of Supervisors Charged On February 24 *from front page*

Hutchison has aspirations for higher office, the most immediately logical of which is Second District Supervisor, a position from which he could in future years launch what could likely prove to be a successful campaign for the state legislature – the California Assembly or the State Senate. However, because the Second District supervisorial post is currently held by Armendarez, who will not be precluded by San Bernardino County's term limits from running for supervisor until 2034, having Hutchison glide into an elective post other than Second District supervisor is more in keeping with the coalition's interests and long-term goals. Hutchison's unbridled support of development proposals as a member of the Rancho Cucamonga City Council, which has [antagonized] a cross section of the electorate in Rancho Cucamonga, has raised questions about his prospects for retaining his council seat in the upcoming November election.

This combination of factors resulted in Cook, Armendarez, Rowe and Hagman quietly coming to a consensus that one of the coalition's next measure moves forward should consist of Hutchison knocking Mason out of office in the 2026 election cycle.

For more than six months, that Hutchison was going to challenge Mason in the upcoming June election, which corresponds with California's gubernatorial primary, has been a poorly-kept secret. The coalition's loosely-knit set of political advisors began casting about in December to find some issue that Mason or the treasurer/tax collector's office was involved in that might be hung around Mason's neck as some order of millstone. At some point, those

strategists came up the idea of utilizing Mason's decision, extending back to after his 2018 election, against closing out a company he had established in 2014, Mason Financial Services, as a means of bringing his service as treasurer/tax collector/auditor/controller into question.

A certified public accountant, Mason had gradually, beginning in the 1990s, built his business keeping books for companies and individuals into a successful operation. In 2014, the same year he ran for county treasurer for the second time, he branched into providing clients advice with regard to money/wealth management, offering guidance on the best way to structure and diversify investments to ensure those investing in various money markets or assets extending to stocks, bonds, mutual funds, traded funds, real estate, certificates of deposit, option, derivatives, annuities commodities or hybrids get a substantial return on their money while minimizing risk by protecting themselves through adequate diversification and caution.

Upon being elected, Mason did not shutter Mason Financial Services, but withdrew from its day-to-day operations, turning it over to a manager and his other employees, who continued to run the business out of an office on the fifth floor of the Citrus Center/Citibank building at 300 East State Street in Redlands, which has since been purchased by the City of Redlands and is set for being converted into the next Redlands City Hall. The coalition's political operatives formulated a plan of attack.

It was Mason's retention of his private sector financial services operation while he is serving the capacity of an elected government official that the political alliance

seized upon in arriving at its plan to remove him from office and replace him with Hutchison.

The tightly-knit circle that constitutes the alliance consists of Phil Cothran, Sr, since 2021 the chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee; Heather Obernolte, the wife of Jay Obernolte, one of two Republican congressman representing San Bernardino County; Ross Sevy, a Republican Party functionary who has been active in dozens of electoral campaigns since 2014; Jim Previti, a developer and major donor to political campaigns in San Bernardino County; Benjamin Lopez, a Montclair City Councilman and the parliamentarian for San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee; Cook; Hagman, Rowe and Armendarez.

Individuals from the private sector with ties to the alliance were recruited and began making allusions, in public, to Mason's dual private and public sector functions, implying or directly stating that they were either incompatible, in conflict or that the time Mason devoted to his financial services company detracted from, or divided, his attention to overseeing the county's finances.

In a precisely choreographed exhibition scripted by Hutchison's campaign team, which included Sevy, Heather Obernolte and a political consultant, four county residents/businessmen – Mark Lee, Samuel Powers, Corey Torello and Jerry Bazra – at the Tuesday February 24, 2026 San Bernardino Board of Supervisors meeting during that portion of the meeting reserved for public comments read prepared statements which variously questioned the propriety of Mason's dual status, outright alleged he was involved in a conflict of interest or called for his removal from the elective office he holds.

Lee began the onslaught, noting that in addition to the \$456,000 Mason was paid by the

county in his elective capacity, he also owned Mason Financial Services, which Lee said is "valued at over a million dollars. That firm paid him over \$100,000 in a year. I believe that's double dipping. This is one of the worst cases I've ever heard of. I ask all of you as my representatives here this morning to do something about this as soon as possible."

Lee opined, "This is fraud."

Samuel Powers, who said he is "a small business owner, said "I was very bothered to learn that there's someone at this county taking advantage of an elected position. Is it true that the owner of a private firm – Mason Financial Services – who sells investment advice to a private client is also an elected official, and not just any elected official but the treasurer of San Bernardino County? Please tell me this is not true. If it is, I consider this an abuse of power and it needs to be investigated immediately," he said.

Corey Torello, who said he manages a large business in San Bernardino County, alluded to having earlier expressed concern with regard to Mason.

"I return today to issue a call to action to investigate potential conflicts of interest for the auditor/controller and tax collector Ensen Mason, Torello said. "Even though Mr. Mason earns over \$450,000 in salary and benefits in his role at the county, he also works full time at his business, Mason Financial Services, worth more than a million dollars."

Asserting that Mason was using his public position as "auditor, controller and tax collector to gain personal clients," Torello said, "Mr. Mason oversees the management of the county investment pool valued at roughly \$12 billion. At the same time, he profits from a business he owns giving investment advice for his personal clients. I just don't see how this is not a conflict of interest. How can a county official conduct the same kind of work

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for the public and for the private sector at the same time? How do you know he's not profiting from his public position by investing billions of dollars on behalf of the county to increase the value of the investments of his personal clients?"

Torello said, "What I want to know is how the board is safeguarding against this type of activity. He is clearly leveraging his county position when advertising for his private business. I call on you to investigate how Mr. Mason's private business and public position may be in conflict with one another. Without an investigation into Mr. Mason's office and the county's financial policies how can constituents have confidence in county leadership?"

Jerry Baja said, "We have a big problem in the office of auditor/controller. It seems like the person in charge of this office has been running a financial services company at the same time they (sic) have a job in the county. I don't believe he can properly dedicate yourself to two full-time jobs at once. More importantly it's the fact that you should not. My question is: What are the steps that are in place to remove someone?"

Elements contained in the statements, including repetition of precisely similar wording relating to the value of Mason Financial Services and Powers, Torello and Baja omitting treasurer from Mason's title and instead referring to him as the "auditor/controller/tax collector" gave strong indication that the state-

ments were written by the same individual.

Moreover, Rowe, as the board chairwoman arranged to have all four – Lee, Powers, Torello and Baja – address the board as the final speakers during the public comment period, whereupon she addressed the substance of their statements by reading a written statement of her own into the record.

Under standard protocol for elected government board meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act, California's open public meeting law, public agency or district boards, city councils or county boards of supervisors are permitted to hear comments from members of the public relating to topics those speakers bring up extemporaneously, the board members or council members cannot dialogue with the public regarding those topics and cannot discuss matters or issues that have not been agendized. There was no item on the agenda relating to Mason's dual private sector and public sector roles. Thus, Rowe's statement with regard to the topic, which was clearly written ahead of time given that she read from it in her reaction to Lee's, Powers', Tirello's and Baja's statements, was an indication she was prepared to speak on the issue in advance of the meeting. Moreover, that her prepared remarks corresponded so uniformly with what was read by Lee, Powers, Tirello and Baja strongly suggests that the state-

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eled nationally as a solo performer, with a gospel quartet, and later with a folk trio, performing in every state and a half dozen foreign countries. Most of Bob's musical talent, however, has been directed toward the ministry of the Church. Bob is an ordained United Methodist minister, having served churches in Southern California

and Hawaii over his 45-year career. Bob will sing *Help Me Make It Through the Night*, *Mama, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys*, and *The Gambler*.

In addition to playing his trumpet, John Holguin will sing Garth Brooks' song *If Tomorrow Never Comes* and Johnny Cash's *Folsom*

Prison Blues. The Show Band will be featured on a medley of country songs that will open the show, and "A Salute to Glen Campbell," a tribute to the late, great singer and guitarist.

If you are country music aficionado, you will not want to miss these performances.

All are invited to enjoy a night of country music, and their family and friends, as well.

Those who wish to can support the Show

Band by visiting and feeding the Hungry Tuba located in the lobby.

The concert will be broadcast on local Ontario cable Channel 3. Check your cable listings for the date and time.

The Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band was founded in 1985 by R. Jack Mercer and is now under the direction of Mr. Patrick Arnold and assistant directors David Schaafsma and David Grasmick. Band members represent at

least two dozen communities throughout Southern California. Adult musicians and students are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7 to 9:00 p.m. at the Chaffey High School Jack Mercer Band Room. The band performs monthly concerts on the campus of Chaffey High School as well as at other venues throughout the community. All performances are free to the public.

For more information about the concert visit the Show Band website at www.showband.net or contact Pat Arnold at pat@showband.net. The "Friends of the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band" is a registered charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3); EIN # 46-1422958. Donations are welcomed. Checks may be made out to: Friends of the OCCSB, P.O. Box 1512, Ontario, *Continued on Page 15*

Marshall Is Pushing To Establish Himself As A Progressive Political Icon In A Community That Has Rejected Liberalism *from front page*

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, was not authorized by the school district and constituted what the Victor Valley School District maintains constituted mass truancy.

During that portion of the February 17 meeting reserved for council members to suggest items to be considered by the council at future meetings, Harriman said, "This last Friday,

one of our planning commissioners was observed participating in a school walkout that began at Victor Valley High school and then ended here at City Hall. The walkout was in protest to the federal immigration and customs enforcement, also known as ICE. Our planning commissioner, Mr. Derek Marshall is an appointed local public official, and his participation in this

type of activity communicates a disregard for our local governance structure we as a city council have supported. Therefore, I would like to ask that the council consider for discussion and possible action an item be placed on the agenda for the next city council meeting where we consider removal of Mr. Derek Marshall from the planning commission."

Mayor Liz Becerra seconded Harrington's motion and it passed by a vote of 4-to-1, with councilwomen Corinne Mora

and Tiffany Gaudin joining with Harrington and Becerra supporting holding a public hearing at the March 3 council meeting to delve into whether the city should part ways with Marshall. Councilwoman Leslie Irving, who nominated him to be considered in the appointment process when he was placed on the commission, dissented.

While municipal elected positions in California are officially and by law deemed to be nonpartisan, throughout all of San Bernardino

County party affiliation is a major factor in who holds elective office. California is dominated by the Democratic Party. Of California's total 23,206,519 registered voters, 10,396,792 or 44.8 percent are Democrats, while 5,896,203 or 25.41 percent are Republicans. Those who have no party affiliation number 5,336,441 or 23 percent, a number not terribly far off from that of the Republicans. The remaining 1,577,083 voters or 6.8 percent are members of the American Independent, Green,

Libertarian, Peace & Freedom or other more obscure parties. Despite comprising more than one-quarter of the state's voters, the Republicans hold nine of the total 52 House seats in California's congressional delegation, while the Democrats claim 43. In this way, California's electoral map has already been set so that the Republicans are represented at a rate in the House of Representatives – 17.31 percent – well below the 25.41 percent of the voters they

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Operation Consequences Is Intended As San Bernardino County Law Enforcement's Bulwark Against Violent Crime And Street Gang Criminality *from front page*

Sheriff's Department, allowing for increased law enforcement services related to quality-of-life issues affecting the communities in our county.

Operation Consequences will focus on conducting targeted crime suppression operations in

the High Desert and the Sheriff's jurisdiction surrounding the city of San Bernardino. The operation will include personnel from the Sheriff's Gangs/Narcotics Division, Specialized Enforcement Division, patrol stations, California Highway Patrol, San

Bernardino Police Department, San Bernardino County Probation and Department of Homeland Security Investigations. Operation Consequences will take place over the next several months to curb violent crime, disrupt and dismantle targeted criminal street gangs, and locate and arrest criminals who are illegally possessing, manufacturing and trafficking firearms.

Operation Conse-

quences is a targeted crime suppression initiative in San Bernardino County aimed at reducing violent crime and dismantling criminal street gangs through coordinated law enforcement efforts.

