

Federal Probe Examines Newsom's Vectoring Of Donors To Wife's Charities

By Mark Gutglueck

The U.S. Justice Department under the Donald Trump Administration has widened a four year-running investigation into Jennifer Siebel Newsom to include her husband, California Governor Gavin Newsom, as well as a host of the governor's donors and political associates, including California Secretary of State Shirley Weber, the *Sentinel* has learned.

The original investigation targeting Siebel Newsom was launched by federal investigators serving under then-President Joseph Biden four years ago but had not matured into a prosecution. Siebel Newsom's proximity to her husband, whose ambition extends to making a run for the U.S. Presidency in 2028, together with suggestions that the couple's accumulation of wealth involves the exploitation

of Newsom's status as the governor of a state with an annual gross domestic product of \$3.39 trillion, has prompted the Trump Administration to undertake scrutiny of a figure who has emerged as one of his more vociferous critics.

At issue in the investigations are donations, both charitable and political to Siebel Newsom's foundations and the governor's campaign fund; how those chari-

table donations have been transformed into roughly \$4.1 million in income to Siebel Newsom, sizable real estate transactions involving the couple; arrearages of over \$400,000 on property taxes that have yet to result in a lien, long ongoing and never redressed political fund reception and handling reporting violations by the Newsom campaign that have never been addressed or resolved by

the California Secretary of State's office, the existence of a reputed "slush fund" said to have been used to cover the lavish lifestyle of California's first couple and how the provision of that money to the governor and his wife might have influenced key governmental decisions in Sacramento.

In 2022, inside information which apparently originated with an employee or ex-employee either with one **See P 2**

AVUSD Board Rewards Colleague's Harping On Financial Discrepancies With Censure

Renee Longshore's reformist efforts with regard to the Apple Valley Unified School District have proven too aggressive for three of her four board colleagues, pushing them to censure here at last week's board meeting.

Longshore was first elected to the board in November 2024. What began as a relatively cordial relationship with the

four other board members – Board President Amanda Buchanan, Maria Okpara, Anita Tucker and Rick Roelle – grew slightly strained over the course of 2025 and then broke into open hostility with Buchanan, Okpara and Rolle earlier this year when the Victorville-based *Victor Valley Daily Press*, the most widely circulated newspaper in Apple Valley,

published an op-ed piece in which she expressed her belief that the district was misprioritizing its spending and she referenced a discrepancy or discrepancies in the district's financial documentation.

Longshore decried the district increasing salaries for and expenditures on the district's supervisory personnel by 90

percent over the previous six years while teachers and student support staff salaries had grown by 39 percent. She said that both increases were out of keeping with the 57 percent increase in revenue the district had experienced over the same six years.

Longshore stated that budget juggling that relied on reports of unveri-

fied deficit spending and unaccounted for one-time or limited-time infusion of funds provided to the district during the COVID crisis, there \$15,459,155.91, that had been entrusted to the district that had been "lost."

In the *Daily Press* piece, Longshore cited inconsistencies in the district's financial documentation provided to her, other **See P 3**

Chino Hills On A Trajectory To Place Sales Tax Override On November's Ballot By July Deadline

All five of Chino Hills city council members are facing a taxing dilemma.

Chino Hills qualifies, by the metrics that are said to count most, as San Bernardino County's most affluent city. By the yardstick that really matters, Chino Hills also qualifies as the most Republican of San Bernardino County's 24 municipalities. San Ber-

nardino is among five remaining GOP bastions in the State of California.

Republicans are distinguished from Democrats in many ways.

Republicans are right-leaning conservatives and proud of it. Democrats consider themselves to be left of their Republican counterparts, and celebrate themselves as liberals

and progressives.

Republicans are the party of rugged self-independence. Democrats are the party of identity politics.

Republicans value meritocracy in deriving qualifications. Democrats call for emphasizing diversity, equality and inclusion in determining an individual's qualifications. **See P 3**

Hesperia Lake Fully Reopened Following Repairs To Christmas 2025 Storm Damage

Almost six months after the Christmas 2025 storm that created havoc in many places throughout the High Desert but especially in Hesperia, the Hesperia Recreation and Park District has fully reopened Hesperia Lake Park along with its Val Shearer Arena and Equestrian Center.