Operation Consequences is a multi-agency initiative launched by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to address crime, particularly gang-related activities and illegal fire-

arms possession. The operation involves collaboration with various law enforcement agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, U.S. Marshals, and local police departments. It aims to enhance community safety and quality of life by conducting targeted enforcement operations across the county, particularly in the High Desert region.

Operation Consequences is part of a

broader strategy to enhance public safety in San Bernardino County. By targeting gang members and illegal firearms, the operation aims to reduce crime rates and improve the overall quality of life for residents. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has authorized additional funding to support these law enforcement efforts, reflecting a commitment to addressing crime and *Continued on Page 15*

Hotel Workers' Union Gathered Enough Signatures To Get Ontario To Put Wage & Conditions Measure On The Ballot *from front page*

industry workers.

Measure W would require voter approval for major hotel and event center projects.

The Ontario City Council approved the special election to be held March 24 at a cost

of \$1.255 million at its December 16 meeting. That decision was preceded and then followed by a series of complicating events.

On April 15, 2025, the city council approved a development agreement between the city and Diversified Pacific Development Group, LLC for the development of a 600-room hotel and related commercial uses on a 10.43-acre site located at the southeast corner of Guasti Road and Holt Boulevard, near

the Ontario Convention Center.

Unite Here Local 11, representing motel and hotel workers, primarily in Los Angeles County, having anticipated the approval of the hotel project, gathered signatures on petitions to qualify two referendum for the ballot in Ontario, challenging the hotel project. Following review by the City Clerk, in coordination with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, both petitions

were certified as legally sufficient and containing the required number of valid signatures to require that the referendums be held. Under California law, the filing of a referendum petition automatically suspends the effective date of the challenged ordinances pending further action. As a result, implementation of the development agreement and specific plan for the hotel was paused. Upon certification, the City Council was obligated to either

repeal the ordinances or submit them to the voters. At the Ontario City Council meeting on July 15, 2025, the city council reconsidered the ordinances approving the hotel project and declined to repeal them. Instead, the city council adopted a resolution placing both measures on the ballot for a special municipal election scheduled for June 2, 2026. Holding the election for the two measures would have cost the city \$748,000.

The city council, per-

ceiving that Unite Here Local 11 was being obstructionist to the city's goal of establishing a four-star hotel that will encourage top end corporations to hold meetings and conventions at the Ontario Convention Center, decided to speed up the process by putting the two measures onto the ballot in March of this year, even though doing so would cost more than \$500,000 more than holding the election in June. By do-

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Criticism That Precipitated The Investigation Of The County Treasurer Had All The Ear-markings Of A Set-Up *from page 2*

ments were coordinated in advance and quite possibly or probably written by the same individual, believed by many observers to be Hutchison's campaign consultant.

Reading from the prepared text contained in a document on the table before her, Rowe said, "We've heard some new comments. I've had a lot of outreach both this morning and via email from folks regarding the conflict of interest associated with the auditor controller tax collector and the concerns that are being raised. Ensen Mason, despite being the highest paid elected official in the county is not in his elected office full time because he operates a full-time business, Mason Financial Services. So, Ensen's a CPA and a registered investment advisor, and in that role, he frequently provides advice to his clients on investments that they should make. At the same time, Ensen serves as the elected auditor controller tax collector for our county and in his role as the treasurer, he directly manages \$12 billion in the county investment pool. So, this creates an opportunity for significant conflict of interest."

Changing her posture and angling herself accordingly to address County Chief Executive Officer Luther Snoke, who was seated to her left at the far end of the board dais next to County Counsel Laura Feingold, Rowe continued to read from the prepared statement, asking, "Is there any way you can investigate to see if this is a real conflict of interest or just a perceived conflict of interest? Because I agree with the speakers and the outreach that I've had that if nothing else, it's a bad look. [As a] board, we delegate our investment authority each year through the budgeting

process. I'm concerned that until we have a better understanding of the allegations, that we may want to explore what other options that we have for delegation. So, would you be able to look into that and report back?"

Snoke's response came across as pre-rehearsed if not scripted as well, as he appeared to be glancing at the screen of an open laptop computer in front of him.

"Yes," Snoke said, "and to echo your point, I've heard the complaints, too. Yes, I can work with county counsel. We'll look into how we would investigate the concerns raised regarding the potential conflict of interest. From the standpoint of investment authority, annually an item is brought where we recommend to the board delegated investment authority to the ATC [auditor treasurer controller]. I think that is around budget time. June or July each year is when we traditionally bring that."

In a remark that ominously seemed to foretell that the county board of supervisors and top county administrators were looking to bring Mason down a peg or two before the upcoming election by attenuating the scope of his financial authority, Snoke said, "I can explore what it would mean if a recommendation was to delegate the investment authority differently and what the implications that would have on the county."

Armendarez, the individual on the board of supervisors most closely aligned with Hutchison jumped in at that point, ruminating out loud, in the strongest of terms, about publicly rebuking Mason.

"Madam chair, we do hear you," Armendarez said. "We hear everything you're saying. When it comes to this particular subject that we're talking right now, where I see there could be a huge issue that I would love to see if we could look into is when you're managing \$12 billion, that gives you a lot

of influence in what you can do with your own personal business. And I would hate to see that these monies are being leveraged in any way from the county side to benefit someone's personal business. If that's the case, we need to get the bottom of it. I don't know if there's a way to audit that in itself, because if he's – I don't know if it's called insider trading or something, but if there's something like that that's happening – that could be not just devastating to the county but it could be devastating to our reputation as a county."

Rowe then really rubbed it in, analogizing the situation in stark terms, saying, "One of the comments I received was its the equivalent of having the sheriff's department, the actual sheriff, the elected sheriff have his own private towing company where he hooks up and hauls vehicles and makes a profit off that or DA [District Attorney Jason] Anderson having a private practice on the side at the same time."

She addressed Snoke and Feingold, "So, I think anything you can do to shed some light on it would be helpful."

The events at the February 24 board meeting came in the midst of the February 9 to March 6 filing period for candidates, serving as a well-timed springboard for Hutchison's candidacy and campaign kick-off. Headlines heralding that Mason was being investigated by the county appeared the next day in both of the county's largest circulating daily newspapers, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and the San Bernardino Sun.

Mason responded, pointing out that he had been assailed by a mixture of inaccuracies, quarter-truths-half-truths and three-quarter-truths held together with what were at best misinterpretations and worse outright and intentional misrepresentations.

There is no restriction whatsoever on elected officials owning busi-

nesses in the private sector, he pointed out. This is currently the case, with other elected officials in San Bernardino County, including those who called upon the chief executive officer and county counsel to investigate him. Larry Walker, who was the incumbent county treasurer/tax collector/auditor/controller against whom he ran in 2010 and 2014, was a member of the California Bar and a practicing attorney.

Both Torello and Baja described Mason as a full-time employee at Mason Financial Services, which was repeated by Rowe. That is inaccurate, Mason said. "I employ a manager and employees," he said of Mason Financial Services. I do not work out of that [the Redlands Mason Financial Services] office during normal business hours. If the question is how much time am I spending in my role as county treasurer, as the tax collector and as the auditor-controller, the taxpayers are getting better than a 40-hour work week out of me. There is no dispute about that. It can be verified in all the ways that exist these days, on video, electronically, through global positioning network data and probably in some ways I don't know about."

Mason dismissed entirely the suggestion that the investment advice provided to Mason Financial Services' clients involved any type of conflict of interest.

The county's portfolio is loaded with extremely low-risk instruments which offer safe and reliable, steady growth, the lion's share of which are U.S. Treasury bonds. Private investors, such as those who employ Mason Financial Services, are heavily involved in stock trading. "The county holds no stock," he said. "There is no conflict of interest. The investment the county is engaged in does not touch on any of the activity of Mason Financial Services' clients."

Where the conflict comes in, Mason said, is

on the other side of the equation. It is actually the board of supervisors' conflict that has led to this circumstance, he said. That conflict arises out of an effort begun in 2021 by the union representing the county's sheriff's deputies, the Safety Employees Benefit Association, known by its acronym SEBA, to create a medical care trust for retired deputies. The county's deputies and higher ranking officers already receive a pension – calculated at 3 percent of each retired deputy's/officer's highest annual salary times the number of years the deputy/officer was employed by the department. Those pensions are paid through the county's retirement system, SBCERA – the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement System. What the Safety Employees Benefit Association was attempting to do was to create what is known as an other post-employment benefit, referred to by the acronym OPEB, which would pay for health plans for those retired sheriff's department employees in addition to their pensions.

The board of supervisors, all of whom have received substantial political contributions from SEBA and who were also endorsed by the deputies' union in their run for office, were in favor of simply approving the creation of the OPEB. In gearing up to approve the other post-employment benefit for the Safety Employees Benefit Association, the board of supervisors made no arrangement for funding the program, deferring into the future the provision of money that would be used to pay for the health insurance the retired sheriff's deputies/officers were to receive. This meant that ultimately the money to pay for the medical care trust program, instead of being defrayed by contributions from deputies/officers who were still working, would come out of the county's general operating budget or the county's financial reserves.

Mason, in looking to

what the proposal would entail, the projections of what it would cost and what funding at that time was available and what future funding was projected to become available, calculated the creation of the program would create what would amount to a liability, i.e., debt of over \$1 billion that the county would be saddled with in the future. Mason informed then-County Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez and Assistant County Executive Officer Diane Rundles, who oversaw the county's human resources division, that he believed the requirements of his job as county treasurer/tax collector/auditor/controller required, at the very least, that he make a report, entailing a full public disclosure of that future debt/liability prior to the board of supervisors consideration of the approval of the creation of the medical trust program for retired deputies/officers. This greatly complicated the proposal to approve the program, making it impossible for the board of supervisors to simply rubberstamp it.

His insistence on making a report of the liabilities of the program and its financial consequences prevented the creation of the OPEB and resulted in SEBA and its members perceiving the board of supervisors as having double-crossed them by not rewarding the deputies with the creation of the medical care trust program to benefit them in return for the hefty political contributions the deputies' union had made to the supervisors to assist in their election campaigns. In fact, Mason said, what the board of supervisors was attempting to do with the postretirement medical care trust program for the county's sheriff's employees involved the supervisors in a classic quid-pro-quo – a kick-back, a payoff, bribery, corruption – a conflict of interest of the first order. It is for that reason, Mason maintains, that the board of supervisors

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Historically In Control Of Their Own Developmental Destiny, Cities In The 2020s Lost Land Use Control As The State Prioritized Residential Growth from front page

their conviction that loosening planning and development standards would not cure the housing shortage as much as it would create neighborhoods that are far less livable than they have been throughout the California's first 170 years as a state. The vast majority of those cities have now given up the fight, unwilling to pay the price of resistance, which consists of Sacramento applying the leverage it possesses, which includes not only expensive litigation in state courts in which the judges are state employees but being subjected to the state withholding funding. It remains to be seen whether Yucaipa will be able to fare any better than those who valiantly crossed swords with the state.

Traditionally in California, land use decisions have been left to local governments rather than to the governor, the state legislature or bureaucrats in Sacramento. In this way, city councils or planning commissions, in consultation with city planning staffs determined the character of the development that was to take place in their individual cities and how intensely the properties in their communities were to be developed. Hanging in the balance was the question of density, or how many dwelling units were allowed to be constructed per acre, the height of buildings, the ratio of space occupied by buildings to the space occupied by unpaved ground with grass or plants growing on it, the mix of residential, commercial, industrial development and open space to be permitted in a city, along with whether apartments and condominiums should be allowed to displace single family homes. These decisions historically were left to the people who lived in the places that were to be impacted by the decisions.

Developers, being

profit driven, wanted to build as intensely as possible. By building on ever smaller lots, they could put twice or three times or four times or six times or eight times as many houses on an acre as was the case in the 1940s or 1950s or 1960s, so they could sell more houses and make more money. Some elected officials – mayors and city council members – saw no problem with that. They supported the idea of developers being able to maximize their profits. Other elected officials, however, looked at the consequences of stuffing more and more people into houses with ever smaller yards, packing them in like sardines into a can, and saw the social harm that fostered, the rapid deterioration of the property that had been developed, the way in which those who lived in apartment or tenements took less pride in renting or in ownership than did those who lived in, if not an estate, then a semi-estate in which they could enjoy some personal space, not be cramped and create an aesthetic about themselves that was good for them psychologically, socially and financially in terms of owning something of value.

In this way, each community took on, or had an opportunity to take on, a different character, ones that were slightly different or immensely different, depending upon the approach of the politicians running those cities.

There was a more sinister differentiation among cities in that in some, the application of money by those in the development community and building industry would influence the land use process. Through campaign donations or both direct and indirect bribes, project applicants were able to influence the standards enforced by city councils, planning commissions and city officials with regard

to the quality of development, its density and the accompanying need to provide adequate infrastructure to moderate the impact of that development. Thus, in some cities, there was a greater emphasis on the quality of life of residents and the quality of neighborhoods than in other cities.

In many places in San Bernardino County, this came into much greater play as the region beginning in the late 1960s and early 1970s and then even more rapidly in the 1980s transitioned out of being a semi-agricultural and partially rural environment to a topography that was to be more civilized and dominated by urban elements. In rezoning property from agricultural land to other uses, local elected political and hired municipal officials had virtually unlimited autonomy in the choices they made and how aggressively that transition was to be effectuated.

For the speculators who purchased former farm acreage with the intent of converting it to other purposes and the development companies they worked hand in glove with, upping the permitted intensity of use on that property was the primary factor in how great of a profit could be achieved in their efforts. Whereas in previous years – the 1920s, the 1930s, the 1940s, the 1950s and the early 1960s – an unspoken concept and standard of building single family homes on lots of a quarter acre or more predominated locally, as developers took control of the hundreds of acres upon square mile upon square mile of orange groves, lemon groves, grapefruit groves, walnut groves, poultry farms, vineyards and grazing land, they requested, importuned and pushed those in political control to allow them to deviate upward from that four houses-to-an-acre standard.

The region's municipal leadership had the option of simply resisting, insisting that the intensity of use in the

neighborhoods replacing the trees, rows of grape vines and pastures match what already existed. Only initially and then rarely thereafter did they show that resolve. By the mid-1970s, many development companies, strengthened by the role their owners and corporate executives were playing in becoming major donors to the political war chests of the region's mayors and council members, pushed the lot-size envelope. An element in the growth of the development community's influence, one only rarely spoken about openly, was graft, the willingness of those with business before the government such as developers who needed the approval of elected officials to be allowed to proceed with their project proposals to provide money in the form of bribes, kickbacks, "gifts," inducements, lucrative no-show work assignments and the like to those decision-makers in return for the votes to give those projects go-ahead. Over time, the growth in the influence of the real estate industry, landowners, speculators and developers established a new standard that commonly allowed for the construction of six residential units to the acre, followed by neighborhoods and subdivisions in which the yards grew progressively smaller and seven or eight homes were typically configured onto an acre. As had previously been the case, apartment complexes were being built, and during the 1970s and into the early 1980s, condominiums began cropping up. Throughout the 1980s and into the 1990s, the distance between homes diminished to the point where 12 houses were packed into a single acre. Yards in many places no longer existed except in the form of minimalist landscaping in front of a residence. The developers of such residential projects became fabulously wealthy, whereupon they plowed some of the money they were realizing back into political donations and payoffs to the

politicians giving their projects the thumbs up, clearing the way for ever denser development. By the early 2000s, there were entire neighborhoods in many cities in San Bernardino County that consisted entirely of duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses and rowhouses adjacent to apartment complexes.

An examination of the current population densities of San Bernardino County cities shows that Yucaipa falls within the lower middle range. While it is nowhere nearly as full-up with people as 5.52-square mile 36,664-population Montclair, the county's most densely packed urban plot of land with 6,642.02 people per square mile, neither is it as ghost town-like as 4,844-population 30.81-square mile Needles, the county's least dense city with 157.22 people per square mile. Rather, with its 57,677 population living within its 27.89-square mile confines, Yucaipa has 2,068.017 people per square mile, making it the 14th most dense of the county's 24 cities. Once the site of an expansive cattle ranch, Yucaipa for much of the 20th Century attracted permanent residents in favor of a rustic and less than urban environment, and the community developed in what many people consider to be a quaint fashion, with the commercial district essentially confining itself to Yucaipa Boulevard and the two or three blocks to its either side as it winds from the 10 Freeway through the city toward the foothills north of the city. Yucaipa had become something of a combination of Old West, worldly, agricultural, mercantile, semi-rural and urban influences. In 1989, the city incorporated, the 22nd of the county's current 24 municipalities to do so.

Simultaneous to, and partially consequent of, the unprecedented population growth in San Bernardino County and Southern California, the entire State of California was experiencing a massive expansion in the

number of people within its confines. Paralleling this was a housing crisis and a jump in homelessness. Among the reactions to this by the state's leaders in Sacramento were strategies to increase the state's housing stock and its affordability. This took multiple forms.

One part of governors Jerry Brown's and Gavin Newsom's approach was to reduce the ability of local officials to limit development, such that developers would have not only an even freer hand to build homes than they did before but an incentive for doing so. Even though many local governmental officials had already practically suspended or surrendered their land use authority to the point that they were allowing land owners, real estate speculators and developers to build high density residential projects at will, the state through legislation and executive action undercut any local jurisdictions that had hung onto the land use authority that had traditionally been their prerogative to exercise.

One such manifestation of Sacramento dictating land use policy throughout the 163,696-square mile state consisted of transforming the Regional Housing Needs Survey first created as an assessment and suggestive tool in 1969 into a cudgel by which cities were forced by mandate to clear the way for massive numbers of residential units to be allowed into their cities if, in fact, developers were prepared to build them. Another was the passage of the State Housing Crisis Act of 2019, which sought to overcome the imbalance of available housing to the need for more homes by streamlining housing development processes and enhancing tenant protections. A third measure was Governor Newsom's signing in September 2024 of three legislative bills into law – Assembly Bill 2533, Senate Bill 1211 and Senate Bill 1077 – which took effect on January *Continued on Page 7*

Mason Says His Putting The Brakes On Supervisors' Intended Giveaway To The Sheriff's Deputies' Union Is What Got Him In Dutch With The County Supervisors *from page 4*

is orchestrating the false charges of a conflict of interest against him and is moving forward with an investigation, which will create, the supervisors hope, enough negative publicity regarding him that it will boost Hutchison's electoral chances and result in Mason's defeat in this year's election.

"That is the real conflict of interest at the root of all of this," Mason said. "The county supervisors want to get their own treasurer into office who will allow them to make a billion dollar gift to the sheriff's deputies union, which is one their biggest political donors across the board. They want a treasurer who will keep his mouth shut about the corruption their up to their necks in."

Mason says he does not see the outside employment that three of the members of the board of supervisors who coming after him are themselves engaged in as being an issue.

"An elected official owning a business is not against the law," he said.

Nevertheless, there are others that now see some kind of political paydirt in the fact that at least four members of the board of supervisors are suggesting that there is something either illegal or unethical in elected officials having their own interests in the private sector.

The question has now become, insofar as the board of supervisors is calling for an investigation into and potential action with regard to Ensen Mason's outside employment/business, which some such as Lee, Powers, Torello and Baja apparently believe is overdue, whether the board will turn its scrutiny upon its own mem-

bers, who own enterprises which appear in some cases to be lucrative, time-consuming and potentially conflict-ridden.

In the case of Second District Supervisor Jesse Armendarez, he is a principal in JA & JB Investment, Inc., from which, according to financial disclosure documents filed with the State of California, he realizes income of between \$100,000 and \$1 million per year. Armendarez is also the owner of Sierra Realty, from which he obtains, on an annual basis, according to documents filed with the State of California, between \$100,000 and \$1 million in income. In addition, according to documentation, Armendarez has investments in or interest in at least six separate pieces of property, each of which is worth between \$100,000 and \$1 million.

The scope of Armendarez's business activity is such that it would likely intrude upon the time he can devote, during any given week, to looking after the interests of his constituents.

At the same time, Armendarez's interests in real estate would, at least potentially, involve him in conflicts of interest vis-à-vis his function as county supervisor. A fair number of issues that come before the board of supervisors involve land use decisions, including the development of property, sometimes making zone changes, granting conditional use permits and sometimes approving changes to the county's general plan. In addition, as a member of the board of supervisors, Armendarez has a hand in setting the standards in and approving overall the county's general plan on those occasions when it is updated or revamped. All of these activities and decisions, falling within the rubric of their various impacts on real estate in circumscribed, limited, larger and regional contexts would directly or indirectly relate to the decrease, sustainment or increase in the value of his own real estate cre-

ating a de facto conflict of interest. On Tuesday, February 24 Armendarez said of Mason that his control or decisions with regard to investing county money gave him "a lot of influence in what [he] can do with [his] own personal business" and that he would "hate to see that these monies are being leveraged in any way from the county side to benefit someone's personal business." Armendarez referenced "insider trading... that could be not just devastating to the county but it could be devastating to our reputation as a county."

It was not lost on at least some observers, that as a supervisor, Armendarez's influence over land use decisions has an impact on what he might be able to do with his own personal property and that his authority puts him into a position where is able to engage in a type of insider trading.

State disclosure documents indicated that Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe is involved in an undertaking in Temecula, which is in adjoining Riverside County known as Hammering Productions in which she serves as the "King of the Hammers" and as a liaison representative to the Bureau of Land Management. According to those documents, Hammering Production is not generating any money at present.

Rowe is also involved with or owns D Webb, Inc. in Yucca Valley, which she reported as being engaged in "development." She reported she derives somewhere between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in income annually from D. Webb.

Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman is employed as the "territory sales representative for Snap One, LLC., a company based in Charlotte, North Carolina, which is a "designer, manufacturer, and distributor of smart home and business solutions. He makes roughly \$10,000 year working for Snap One. He is also an

owner of Genuine Technologies, a venture in which he makes roughly \$150,000 per year. He is also the owner/president of Apex Bail Bonds, from which he derives roughly \$350,000 in income. Apex involves itself, at least occasionally, in seeing to it that those arrested, in some cases by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, on suspicion of violating the law in San Bernardino County, are set free pending their trials. As a member of the board of supervisors, Hagman is one of five individuals who control the purse strings of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Some might consider that a conflict of interest.

The members of the board of supervisors are somewhat secretive about the business entities they own. Generally, they offer as little information as possible with regard to those companies and their activities, rarely going beyond the minimum disclosure required for the completion of registering filings.

Some members of the San Bernardino County Republican establishment unaffiliated with the Cook/Hagman/Rowe/Armendarez/Hutchison/Cothran/

In 2020, After 58 Years Of Republican Domination, Victorville's Council Flipped Democrat *from page 3*

constitute. It is the same with state elective offices. California's governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, insurance commissioner and superintendent of public education are all Democrats. A supermajority – more than two-thirds – of the California Senate, are Democrats, consisting of 30 of the body's 40 members. Likewise, the Assembly is overwhelmingly dominated by the Democratic Party, with which 60 of its members are affiliated, while 20 of its 80 total seats are held by Republicans. 20,105-square mile San Bernardino County is

Obernolte/Previti/Lopez alliance beyond GOP registration and involvement in the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee expressed dismay at the manner in which the Mason, himself a Republican, was being undercut by members of his own party. Among those skeptical of the motivation in seeking to end Mason's tenure as county treasurer are current and former members of the California legislature, mayors and city/town council members. A common refrain was discontent with the manner in which the current crop of Republican officeholders within the county are kowtowing to public employee union demands without regard to the fiscal impact on government operations, both in terms of expense to the taxpayers and the diminishing services to the public increases in government employee salary and benefit costs.