The heavy winter deluge was severe.

At Hesperia's subre-

gional water recycling facility, located near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Muscatel Street, where Hesperia's subregional water recycling facility is located, the basin there filled entirely and began overflowing. The wall around the facility failed, sending a violent sheet of water east on Muscatel and north on Maple.

A raging river formed

on Sultana Street, making transit on the road virtually impossible and leaving some motorists at several spots stranded when they attempted to ford it and the water level reached above the car's ignition and exhaust systems.

Similar language - raging rivers - was used to describe sections along both Street water mains. Aspen Street and Pinon

Avenue in the proximity of Olive Street.

The storm did significant damage to recreation and park district facilities, forcing closures to prevent injuries to those using amenities.

Repairs along with restoration work have been proceeding at various locations throughout the the district's various outdoor venues, with the final touches to the

virtually unabated.

On June 16, a team of robbers removed an estimated \$100,000 worth of audio equipment from a train car near Newberry Springs and were in the process of loading it into an enclosed truck when they were interrupted by a sheriff's deputy. The stolen merchandise was recovered and the truck that was being **See P 3**

installations and assets at Hesperia Lake taking place within the last three weeks.

Since April, recreation and park officials have allowed fishing to take place at the lake, shortly after trout stocking resumed.

In addition to fall through spring trout stocking, the lack is stocked with Catfish May through November.

Pinon Hills Man Among Failed White House Attack Plan Architects

A San Bernardino County man was among five of the ringleaders in a plot to use explosive-carrying drones to disrupt the UFC cage-fighting event President Donald Trump staged at the White House on Sunday, June 14 and have snipers pick off members of the panicked crowd as they fled from the scene.

Those involved evinced antigovernment sentiments, which in part appeared to be religiously based, and indicated their overriding belief in specific conspiracy theories, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

No action was taken on June 14 to put the plot into play, as logistics issues plagued some of the would-be actors and the government's reaction prevented certain specific steps that were being planned from being taken. Federal agents recovered firearms from several of the suspects who had communicated with one another both in the open and using encrypted messaging. Those seizures were made as agents served arrest warrants.

The agents were able to obtain further encrypted text messages as a result of the surprise raids. Those messages implicate roughly 20 individuals who were passing between themselves maps, outlines and aerial photographs of the area, as well as referencing the need to secure a "safe house" and map out routes of escape after the attack, documents shared with the media by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles show.

On June 16, the Justice Depart- **See P 3**

The California Voting Rights Act Created A Wilderness Of Mirrors That Made It Impossible To Tell Whether The Choices Of Voters Do Or Do Not Reflect Their Interest *from front page*

of the two charitable foundations created or co-created by Siebel Newsom or her production company prompted the U.S. Attorney's Office in Sacramento to open an investigative file.

Siebel Newsom founded the Representation Project, a non-profit focused on promoting gender equality, challenging gender stereotypes and uplifting and supporting media through media, education and activism in 2011. It began fundraising toward those causes in earnest the following year. In 2019, she cofounded with Olivia Morgan the California Partners Project, a non-profit which works to get more woman onto corporate boards, address the gender pay gap and make technology and media platforms safer for children. Siebel Newsom also owns a production company called Girls Club Entertainment.

From 2012 until 2019, Siebel Newsom was paid, as the director/executive officer of the Representation Project in the neighborhood of \$165,000 to \$205,000 per year, while the organization took in an average of around \$600,000 per year in donations. Since 2020, as the director/executive director of the Representation Project and the driving advocate of the California Partners Project, she has been paid a combined average of \$395,000 a year, while donations to both foundations have approached or exceeded \$1.3 million annually.