Early this morning, the Sentinel emailed county spokesman David Wert, asking him if Mason was wrong when he stated that elected county officials are at liberty to own businesses outside the scope of their county offices and, if Mason is wrong,

one of five Republican bastions in the Golden State. Despite the consideration that the number of voters registered as Democrats in the county, ???, outnumber the registered Republicans, in San Bernardino County members of the GOP are elected to office with far greater frequency than Democrats. Four of five county supervisors are Republicans. In 17 of the county's 24 cities and incorporated towns, Republicans outnumber Democrats on their respective councils. In San Bernardino County, the Republican party is active and well coordinated, such that close to 90 percent of those identifying as Republicans in the county turn out to vote consistently at elections. The Democrats, despite their greater numbers in the county overall, rarely realize in total a 50 per-

whether that principle applies to the members of the board of supervisors, as well. The Sentinel further asked Wert if the board of supervisors should open up an investigation of any of its members involved in employment outside the county and if the board of supervisors is going to open up an investigation of its members who have some form of employment outside of the county or own a business.

The Sentinel asked Wert if the board of supervisors is pursuing the investigation of Mason to punish him for attempting to block the SEBA post-retirement medical coverage program.

The Sentinel asked Wert if the board of supervisors is pursuing the investigation of Mr. Mason to diminish his chances of being reelected this year.

The Sentinel asked Wert if SEBA's political donations to the members of the board of supervisors created a conflict of interest that should have resulted in the board members recusing themselves when the decisions with regard to the SEBA post-retirement medical coverage program were made.

Wert had not responded by press time.

cent turnout and usually do not achieve that.

From its incorporation in 1962 until 2020, Victorville was a Republican city. That is, a majority of its city council members were Republicans. In 2020, the city achieved two historic milestones following that year's November election: all five members of the council were women and three of them were Democrats, making it the first majority Democrat council in the city's history. At the same time, three of those five members were Hispanic and one was African American. At that point, going back 30 years, Victorville had demonstrated itself to being host to one of the most diverse city councils in the county. During that timeframe, eight of the 19 individuals who

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Three Years Ago, While The Yucaipa Council Troika Was Trying To Set Off A Building Frenzy, Other Cities Were Trying To Fight The State On Its Developmental Imperative *from page 5*

1, 2025, which in one swoop gave homeowners the power to double the density of their residential property by constructing on it another home or “granny flat.”

Using the housing and homeless crises as pretexts and California Government Code §65580 as a legal basis, the California Department of Housing and Community Development began using the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process, originally intended to reveal how the state’s population was most logically to be distributed into the thousands of cities and unincorporated communities throughout the state proportionally, imposed on all jurisdictions in the state, meaning counties and cities, a mandate that those entities include in their general plans and zoning codes an accommodation of the number of dwelling units specified in the assessment, meaning each city must allow the construction of at least the number of homes the state says is its share of the burden to meet housing demand statewide.

By this daring social experiment, the State of California required each municipality in the state to assist in alleviating the homelessness crisis by complying with what the California Department of Housing and Community Development deems to be each city’s housing responsibility.

Under this so-called Regional Housing Needs Allocation process, the Department of Housing and Community Development came up with the number of people projected to be in need of housing within California by certain specified dates and then entrusted to a regional planning agency in the state’s several regions the assignment of determining where within those regions that influx of population was to be housed.

In this way, the Southern California Association of Governments – a joint powers authority consisting of Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura counties – was responsible for crunching the Regional Housing Needs Allocation effort numbers in all of Southern California except San Diego County. The Southern California Association of Governments, also known by its acronym SCAG, determined that San Bernardino County must accommodate the construction of 138,110 new homes between October 2021 and October 2028, including 35,667 intended for very-low-income homebuyers; 21,903 for low-income homebuyers; 24,140 for moderate-income homebuyers and 56,400 for above moderate-income homebuyers.

Though the vast majority of municipal officials in California accept the state’s asserted authority in this area, up and down the state there has been protest of, and in some cases resistance to, these mandates.

In 2021, over 150 cities, functioning as members of an ad hoc entity calling itself California Cities for Local Control, registered a lukewarm protest over what the state was doing, expressing their collective belief that municipalities should be trusted to make determinations with regard to zoning and land-use within their jurisdictions. Yucaipa was among those cities.

The City of Huntington Beach, in the case of *City of Huntington Beach v. Newsom*, challenged California’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation law on constitutional grounds. Another 51 cities in the state joined in, filing amicus briefs in support of Huntington Beach or otherwise giving indication that they considered

the state’s usurpation of local land use authority to be an overreach.

In San Bernardino County, 20 of the 24 municipalities docilely adhered to the state mandate. Four county cities, most vociferously Chino Hills, gave indication that their officials believed the state was making demands that went beyond what was appropriate, not only intruding into the arena of land use authority more properly reserved for local authorities but mandating that their cities accommodate a number of homes that would be damaging to their communities.

In the case of Chino Hills, the state’s expectation was that the city welcome 3,720 more dwelling units from October 2021 to October 2029. Almost immediately, Chino Hills stood up to Sacramento, counter-proposing that instead of the 3,720 homes, it allow 1,797 units, a 52 percent reduction.

Three other city councils in San Bernardino County – those in Fontana, Chino and Barstow – were brave enough to challenge the state. Barstow asked the state to cut its 1,516 house-building mandate by 58 percent to 635; Chino wanted a 49 percent cut from 6,961 to 3,564; and Fontana insisted that the 17,477 units it was being asked to accommodate was 30 percent too optimistic, requesting that its mandate be reduced to 10,563.

The state refused to talk turkey with any of those entities, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development did not budge in its demands, conveying that the government does not negotiate with scoundrels, renegades, terrorists or any entity or anybody that does not respect the rule of law. Lest anyone forget, California Government Code §65580 is the law, those city officials were warned.

In January 2022, a still-determined Chino Hills City Council, bolstered by an outpouring of resident sentiment,

ventured even further down the path of resisting having to surrender land use authority within that city’s confines by adopting a local housing initiative referred to as “Neighborhood Voices” that asserted local land use and zoning laws trumped any conflicting state laws.

Over the next six months, however, developmental interests looking to construct housing subdivisions in Chino Hills, chaffing at the limitations on density, i.e., the number of units per acre to be permitted on property they had purchased or had tied up within the city, made it known that they were considering legal action against the city in which they were prepared to allege the city was denying them the right to develop that land to an intensity they were entitled to under the newfangled state law.

Faced with the threats of legal action by deep-pocketed elements of the private sector, seeing the difficulties the state was imposing on Huntington Beach, which was at the forefront of the struggle over local land-use control and outgunned by Sacramento, which was able to withhold funds from those cities which stood on principle and refused to accept the state’s mandates, officials in Chino Hills, essentially, gave up the fight, accepting, at least conceptually, the call for the construction of the 3,720 units within the city by 2029.

One of the few other jurisdictions in San Bernardino County that had shown any level of resistance to the State of California and the California Department of Housing and Community Development with regard to the housing and housing density issue was Chino.

In addition to going on record in 2021 that its officials considered the mandate that their city accommodate 6,961 new dwelling units by October 2029 to be unrealistic, Chino has proven forthright on several occasions since then in expressing the

view that Sacramento is being much too authoritarian and inflexible in its demands that cities in general – and Chino in particular – suspend their officials’ judgment about what type of and how much development will be of benefit to their communities.

Nevertheless, like Chino Hills, Chino abandoned protesting or resisting the state’s mandate that it be prepared to accept another 6,978 housing units within its city limits by October 2029, recognizing that the state government possessed too an overwhelming degree of leverage that would be brought to bear if the city did not conform to Sacramento’s wishes.

Earlier this year, Chino officials began once more to feel their oats. In April, in a letter signed by Mayor Eunice Ulloa, city fathers expressed to Governor Newsom the view that state government was becoming too bossy in its approach toward the housing and development issues. Ulloa said the Chino community was “firmly oppose[d to] the relentless proliferation of state housing laws that have overridden local control without regard for [local preference], effectively sidelining the voices of our community and undermining years of responsible local planning. Our progress has been shaped by our philosophy of ‘smart growth,’ which has allowed us to retain the small-town feel that has defined our community for generations. Since the elimination of redevelopment agencies in 2012, our city’s ability to retain local control over development has been chipped away year after year by a litany of housing bills designed to increase ministerial or by-right housing approval processes. While the City of Chino respects the pursuit of housing production amid a state-wide crisis, the way forward is to work with cities to allow for growth in ways that make sense for their communities. Instead, cities have been virtually shut out of the

process, and these new laws have diminished general plans, stripped away authority over local development, and left community members demanding answers from their local elected officials.”

Though Ulloa decried Chino and other cities being subjected “to draconian penalties” for not complying with state mandates, subsequently, when a development company which in virtually all of its communications with the city regarding a project that involved exceedingly dense mixed uses, i.e., commercial development accompanied by several stories of multi-family apartments, the city council caved in and allowed the project to proceed, signifying that Chino was not going to stand up any further against the state’s housing mandates.

Similarly, both Barstow and Fontana, which had contemplated resisting Sacramento with regard to its land-use mandates, have concluded the upside of fighting the state on the issue is less substantial than the downside.

Fontana’s population has continued to surge, to the point that there is a debate over bragging rights ongoing between Fontana and San Bernardino municipal officials as to which city is the most populous. While Fontana officials claim their city has surpassed the county seat in terms of the numbers of people living within their respective city limits at roughly 223,000 to 222,000, San Bernardino officials dispute that, saying the city’s population is 226,103, more than the 224,393 undercount some others have attributed to it, which is safely ahead of Fontana’s officially claimed 223,089 residents.

Fontana has also come up with a controversial strategy to block state housing mandates. In recent years, the city has taken to approving virtually every development proposal for warehouse construction that

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A public lien sale will be conducted by www.storagetreasures.com on the 6th day of March 6, 2026, at or after 10:00 am. The property is stored by AAA All American Storage Fontana located at 14918 Foothill Blvd, Fontana, CA 92335.

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. AAA All American Storage Fontana reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction.

The items to be sold are generally described as follows: miscellaneous personal and household goods stored by the following persons:

- Unit Name
- D049 Randy Torres
- E086 Brett Endter
- E126 Cesar Manuel Munayco
- F028 Shaun Michael Munoz
- F148 Victor Sandoval Quintero

Dated: 2/14/26
Signed: Jonathan Gossett storagetreasures.com
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- Unit Name
- B022 Juanita A Cabrera
- C034 Juanita A Cabrera
- C038 Luis Zambrano
- C140 Juan Vidal
- D062 Juan Hernandez
- D080 Juan Salvador Santos Aviles

Dated: 02/19/2026
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVS-B2600XXX
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KARINA SILVA VAZQUEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
DESTINY ILENE BONY HERRERA to DESTINY HERRERA SILVA
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: March ??, 2026,
Time: 09:00 AM, Department: S??

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: February 6, 2026
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
By Sylvia Guajardo, Deputy Court Clerk
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FBN20260000817
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as MARISCOS DEL PACIFICO 17500 FOOTHILL BLVD. STE A6A, A6B, A6C FONTANA, CA 92335. BRISA DEL PACIFICO CORP 17500 FOOTHILL BLVD. STE A6A, A6B, A6C FONTANA, CA 92335

Mailing Address: 17500 FOOTHILL BLVD. STE A6A, A6B, A6C FONTANA, CA 92335
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: October 15, 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/ MA DE LUZ HERMANDEZ, President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 2/02/2026
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 K2885
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FBN20260000662
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as REDLANDS GOLDEN GROVES 10710 KING STREET REDLANDS, CA 92374: JOYCE JACOBS

Business Mailing Address: 10710 KING STREET REDLANDS, CA 92374
The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JANUARY 26, 2016
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/ EDWARD JACOBS, Partner

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FBN20260000663
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as PARK PROFESSIONAL PROPERTIES 10710 KING STREET REDLANDS, CA 92374: JOYCE JACOBS

Business Mailing Address: 10710 KING STREET REDLANDS, CA 92374
The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JANUARY 26, 2016
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FBN20260000878
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as TRAIN2MOVDFRNT 16600 MARJORAM WAY FONTANA, CA 92336: WILLIE P FITZGERALD

Mailing Address: 16600 MARJORAM WAY FONTANA, CA 92336
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/ WILLIE P FITZGERALD, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 2/04/2026
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 K9236
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FBN20260000193
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as MONTGOMERY WINDOWS & DOORS 17945 MONTGOMERY AVE FONTANA, CA 92336: BRIGITTE FREGOSO

Business Mailing Address: 17945 MONTGOMERY AVE FONTANA, CA 92336
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/ BRIGITTE FREGOSO, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/14/2026
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 J9535
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Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2026.