The arrangements by which Siebel Newsom is a principal in the non-profit organizations she founded and is paid for her work on its behalf is entirely legal under both

California and federal law. Questions, however, have emerged about the propriety and, indeed, the legality of the contracts her company, Girls Club Entertainment, has for producing films and promotional materials for the Representation Project. Girls Club Entertainment put together a multitude of what were characterized as "gender-focused documentaries," which included *The Mask You Live in*, *Miss Representation*, *The Great American Lie* and *Fair Play*, specifically for the Representation Project, which licensed them. Those materials were distributed to public schools and educational forums and programs under that license. Reportedly, Girls Club Entertainment realized \$1,483,001 on the licensing of the films to schools through the Representation Project alone from 2012 until December 2022. In addition, films produced by Girls Club Entertainment on the same topic and themes – decrying the exploitation of women in the workplace, including a lack of promotion into managerial and administrative positions and roles and a disparity in pay scales favoring men and disadvantaging women – were also licensed by the California Partners Project and provided to both public and private schools in California.

It is a yet untested theory of federal investigators and prosecutors that the contractual arrangements between Girls Club Entertainment and both the Representation Project and the California Partners Project were not arms length transactions and that the Representation Project and the California Partners Project did not conduct a competitive bid before contracting with Girls Club Entertainment for the production of the films, which thereby were sold for and purchased at an inflated rate.

Investigators have also pursued a tangent exploring several examples of Governor Newsom putting the arm on

business owners whose companies have contracts to deliver goods or services to the State of California to make donations to the California Partners Project.

It is the inexplicable inflow of money to the Newsoms that has occurred in anomalous ways and which is seemingly bankrolling a luxurious lifestyle that has also captured the attention of investigators and prosecutors. Both Newsom and Siebel Newsom come from moneyed backgrounds. Newsom's father, William Alfred Newsom III, was an attorney for J. Paul Getty and Getty Oil. Siebel Newsom's father, Kenneth F. Siebel Jr., is a successful investment manager.

In the late 1980s, when he was in his very early twenties, Gavin Newsom was given a substantial boost by Gordon Getty, the son of J. Paul Getty, who over the next several years undertook to invest in ten of Newsom's 12 fledgling business ventures, including PlumpJack Associates L.P., which was registered with the California Secretary of State in May 1991. Newsom and his investors started PlumpJack Winery in 1992, deriving the name from an opera written by Getty.

The PlumpJack Cafe Partners L.P. opened the PlumpJack Café, also on Fillmore Street, in 1993. Thereafter, Newsom and his investors, most prominently Getty, opened other businesses that included the PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn with a PlumpJack Café in 1994; a Napa Valley winery and the the Balboa Café Bar and Grill in 1995; the PlumpJack Development Fund L.P. in 1996; the MatrixFillmore Bar in 1998; PlumpJack Wines shop in Noe Valley in 1999, PlumpJackSport retail clothing store in Olympic Valley and a second Balboa Café at Squaw Valley in 2000. Subsequently, those operations were expanded to include PlumpJack Winery in Oakville, California, the PlumpJack-owned Cade Winery in

Angwin, California and Airelle Wines Inc.

Newsom's investments included five restaurants and two retail clothing stores and his lowest annual income between 1996 to 2001 was \$429,000. In 2002, the value of his business assets reached \$6.9 million.

Newsom, a 1989 graduate of Santa Clara University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in political science, supported Willie Brown in his successful 1995 campaign for mayor, volunteering not only as a representative in approaching voters but hosting a private fundraiser at his PlumpJack Café for the former speaker of the Assembly. Brown appointed Newsom to the city's parking and traffic commission in 1996. Newsom was later elected president of the commission. The following year, 1997, Brown appointed him to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors seat vacated by Kevin Shelley.

It was while he was on the board of supervisors, according to investigators, that what are now recognized as silent partners moved into Newsom's orbit and became involved in some of the PlumpJack-affiliated enterprises.

In 2004, when Newsom was elected mayor, he divested himself of share of PlumpJack's San Francisco businesses, while retaining his ownership in the PlumpJack companies outside San Francisco. Prior to moving into the mayoralty, Newsom was at least minimally and in some case more actively involved in the businesses' operations. Upon becoming mayor, he became far more removed from any day-to-day management or even overarching control of those ventures, and was described with regard to virtually of them as being "a partial owner in absentia."

In February 2006, he paid \$2,350,000 to purchase a mansion in San Francisco's Russian Hill neighborhood. In April 2009, after real estate

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prices had taken a hit as a consequence of the nationwide mortgage crisis, as Newsom was contemplating a run for California lieutenant governor the following year, he put that home on the market for \$3 million.