FBN20250011746
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as MILEY'S ANGEL HOME CARE 16510 GALA AVE FONTANA, CA 92337: MILEY'S ANGEL HOME CARE LLC 16510 GALA AVE FONTANA, CA 92337
Business Mailing Address: 14649 DEER DR 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: N/A.
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Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/16/2025
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 J1808
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FBN20250011864
The following entity is doing business primarily in Sacramento County as NEXUS HORIZONS 3400 COTTAGE WAY, STE G2 #16093 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825. WEALTH IN HEALTH LLC 3400 COTTAGE WAY, STE G2 #16093 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
Business Mailing Address: 3400 COTTAGE WAY, STE G2 #16093 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California.
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SUMMONS – (FAMILY LAW) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): WILLIAM E MCCREE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la informacion a continuacion y en la pagina siguiente. PETITIONER'S NAME IS (Nombre del demandante): TAMIYA AYELEYABRAMS AFRIFA CASE NUMBER F A M S B 2 5 0 7 1 0 0 You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (Form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Para asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar un abogado en el Contro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lahelpca.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado. NOTICE – Restraining orders on page 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement office who has received or seen a copy of them. AVISO – Las ordenes de restriccion se encuentran en la pagina 2 : Las ordenes de restriccion estan en vigencia en cuanto a ambos conyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la peticion, se emita un fallo o la corte de otras ordenes. Cualquiera agencia del orden publico que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas or-

denes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California. FEE WAIVER : If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. Exencion de cuotas : Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a peticion de usted o de la otra parte.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte son): SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 351 N ARROWHEAD AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415
The name, address and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): TAMIYA AYELEYABRAMS AFRIFA 16907 ORANGEWAY #208 FONTANA, CA 92335
(909) 676-7309
Filed: OCTOBER 20, 2025 by Daisy Albitar, Deputy clerk (Asistente) for Clerk of the Court (Secretario) STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from: 1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court; 2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children; 3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and 4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party. You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or to pay court costs.

ORDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁNDAR DE DERECHO FAMILIAR
En forma inmediata, usted y su cónyuge o pareja de hecho tienen prohibido: 1. llevarse del estado de California a los hijos menores de las partes, o solicitar un pasaporte nuevo o de repuesto para los hijos menores, sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de la otra parte o sin una orden de la corte; 2. cobrar, pedir prestado, cancelar, transferir, deshacerse o cambiar el nombre de los beneficiarios de cualquier seguro u otro tipo de cobertura, como de vida, salud, vehículo y discapacidad, que tenga como beneficiario(s) a las partes y su(s) hijo(s) menor(es); 3. transferir, gravar, hipotecar, ocultar o deshacerse de cualquier

manera de cualquier propiedad, inmueble o personal, ya sea comunitaria, cuasicomunitaria o separada, sin el consentimiento escrito de la otra parte o una orden de la corte, excepto en el curso habitual de actividades personales y comerciales o para satisfacer las necesidades de la vida; y 4. crear o modificar una transferencia no testamentaria de manera que afecte la asignación de una propiedad sujeta a transferencia, sin el consentimiento por escrito de la otra parte o una orden de la corte. Antes de que se pueda eliminar la revocación de una transferencia no testamentaria, se debe presentar ante la corte un aviso del cambio y hacer una entrega legal de dicho aviso a la otra parte. Cada parte tiene que notificar a la otra sobre cualquier gasto extraordinario propuesto por lo menos cinco días hábiles antes de realizarlo, y rendir cuenta a la corte de todos los gastos extraordinarios realizados después de que estas órdenes de restricción hayan entrado en vigencia. No obstante, puede usar propiedad comunitaria, cuasicomunitaria o suya separada para pagar a un abogado que lo ayude o para pagar los costos de la corte.

NOTICE—ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE: Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit www.coveredca.com. Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506
AVISO—ACCESO A SEGURO DE SALUD MÁS ECONÓMICO: ¿Necesita seguro de salud a un costo asequible, ya sea para usted o alguien en su hogar? Si es así, puede presentar una solicitud con Covered California. Covered California lo puede ayudar a reducir el costo que paga por seguro de salud asequible y de alta calidad. Para obtener más información, visite www.coveredca.com. O llame a Covered California al 1-800-300-1506
WARNING—IMPOTANT INFORMATION California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language in the deed that characterizes how title is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property.

ADVERTENCIA—IMPORTANTE De acuerdo a la ley de California, las propiedades adquiridas por las partes durante su matrimonio o pareja de hecho en forma conjunta se consideran propiedad comunitaria para fines de la división de bienes que ocurre cuando se produce una disolución o separación legal del matrimonio o pareja de hecho. Si cualquiera de las partes de este caso llega a fallecer antes de que se divida la propiedad comunitaria de tenencia conjunta, el destino de la misma quedará determinado por las cláusulas de la escritura correspondiente que describen su tenencia (por ej., tenencia conjunta, tenencia en común o propiedad comunitaria) y no por la presunción de propiedad comunitaria. Si quiere que la presunción comunitaria quede registrada en la escritura de la propiedad, debería consultar con un abogado.

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denes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California. FEE WAIVER : If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. Exencion de cuotas : Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a peticion de usted o de la otra parte.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte son): SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 351 N ARROWHEAD AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415
The name, address and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): TAMIYA AYELEYABRAMS AFRIFA 16907 ORANGEWAY #208 FONTANA, CA 92335
(909) 676-7309
Filed: OCTOBER 20, 2025 by Daisy Albitar, Deputy clerk (Asistente) for Clerk of the Court (Secretario) STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from: 1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court; 2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children; 3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and 4. creating

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB2602844

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMANDA LISE MORENO filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

AMANDA LISE MORENO to AMANDA LISE DIOLATA

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: March 25, 2026
Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S27

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: 2/11/2026
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
By Mariah Mora, Deputy Court Clerk

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FBN20260000848
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

LEGENDARY FITNESS 290 N. BENSON AVE STE. 13 UPLAND, CA 91786; TWILA KNIGHT POULIOT [and] MATT POULIOT [and] TIFANI McCLANAHAN [and] LOREN McCLANAHAN

Business Mailing Address: 290 N. BENSON AVE STE. 13 UPLAND, CA 91786

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ TWILA KNIGHT POULIOT, General Partner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/02/2026

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 K2885

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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FBN20260000707

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

KOYLA INDIAN RESTAURANT 8140 HAVEN AVE STE 101 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; B&G ENTERPRISES, INC. 8140 HAVEN AVE STE 101 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Business Mailing Address: 8140 HAVEN AVE STE 101 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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: January 24, 2026.

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/ BALWINDER SINGH, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/02/2026

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FBN20260001008

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

RUN DOGGIE RUN 937 N MILLARD AVE RIALTO, CA 92376; LISSINIA L AGUILAR

Business Mailing Address: 937 N MILLARD AVE RIALTO, CA 92376

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/ LISSINIA L AGUILAR

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/10/2026

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 J9535

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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FBN20260001058

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

WAX'D BY SHAYNA 536 E FOOTHILL BLVD STE 7 UPLAND, CA 91786; SHAYNA MOORER

Business Mailing Address: 16980 NISQUALI RD, P202 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

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.

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cord upon filing.

/s/ SHAYNA MOORER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/11/2026

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 J8719

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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Abandonment of a Fictitious Business Name FBN20260000376

The following entity doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as XPLOR 3D DESIGN 573 E G ST 1/2 COLTON, CA 92324; JONATHAN R GARCIA REYES is abandoning its fictitious business name.

The original FBN number was FBN20250009058. The original date of filing was 9/25/2025 Business Mailing Address: 1040 S MOUNT VERNON AVE STE G-256 COLTON, CA 92324 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/ JONATHAN R GARCIA REYES

Abandonment statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 1/16/2025

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 J9676

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Business Mailing Address: 8140 HAVEN AVE STE 101 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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: January 24, 2026.

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/s/ BALWINDER SINGH, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/02/2026

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FBN 20250012118

The following person is doing business as: SAVINA'S CARGO & EXPRESS. 14384 IVY AVE FONTANA, CA 92335; MAILING ADDRESS 14384 IVY AVE FON-

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thorize 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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FBN20260001060

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

LSP LUX MEHAL 15195 BEARTREE ST FONTANA, CA 92336; HIMALAYAN EARTH INC 15195 BEARTREE ST FONTANA, CA 92336

Business Mailing Address: 15195 BEARTREE ST 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/ JASBIR S SANGHA, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/11/2026

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 K7326

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FBN20260001090

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

AIRE SERV OF UPLAND - NORTH RANCHO CUCAMONGA 1777 W ARROW RTE STE 302 UPLAND, CA 91786 ; ALWAYS LOOKING FORWARD, INC 1777 W ARROW RTE STE 302 UPLAND, CA 91786

Business Mailing Address: 6988 MANGO ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number B20260023110.

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/ ALEXANDER WEITH, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/12/2026

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 K9236

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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FBN 20250012118

The following person is doing business as: SAVINA'S CARGO & EXPRESS. 14384 IVY AVE FONTANA, CA 92335; MAILING ADDRESS 14384 IVY AVE FON-

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TANA, CA 92335];

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
EMMA W CABRERA
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/ EMMA W CABRERA, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: DECEMBER 30, 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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ALFRED A. RAMOS

CASE NO. PROVA 2600114

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ALFRED A. RAMOS: a petition for probate has been filed by MICHELLE A. RAMOS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION for Probate requests that MICHELLE A. RAMOS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held March 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F2 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections 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 Aleksandra Vukanic: R. SAM PRICE SB 208603 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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Attorney for Michelle A. Ramos: Mathew Alden (California Bar Number 288429) 255 North D Street Suite 200 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 414-0797 mralden123@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BRANKO SAVIC

CASE NO. PROVA2600101

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of BRANKO SAVIC: a petition for probate has been filed by ALEKSANDRA VUKANIC in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHARON A. BUESCHER 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 April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at San Bernardino County Superior Court Victorville District

Department V-15 - Victorville 14455 Civic Drive, Suite 200 Victorville, CA 92392

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

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

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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 Aleksandra Vukanic: R. SAM PRICE SB 208603 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 (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 Aleksandra Vukanic: R. SAM PRICE SB 208603 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: JOAN ALICE HOFF

CASE NO. PROVV2600044

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JOAN ALICE HOFF: a petition for probate has been filed by SHARON A. BUESCHER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHARON A. BUESCHER 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 April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at San Bernardino County Superior Court Victorville District

Department V-15 - Victorville 14455 Civic Drive, Suite 200 Victorville, CA 92392

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.

Personals

\$10,000 REWARD for information regarding girl born August 4, 2001 whose parents (actors) were lost in a theater collapse in Colorado, April 27, 2003. Thomas W. Campbell, Attorney-at-Law 15 Williams St. New York, NY

Civil Service Employee wants to rent suburban detached apartment, 4 or 5 bedrooms 2 baths, will pay cash for the right setting Alfred Willenstein Post Office Box 843 Sempleton, Wis.

PERSONAL Lance Corporal who saw shy governess in rickshaw on the streets of Hong Kong on March 14 would like to meet up with her again. Steve Duvery of St. Louis Missouri.

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available from the court clerk. Attorney for Sharon A. Buescher: R. SAM PRICE SB 208603 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: SPENCER GREGORY LADD CASE NO. PRO-VA2600118

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of SPENCER GREGORY LADD: a petition for probate has been filed by ELIZABETH RAMIREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH RAMIREZ 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 April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

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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 Elizabeth Ramirez:

R. SAM PRICE SB 208603 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: BACARDO WILSON ANDERSON CASE NO. PRO-VA2600120

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of BACARDO WILSON ANDERSON:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRITNAY SIERRA ANDERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRITNAY SIERRA ANDERSON 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. F-1 at 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 2026.

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You

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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 Britnay Sierra Anderson:

ANTONIETTE JAU-REGUI (SBN 192624) 1894 COMMERCER CENTER WEST, SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 Telephone No: (909) 890-2350 Fax No: (909) 890-0106 ajprobatelaw@gmail.com

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV-BA 2600093

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MICHAEL DAVID OLDENDORFF filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MICHAEL DAVID OLDENDORFF to MICHAEL DAVID GUTIERREZ

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: April 3, 2026, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: B1 The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Barstow District-Civil Division, 235 East Mountain View Street Barstow, Ca 92311

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: February 17, 2026 Commissioner Jason S. Wilkinson, Judge of the Superior Court

By Brian Gutierrez, Deputy Court Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB2602992

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MAIDAH SOHAIL aka MAIDAH HSEN filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MAIDAH SOHAIL to SEHR ANJUM SOHAIL [and]

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MAIDAH HSEN to SEHR ANJUM SOHAIL

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: April 10, 2026, Time: 09:00 AM, Department: S36

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: February 11, 2026 Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa

By Janai Piedra, Deputy Court Clerk

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FBN20260000103

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as UBERHOLEN ELECTRIC 1252 W 15TH ST UPLAND, CA 91786; XUE J ZHOU

Business Mailing Address: 1252 W 15TH ST UPLAND, CA 91786

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 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/ XUE J ZHOU, Owner Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 01/08/2026

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 K9232 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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FBN20260000874

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as PURE MOMENTS MAGNETICS AND MORE 4226 EL MOLINO BLVD CHINO HILLS, CA 91709; ANDRES D RIOS

Business Mailing Address: 4226 EL MOLNO BLVD CHINO HILLS, CA 91709

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: January 19, 2026.

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

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of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ANDRES D RIOS, Owner Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/03/2026

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).

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ELAINE CATHLEEN GRAVES CASE NO. PRO-VA2600133

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ELAINE CATHLEEN GRAVES: a petition for probate has been filed by DONALD EUGENE GRAVES in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALD EUGENE GRAVES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held March 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F2 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections 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 Nicholas Pierce:

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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 Donald Eugene Graves:

R. SAM PRICE SB 208603/ 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: FREDRIC VAUGHN HOLLADAY CASE NO. PRO-VA2600145

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of FREDRIC VAUGHN HOLLADAY: a petition for probate has been filed by NICHOLAS PIERCE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICHOLAS PIERCE 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 April 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F3 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Nicholas Pierce:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BRUCE DOUGLAS WINTERS CASE NO. PROVV 2600033

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of BRUCE DOUGLAS WINTERS: a petition for probate has been filed by DESTINY WINTERS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DESTINY WINTERS 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.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held March 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Victorville District

Department V12 - Victorville 14455 Civic Drive Victorville, CA 92392

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 Destiny Winters:

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB2603171

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioners AMANDA McMULLEN and GAVIN McMULLEN filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

OLIVIA GRACE McMULLEN to JACK CHARLES McMULLEN

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: April 14, 2026 Time: 09:00 AM, Department: S31

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the 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: February 17, 2026 Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa

By Pricilla Saldana, Deputy Court Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB2603240

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROSALIE ADELINA PADILLA filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ROSALIE ADELINA PADILLA, aka ROSALIE ADELINA GUITERREZ, ROSALIE ADELINA GUITERREZ and ADELINA GUITERREZ to ROSALIE ALINA PADILLA

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

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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: APRIL 1, 2026 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S26 Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil

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

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

Gilbert G. Ochoa Judge of the Superior Court.

Rosalie Adelina Padilla Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on February 27 and March 6, 13 & 20, 2026.

FBN20260001377

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

INFLATABLE SUPPLY CO 9252 HYSSOP DR RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: RAFFI TAVOUKJIAN

Business Mailing Address: 9252 HYSSOP DR 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: 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/ RAFFI TAVOUKJIAN, Sole Proprietor

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/23/2026

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 K7326

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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FBN20260001410

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

NEW CENTURY INVESTMENT REALTY 12223 HIGHLAND AVE 106-366 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739: ZOILA MOSCOSO

Business Mailing Address: 12223 HIGHLAND AVE 106-366 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: September 19, 2019.

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/ ZOILA MOSCOSO, Owner Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/24/2026

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

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FBN20260000842

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

OPTIMAL WEALTH NETWORK INSURANCE AGENCY [and] OWN INSURANCE AGENCY [and] OWN SENIOR SOLUTIONS 473 S CARNEGIE DR SUITE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408: OPTIMAL WEALTH NETWORK 473 S CARNEGIE DR SUITE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408

Business Mailing Address: 473 S CARNEGIE DR SUITE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408

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/ COREY SCALES, CEO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/02/2026

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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FBN20260001460

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

REAL ESTATE AND LENDING SIMPLIFIED 3200 E GUASTI ROAD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761: REAL ESTATE AND LENDING SIMPLIFIED 3200 E GUASTI ROAD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business Mailing Address: 1814 LAKEWOOD AVE UPLAND, CA 91784

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number B2026008731

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: February 20, 2026.

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/ JOHN ABRIL, President Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/25/2026

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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FBN20260001501

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

BIRDEYE LOANS 3200 E GUASTI ROAD, 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761: REAL ESTATE AND LENDING SIMPLIFIED 3200 E GUASTI ROAD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business Mailing Address: 1814 LAKEWOOD AVE UPLAND, CA 91784

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number B2026008731

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: February 20, 2026.

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/ JOHN ABRIL, President Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/26/2026

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

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

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FBN20260001449

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

EMPOWERPATH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES 13597 SHERMAN PL. FONTANA, CA 92336: NAISSHA M KENDRIX

Business Mailing Address: 13597 SHERMAN PL. FONTANA, CA 92336

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: February 3, 2026.

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/ NAISSHA M KENDRIX Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/25/2026

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 J9555

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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FBN20260001437

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

SVN/THE BRADCO COMPANIES [and] SVN/BRADCO COMPANIES [and]

SVN/BRADCO TEAM [and] SVN/THE BRADCO HIGH DESERT REPORT [and]

SVN/THE BRADCO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY [and]

SVN/BRADCO [and] SVN/BRADCO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE GROUP 12402 INDUSTRIAL BLVD

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B6 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395: JOSEPH W. BRADY, INC. 12402 INDUSTRIAL BLVD B6 VICTORVILLE, CA 92393

Business Mailing Address: PO Box 2710 VICTORVILLE, CA 92393

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 1564782

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/ JOSEPH W. BRADY, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/25/2026

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 A9730 Hesperia

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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FBN 20260000847

The following person is doing business as: SALTY ESPRESSO, 217 S 2ND AVE UPLAND, CA 91786; [MAILING ADDRESS 217 S 2ND AVE UPLAND, CA 91786]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

EMILY N LOPEZ 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/ EMILY N LOPEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: FEBRUARY 02, 2026

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

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

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FBN 20260000938

The following person is doing business as: PAWLY TREATS. 625 BERMUDA DR REDLANDS, CA 92374; [MAILING ADDRESS 625 BERMUDA DR REDLANDS, CA 92374]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO PAWLY TREATS, LLC. 625 BERMUDA DR REDLANDS CA 92374 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION B20260025118

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JESSICA M BEDWELL, MANAGING MEMBER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: FEBRUARY 05, 2026

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

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/s/ KWANG TAEK KIM, CFO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: FEBRUARY 09, 202

Previously, Beaver & His Yucaipa Council Allies Appeared To Be More Loyal To The Development Industry Than Their City's Residents *from page 7*

comes along, including granting variances, zone changes and general plan amendments to convert what was previously residentially-zoned land into warehousing. This approach, however, is not favored by a substantial cross section of the community, which considers warehouses or semi-industrial uses to be incompatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods.

While this back-and-forth was ongoing between other cities in San Bernardino County and California and the state government, Yucaipa was, if not oblivious, then uninvolved or otherwise engaged. In January 2023, it seemed as if Yucaipa lurched hard toward the State of California's pro-development position. Following the November 2022 election, in which former councilmen Greg Bogh and David Avila had not run and were replaced by Matt Garner and Chris Venable, at the December 2022 council meeting, Garner and Venable were sworn into office and Justin Beaver, who had first been elected in 2020, was elevated to the mayoral post by city council proclamation. At the first meeting in January 2023, the city council summoned Ray Casey, who had been city manager since 2008, into a closed session where Beaver, Garner and Bobby Duncan, who had been on the city council since 2012, informed him that if he did not resign, they would fire him. Casey tendered his resignation after he was given an assurance that the city would pay him the remainder of his contract through June 2024. The council then fired City Attorney David Snow, replacing him with Steven Graham Pacifico, who was the city attorney in Canyon Lake in Riverside County. The council thereupon arranged to bring Chris Mann, who offered comprehensive

representation to the development community through his firm, Chris Mann & Associates, and was at that time serving as the city manager of Canyon Lake, in as city manager.

The coup in which Casey was deposed was a crucial element of the hidden agenda that had been formulated by the development forces behind Beaver, Duncan and Garner. Beaver was a police officer in the Los Angeles County city of Azusa. Duncan was a real estate agent active in Yucaipa. Garner was an executive with a building material company that did \$4 million worth of business annually. At play was a plan to put Mann into control of City Hall, whereupon the city was to embark on a construction accommodation effort that would triple the city's population to over 150,000 by 2050, further enriching those bankrolling and highly invested in the political careers of Beaver, Duncan and Garner, and further enrich Duncan and Garner, who had a financial interest in seeing the city grow.

Banishing Casey had been necessary to this scheme because as the city engineer prior to becoming city manager, he had a sharp appreciation of the necessity of preventing the city from falling into an infrastructure deficit, thereby ensuring the city's roads, streets, bridges, culverts, storm drains, sewer system, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, schools and parks maintained a handling capacity to match any growth in the population that might take place. Accordingly, throughout his time as city engineer and as city manager, he had required that development companies working in the city either build at their own expense accompanying infrastructure to offset the impacts of that growth or that they pay development impact fees to

defray the cost of infrastructure the city needed to build to accommodate that growth. By removing Casey and replacing him with the pro-growth Mann, the idea was to eliminate the requirement that developers and builders provide at their expense or pay for the construction of that infrastructure, thus making development within the city far more profitable for those entities undertaking it.

While this change of policy was to be of tremendous benefit to the landowners, real estate speculators and developers, it would be a disadvantage to the city's residents. The developers would be able to reduce the amount of money needed to undertake and complete projects, while simultaneously increasing their profits and being able to move forward with those projects far more rapidly. The city's residents, however, would suffer as a consequence of the city's existing infrastructure being overwhelmed by the increasing numbers of users, which could only be alleviated by the imposition of fees and taxes on the city's residents and/or visitors to generate money needed to increase or augment the existing infrastructure.

The other two members of the council, Jon Thorpe, who was elected to the city council in 2020, and Venable, did not support the agenda being hatched by Mann, Beaver, Duncan, Garner and the developers bankrolling them, but did not have the political muscle, as they had only two votes, to prevent the three-member majority coalition from moving ahead with their plan.

Neither Beaver nor Duncan nor Garner anticipated the anger and outrage that ensued within the community as residents, at first just a handful, then dozens, scores and hundreds, learned of what was going on. Recognizing that if effective action was not taken to hold Beaver, Duncan and Garner in check, that their lifestyles would be

impacted and the quality of their lives would be impacted, activated residents founded an entity, the Coalition to Save Yucaipa, through which they undertook an effort to qualify recall elections against Beaver, Duncan and Garner. The effort to gather the requisite number of signatures from residents living within the electoral districts the three represented were underway and appeared to be progressing toward success when Mann rallied, at taxpayer expense, a downtown Los Angeles law firm to come in and represent the new city clerk he had hired, who had been his city clerk in Canyon Lake, in an action to derail the recall effort. That city clerk, Ana Sauseda, alleged that the information the recall proponents provided to those approached to sign the recall petitions was inaccurate. As a legal squabble over that accusation ensured, the recall proponents missed the 90-day deadline to gather the required number of signatures, and the recall effort, for the time being failed.

San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael a. Sachs, in response, to countervailing legal action taken against Sauseda, would conclude that the city clerk's legal suit was indeed questionable. The San Bernardino County Grand Jury, upon looking into the action taken by the council majority and Mann concluded City Hall had "eroded the public trust and the Yucaipa City Council itself must share some of the blame. [T]he Yucaipa City Council has developed a reputation among many residents of ignoring the concerns of the public and of fostering an atmosphere of mistrust, disdain, anger, resentment, lack of transparency and appearances of conflicts of interest."

While Beaver, Duncan and Garner had ducked the 2023 recall effort, the Coalition to Save Yucaipa revived that effort in 2024. The consideration that both Beaver and Duncan were

due to vie for reelection in November 2024 prompted the Yucaipa residents to drop the recall effort against them to instead concentrate on keeping them from being reelected. Duncan, believing he had little prospect of winning, did not seek reelection. In November 2024, the recall effort against Garner succeeded and he was removed from office. Beaver, despite the sentiment against him, managed to gain reelection.

The reconstituted city council, consisting of Beaver, Thorpe, and Venable, together with Judy Woolsey, who was voted in to replace Duncan, and Bob Miller, who was appointed to fill the gap created by Garner's removal from office, changed the complexion of governance in Yucaipa. Ultimately, in early 2025, Mann resigned as city manager after a round of private negotiations with the city council in which it was agreed that he would be granted a \$279,045 severance. With Duncan, Garner and Mann gone, the aggressive pro-development ethos that had been envisioned under the Beaver/Duncan/Garner/Mann Administration had been eradicated. Beaver remained in place, but without the two solid votes of Duncan and Garner to join with his, he did not have the power to get projects that involved intensive land use and escalated density approved. Moreover, the no-growth/slow-slow growth/controlled growth forces in the city were no longer in the position of having to spread and diffuse their scrutiny and passion against three council members but were now able to concentrate their attention on Beaver. From virtually the night of Casey's forced departure, there was a strong belief among a substantial number of Yucaipa residents that political corruption was at the basis of the coup that had taken place at City Hall. It was widely if not universally inferred that Duncan's status as a real estate agent and Garner's

professional and financial interest in the local construction industry explained their embrace of the Chris Mann-directed development strategy to facilitate heavy development in the city. Beaver, as a law enforcement officer employed in a city 57 miles distant from Yucaipa was not in a position to professionally profit from the initiation of intensive development in the city. As such, a recurrent accusation was that he had been "greased" and some form of an improper inducement or inducements had been provided to him to get him to spearhead the forced departure of Casey. Beaver did not improve the situation by refusing, or being unable, to articulate why he and his two council colleagues had felt it necessary to sack Casey.

Accusations against the troika of Beaver, Duncan and Garner were made, resulting in contacts with and complaints lodged with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit and the U.S. Department of Justice/FBI, resulting in investigations being opened. Those probes apparently did not turn up substantial enough evidence of any criminal wrongdoing to result in charges against the three. Nevertheless, once underway, investigations of that sort take on a life of their own and are very rarely officially closed out, meaning they remain open-ended. Duncan and Garner did not overcome the political damage the events that triggered those investigations caused nor the specter of the investigations themselves, and their political tenures have come to a close. Beaver remains as an officeholder, but the complications from the Casey sacking/Mann elevation scandal yet leave a cloud over him personally, politically and professionally.

Beaver continues to live and hold a position of prominence within a community where a

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With A Fair Number Of His Constituents Suspecting He Is On Take, Beaver Calls For De-Intensifying The Development Frenzy *from front page*

good number of his fellow and sister residents and his constituents believed, suspected or continue to suspect he was on the take.

Though he managed to gain reelection to the council in 2024, Beaver, as an incumbent, nevertheless was voted against by 48.74 percent of the Yucaipa Fourth District residents who participated in the election.

Generally speaking, public employees in California, extending

to law enforcement officers, who seek and gain elected political office while still employed, see their professional careers enhanced as a consequence of their political success. Indeed that has been the case for Beaver following his 2020 election to the Yucaipa City Council. He had been hired by the Azusa Police Department as a police officer/patrolman in 2017. In 2021, shortly after he was elected to the city council in Yucaipa,

he was promoted to the position of police corporal, the next significant rank up from police officer. In 2023, Beaver's status was changed to that of corporal detective, and he took on assignments in Azusa related to "crimes against persons." In September 2024, he was moved into a "watch commander" post at Azusa, with the tentative rank of sergeant. In January 2025, he was given official promotion to that of administrative sergeant.

Among those in the Yucaipa/Azusa circle, there has been concern that Beaver has hit a situational professional

ceiling brought on by the lingering aftereffects of the federal investigation into what was cataloged as "corrupt governmental practices" relating to putting a development industry representative, i.e., Mann, into a position at the top of Yucaipa's municipal ladder regulating developmental issues and legislative/administrative practices. The Azusa police chief, Rocky Wenrick, at one point earlier in his career worked as a federal agent, having been assigned to the Secret Service detail in Los Angeles. As such, Wenrick is within the informational loop federal officers

and former federal officers are privileged with. Knowledge that one of his underlings was at one time being looked into for possible bribe-taking might leave Wenrick reluctant to move that officer into a command level position.

In recent weeks, Beaver has come across as wanting to distance himself from his entanglement with Duncan, Garner, Mann and both the building industry and development community. Rather than move against the landowners, speculators and developers who were anticipating Mann clearing the way for them, how-

ever, Beaver appears to be moving in a direction that replicates what Chino Hills and Chino, and to a lesser extent Barstow and Fontana were attempting three, four and five years ago – which was to emulate, at least up to a point, the City of Huntington Beach in contesting the state's expansion of land use authority to attenuate local planning control.

At the February 9 Yucaipa City Council meeting, Beaver called upon city staff to put a letter together expressing city officials' belief that local government should *Continued on Page 16*

Unwilling To Graciously Accept Organic Political Advancement In Victorville, Democrats Pushed To Shut The GOP Out With District Voting, Which Resulted In Recreating Republican Ascendancy *from page 6*

had served on the city council had been or were Latino/Latina and two were African Americans. Nevertheless, the following year, one of the members of the city council – Blanca Gomez – retained an attorney from Northern California, Scott Rafferty, and threatened to sue the city over accusations that racially polarized voting was taking place in Victorville. Under the auspices of the California Voter Rights Act, Gomez and Rafferty, Democrats both, demanded that Victorville dispense with its traditional practice of electing its council members at large and partition the city into voting districts so that the members of the city council do not represent the city as a whole but a portion thereof. In this way, under a district representation system, each district is represented by a resident of that district voted into office by, and only by, residents of that district. District voting, Gomez and Rafferty asserted, would prevent racially polarized voting from taking place in Victorville in the future. Victorville officials, who rejected the assertion that racially polarized voting was taking place in their city, instead of resisting

the call to convert to district voting, complied. The California Voting Rights Act exempts plaintiffs suing under its provisions, such as Gomez, from being held liable for a defendant city's legal costs in defending against such a suit if the plaintiff loses. Nevertheless, if the plaintiff wins, the defendant city must cover the legal fees of the plaintiff's attorney. To save itself the cost of litigation, the City of Victorville simply capitulated to Gomez's demand, changing over to district voting.

Ironically, however, Victorville's voters resented Gomez's action. Five of the eight Hispanic Victorville City Council members who had been on the panel between 1990 and 2020 had been Republicans. The voters in her district voted her out of office in 2024. Victorville is no longer a Democrat city. At present, four of its council members are Republicans. Two rather than three, as was the case in 2020, of its council members are Hispanic, despite or perhaps even because of the efforts to push the city into the embrace of progressive politics.

Marshall inserted himself into the poli-

tics of Victorville and the larger desert and mountain region of San Bernardino County. Perhaps unappreciative or ignorant of what Gomez brought upon herself by espousing ultra-liberal politics in the atmosphere of Victorville, he, too, is pushing an aggressively-progressive agenda. In both 2022 and 2024, Marshall managed to become the standard-bear for the Democrats in the November general elections in California Congressional District 23, where Jay Obernolte is the Republican incumbent. Obernolte trounced him 99,360 votes or 61.15 percent to 63,136 votes or 38.85 percent in 2022 and beat him nearly as bad in 2024, 153,753 votes or 60.31 percent to 101,182 votes or 39.69 percent.

In both of his runs for Congress, as well as in other venues, Marshall has advocated for what he describes as progressive social progress and engaged in provocative actions, including calling for extending MediCal health insurance coverage to illegal aliens, holding or waving the Mexican flag during public demonstrations, staging fundraisers for his Congressional seat in Berlin, Germany, and emphasizing his identity as a gay man.

Activists at various locations around Southern California began organizing demonstrations and protests involving

high school students in reaction to the aggressive round-ups of undocumented aliens being carried out in California as well as elsewhere in the country.

While immigrant activists, some elected officials and even parents are supportive of the students willing to make a political statement, and many believe that since the civil rights marches and antiwar protests of the 1960s that making a show of civil disobedience in as American as apple pie, there are others who consider the anti-immigration enforcement walkouts to be ill-advised, contrary to academic imperatives, an untoward show of defiance and disrespect, as well as potentially dangerous, with students driving the streets, walking the streets and in some cases confronting police and other authorities.

Marshall jumped in and was marching along with the students in their nearly three-mile trek from the Victor Valley High campus to City Hall. In doing so, they went along a route, which Marshall, as a planning commissioner, has described as what as the most dangerous pathway in the city for pedestrians.

Marshall's defenders point out that he is registered with the district as an adult chaperon, one who has been vetted and fingerprinted,

and is thus called upon from time to time to be present at events involving students, particularly ones that are off campus, serving as someone who is level-headed and mature to be on hand if something dangerous or just unanticipated should occur. Marshall, they insist, was doing the community a service by being there. Moreover, he was simply exercising his free speech rights.

The problem, Marshall's detractors point out, is the walkout was not sanctioned by the district. His presence thereby put a false imprimatur on the event, which disrupted the educational mission. Moreover, they note, Marshall treated the crowds observing the parade of students to the spectacle of his carrying one end of an unfurled Mexican flag, while the other end was held by a high school student as they marched.

It is improper, some say, for Marshall, as a government official who is thus by definition a member of the establishment, to be tearing the establishment he represents down. No one is contending, they say, that Marshall is not free to say whatever he wants, and he can express himself however he chooses, they noted. But free speech is not free, they say, and Marshall will need to pay the price. Those in the establishment have rights of free speech as well,

and if the establishment decides that it does not want to keep within its ranks someone who expresses contempt for the establishment, the establishment is at liberty to expel Marshall, they maintain.

Marshall says he was participating in the walkout as a "private citizen" and was not representing the city or the planning commission. He asserted that Harriman went after him because he intends to run against Harriman in this year's District 4 city council race.

Some observed that it appears Marshall may have intentionally put himself in the position of being booted off the planning commission to garner publicity and further portray himself as an anti-establishment character, which will aid in his fundraising efforts among liberals in the San Francisco Bay Area in his run for city council or any other offices, such as Congress or the state legislature.

"I'm on the agenda to be removed from the planning commission this Tuesday," Marshall said. "Let's turn this into a civic lesson." He called upon his followers and supporters to "make sure the room is full. This is not about me. It's about all of us. It's about local democracy. It's about coming together, letting our voices be heard, and it's about our First Amendment rights."

-Mark Gutglueck

San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner's Case #702508096: On Monday, 12/15/2025, at 6:16 a.m., officers with the California Highway Patrol responded to the Pepper Avenue onramp of the Eastbound I-10 freeway for a traffic collision. The pedestrian, Caretta Williams, a 33-year-old homeless resident of Colton, was pronounced deceased at the scene. For additional information, please contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702508026: On Thursday, 12/11/2025, at 11:3 p.m., the Ontario Police Department responded to the intersection of S. Etiwanda Avenue and E. Francis Street in Ontario for a traffic collision. Gregory Hogan, a 33-year-old resident of Rancho Cucamonga, was pronounced deceased on scene. For additional information contact the Ontario Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702508010: On Thursday, 12/11/2025, at 3:16 a.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the Northbound I-15 between Duncan Canyon Road and Sierra Avenue for a traffic collision. The driver, Brian Galvan, a 21-year-old resident of Apple Valley, was pronounced deceased on scene. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702508000: On Wednesday, 12/10/2025, at 10:14 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the CA-259 Freeway and Baseline Street in the city of San Bernardino, for a traffic collision. Jeffrey Plazz, a 44-year-old homeless resident of San Bernardino, was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507980: On Tuesday, 12/09/2025, at 2:33 p.m., with the California Highway Patrol responded to the Northbound I-15 Freeway north of Kenwood Avenue in the city of San Bernardino for a traffic collision. The driver, Jesse Rudolph Navarro, 38-year-old resident of Fontana, was transported to St. Bernadine Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507899: On Friday, 12/05/2025, at approximately 6:27 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the I-15 Freeway north of Field Rd. in Baker for a traffic collision. Motorcycle passenger Maryann Reiman, a 29-year-old resident of Las Vegas, Nevada was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information please contact the California Highway Patrol Barstow Division. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507814: On Tuesday, 12/02/2025, at 6:29 p.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to Amargosa Road and Civic Drive in Victorville for a traffic collision. The pedestrian, Steven Ramirez, Jr., a 44-year-old homeless resident of Victorville, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507808: On Tuesday, 12/02/2025, at 1:06 p.m., the Rialto Police Department responded to Cedar Avenue and 2nd Street in the City of Rialto for a traffic collision. The motorcyclist, Rafael Martin Del Campo, Jr., 21-year-old resident of Bloomington, was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. For additional information contact the Rialto Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507793: On Tuesday, 12/02/2025, at 12:06 a.m., the Upland Police Department responded to the 100 block of W. Holt Blvd. in Upland for a traffic collision. Jerry Higdon II, a 54-year-old resident of Corona, was transported to San Antonio Regional Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. For additional information please contact the Upland Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507758: On Sunday, 11/30/2025, at approximately 11:43 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the Southbound I-215 Freeway north of S. Iowa Ave. in Grand Terrace. The motorcyclist, Ricardo Zamudio, a 50-year-old resident of Moreno Valley, was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and was pronounced dead at the hospital. For additional information please contact the California Highway Patrol Inland Division. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507712: On Friday, 11/28/2025, at 10:06 p.m., the Colton Police Department responded to W. Mill St. and N. Ohio Ave. in San Bernardino for a traffic collision. Passenger Leonardo Espinoza, a 19-year-old Resident of Colton, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information please contact the Colton Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507711: On Friday, 11/28/2025, at 10:06 p.m., the Colton Police Department responded to W. Mill St. and N. Ohio Ave. in San Bernardino for a traffic collision. Passenger Alejandro Hernandez, a 25-year-old Resident of Apple Valley, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information please contact the Colton Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

Coroner's Case #702507683: On Thursday, 11/27/2025, at 3:05 p.m., the California Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Land Management Rangers responded to Dumont Dunes for a traffic collision. The driver, Thomas Newbold, a 68-year-old resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the Bureau of Land Management. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 01/05/2026)

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ing so, the city hopes the hotel project might be completed by the Summer Olympics to be held in Los Angeles in 2028.

Measure V, if approved, would create an Ontario city ordinance that would require "hotel, event center, and airport hospitality employers" to begin paying workers \$18 an hour. Thereafter, the minimum wage for

hotel workers would rise by \$3 a year every July 1 through 2030, when the pay would reach \$30 an hour. Prior to that, as of July 1, 2029, the wage rate would increase based on Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the Los Angeles metropolitan area, which extends to Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, although not San Bernardino County.

Measure V would also prohibit requiring hotel cleaning staff to clean

more than 3,500 square feet of rooms in any eight-hour workday unless they are paid double. And workers would also not be required to work more than 10 hours in a day without prior written consent.

The ordinance also notes the danger hotel workers in guest rooms alone sometimes face. Under Measure V, employers would be required to give each worker a personal security device that could signal an on-site security guard who would be able

to provide immediate assistance.

Measure W, upon approval, would overturn the City Council's approval of Pacific Development Group's 600-room hotel at the southeast corner of Guasti Road and Holt Boulevard, which is associated with an expanded Ontario Convention Center. Measure W would require voter approval for major hotel and event center projects in the future.

On January 28, 2026, the Ontario City Clerk's

Office received written correspondence from Richard Rios, attorney and designated repre-

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sentative for the referendum proponents, stating that Unite Here Local 11 wished to withdraw both referendum measures that were to appear in June.

It appears the union is ready to accept the outcome that will take place

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enhancing community safety.

Yucaipa Now Preparing To Contest With Sacramento Over Control Of Local Land Use Policy Land *from page 14*

be the arbiter of zoning, land use and development issues. Beaver suggested that the city might explore joining with other municipal alliances seeking to foreclose the state's domination of cities with regard to development standards.

In response, City Manager Sean Moore, who was ultimately selected to supplant Mann, authored a letter to which the mayor and city council could affix their signatures, calling upon the State of California to stay within its traditional lane and restore local land-use authority to cities in general and the City of Yucaipa in particular.

The letter is addressed to Governor Gavin Newsom, with electronic carbon copies to Gustavo Velasquez, the director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development; State Senator Rosalie Bogh, who represents Yucaipa in the State Senate; and Greg Wallis, who represents the city in the California Assembly.

Asserting "The City of Yucaipa is a special place and its residents chose to live here specifically for its rural and small-town charm" the letter laments that "state housing laws have been assaulting our rural way

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on March 24.

The Ontario City Council authored a rebuttal to the argument in favor of Measure V, saying the wage increases will prove "unsustainable" for many locally owned businesses and noting that the city has already passed an ordinance to require hotel workers be given secu-

of life for several years, and we have reached a breaking point."

The letter continues, "Californians choose to incorporate cities to control their local destinies and gain autonomy. Land-use control gives local residents the ability to design communities that fit their local geography, both in how they look and adapt to natural risks and hazards. Yucaipa sits at the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains, and our geography places us in significant fire danger. Our development pattern is inspired by our ranching and agricultural history. In good faith, the City of Yucaipa complied with State law, developed a robust housing element compatible with our unique community, and received certification from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Yet, the reward for our compliance has been punitive. While we have planned for adequate housing to meet Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocations, the goalposts continue to move. Laws like SB 330 and State Density Bonus Law create a bait-and-switch that makes local planning impossible. Developers are now leveraging the State Density Bonus Law bonuses to drive actual densities to higher than what we authorized in our certified housing element. Large housing projects with densities exceeding our plans strain our local infrastructure. These bonus units exceed the physical devices. They also say the

The opponents of Measure W say it "could destroy job-creating construction projects" and "reduce tax revenue that could lead to cuts in essential services like public safety, road maintenance, libraries and parks, and community events."

At the February 17 Ontario City Council meeting the city council complied with the request from Rios to cancel the placement of the measures on the June 2026 primary bal-

cal capacity of our roads and sewers, yet provide insufficient compensation for necessary upgrades. In our high fire hazard severity zones, one-size-fits-all density is a liability. Increased density without planned infrastructure compromises evacuation routes and emergency response time in the wildland-urban interface."

A housing element is a policy document updated every eight years to assess a community's housing needs for all income level, including special needs populations.

The letter continues, "As the state usurps our local control, residents turn to their local representatives with blame and scorn. We are the ones accessible to them in the grocery store and the council chambers, yet we are being stripped of the tools to address their legitimate concerns. We are forced to implement unpopular, monolithic laws that ignore the specific geography and safety needs of our community."

Boldly, the letter states, "We demand relief, a restoration of local control to determine our own destiny."

After thus asserting, perhaps unwisely, parity with the state in terms of authority, the letter seeks a compromise by proposing, again boldly and perhaps rather unwisely given the disparity of power between the state and the city, that "For jurisdictions that act in good faith, we propose a reward: Once a city's

lot. Three of the council members also went on the record as being opposed to Measure V and Measure W.

Councilwoman Debra Dorst-Porada said that the tactics Unite Here Local 11 is engaging in were intended to extend the delay in the completion of the hotel project and have already increased labor costs and construction cost. "We hoped to have this open by the Olympics," Porada said. "Because of the delays, that won't happen."

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housing element is certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, that city should be exempt from mandates or state density bonuses that exceed the maximum densities established in that certified plan for the remainder of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment cycle. This change would restore the integrity of the planning process, ensure that infrastructure planning remains viable and return a modicum of local control to the people of California in their respective jurisdictions."

The letter again tempts the ire of the governor and his network of state functionaries by lecturing the city's governmental superiors with regard to fairness. "We have done what you asked," the letter states. "It is time for the State to respect the plans it mandated we create."

According to City Manager Moore's report accompanying the letter "On February 8, 2021, the city council took a position to oppose the relentless erosion of local control by adopting Resolution 2021-06, warning that Sacramento's barrage of housing mandates was a direct assault on the unique character of the Yucaipa community. The California housing crisis is not a monolithic issue, yet Sacramento continues to push one-size-fits-all solutions. The factors contributing to the housing shortage in coastal urban centers are largely driven by a massive imbalance

Bowman, saying he had been the president of a "couple of unions" and that there was a brotherhood and sisterhood of unions uniting "carpenters, plumbers and steelworkers," who were "sensitive to providing jobs, nevertheless referred to Unite Here Local 11 as a "rogue union that wants to stop the very development of opportunity, of jobs and positions for everybody that wants them. They want to kill the project before it's even built. They want raises. They want insurance. They

want everything and the opportunity hasn't even been established."

Beaver, whose reticence with regard to issues of controversy is legendary, has not enunciated what changed his mind with regard to the desirability of accommodating aggressive development in Yucaipa. Other city officials have given indication that City Hall was pushed into taking the stand it has because an apartment complex at the corner of Second Street and County Line Road was shoved down its throat. The project, originally proposed as a 172-unit, two-story development, was enlarged into a 258-unit, three-story project without the city having any say, since the alteration was imposed "by right." State housing mandates forced the city and the city council to automatically approve the project, while prohibiting the city from re-considering the locked-in approval despite the intensification of its land use. This meant that the city was prevented from re-notifying residents about the project, holding additional public hearings or reducing its density.

Three years after Beaver, Duncan and Garner sought to commit the city to building whatever developers propose, it appears someone encountered a burning bush on the road to Damascus and now Yucaipa wants to explore staring down Sacramento like Chino Hills, Chino, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson, Whittier, Lake-

wood, Rancho Palos Verdes, Simi Valley and Huntington Beach did previously with regard to the state's housing mandates.

If Yucaipa city officials insist on following in the steps of those cities and actually make a contest of seeing who has the last say with regard to land use, they are likely to learn that the state holds all, or at least most, of the cards. If Yucaipa elects to roll the dice and see if it can establish that cities can defy the state by hanging onto control over the character of their communities, even if it wins it could lose. Chino Hills, Chino, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson, Whittier, Lakewood, Rancho Palos Verdes, Simi Valley and Huntington Beach all know or have learned there are plenty of ways Sacramento can outright deny or withhold the funding cities are dependent on to survive, including taxes, subventions and other forms of pass-through revenue. If Sacramento cannot cut that money off completely, there are thousands of ways to drag its feet in providing it, creating financial crises Yucaipa will be ill-equipped to deal with. Just like the state can hand out apples to reward the city if it simply falls in line with what it is being told to do, the state government also possesses a whip with which it can lash the city unmercifully if it does not do what it is being ordered to do.

here." Measure W's supporters maintain the measure "is about transparency, accountability, and responsible growth. Especially when public land and public dollars are involved, residents deserve clear information and a direct say." The two measures are the only ones on the March 24 special election ballot. Mail-in ballots were sent out beginning on February 23.

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