In November 2010, Newsom successfully vied for lieutenant governor. In November 2011, while in the capacity of lieutenant governor, Newsom and his wife purchased a home in Kentfield in Marin County, for \$2.225 million from former Tamalpais Bank CEO Mark Garwood.

Newsom spent the eight years from January 2011 to January 2019 as lieutenant governor while Jerry Brown, another Democrat, was governor.

Newsom was elected governor in November 2018, and in 2019 the Newsoms placed the Kentfield home on the market for \$6 million. It sold in 2021 for \$5.9 million.

In 2019, Newsom and his family briefly lived in the California governor's mansion in Sacramento, but vacated that to move into the 12,000-square foot Fair Oaks Mansion 7640 Tobia Way on eight acres beside the American River in the unincorporated Sacramento County area known as the Fair Oaks district on the outskirts of Sacramento.

An LLC registered to Newsom's cousin and business associate, Jeremy Scherer, who is the co-president of PlumpJack, purchased

the Fair Oaks estate for \$3.7 million cash in December 2018, a month after Newsom was first elected governor. In 2019, after Newsom was added as a member of the LLC, Scherer "gifted" the property to his cousin. Newsom's status as a member of the LLC allowed him to avoid a \$4,000 real estate transfer tax.

In January 2020, the Newsoms engaged in a very curious move when they entered into a reverse mortgage on the Fair Oaks estate, receiving a \$2.695 million tax-free payment in the cash-out refinancing.

Traditionally, reverse mortgages were generally considered loans of last resort that served as a safety net for cash-strapped retirees, as conventional wisdom dictated keeping home equity untouched and only borrowing against it in dire emergencies. More recently, financial planners have latched onto reverse mortgages as strategic tools to be used by those who are well off, but that occurs in cases where market volatility or unexpected downturns in the economy might prompt a well-positioned investor to sell off elements of an investment portfolio that might have longer-term profitability than real estate. The Newsoms did not appear to be in panic mode with regard to their assets or holdings in 2020.

Catching the eyes of investigators was that in the paperwork for the \$2.695 million mortgage, there was no

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Why Are Organized Criminals Targeting Trains? Because That Is Where There Are Unguarded Valuables *from front page*

used in the theft damaged and seized, though the criminals involved in the train car break-in, at least temporarily, eluded capture.

According to the sheriff's department, "This incident highlights the ongoing issue of cargo thefts impacting businesses and consumers

alike."

Authorities say there has been a persistent pattern of highly organized thefts involving international criminals targeting railroad cargo cars in San Bernardino County and elsewhere in San Bernardino County going back for more than a year.

According to the Association of American Railroads, "In recent years, organized criminal groups have increasingly targeted the nation's railroads using sophisticated tactics and technology to commit

cargo theft."

Over the last eight to ten months, an intensified crackdown on railroad cargo theft has been pursued by a multitude of agencies and entities, including the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Police as well as the FBI and Department of Homeland Security.

In Southern California in particular, investigators have learned that at least some of the perpetrators have previously succeeded because

they had inside information about railroad company operations.

Railroad industry sources and law enforcement professionals report that a substantial amount of railroad cargo theft takes place as a consequence so-called "inside jobs," that is, with the assistance of those who work with the railroads themselves or as part of the rail infrastructure and support network. Individuals linked to cargo theft rings who have specific knowledge of the placing and timing of the shipment by rail of high-

value goods is a common vulnerability and a major factor in the success of criminals who target rail cars for theft. Railroad police, the sheriff's department, the San Bernardino Police Department, the Colton Police Department, the Rialto Police Department and the FBI have information that organized crime is employing individuals who assume relatively low-ranking and even temporary positions with rail companies or at rail terminals and rail yards to obtain information about what goods are be-

ing transported on which trains and in specific rail cars, together with information about when and where the trains are to remain stationary for an extended period.

Another vulnerability consists of spots where moving trains must slow considerably at curves or bends in the rail line, as is the case at certain spots along and at the bottom of the slope descending from the Cajon Pass near Devore. Trains are obliged to decelerate to navigate the sharp, sweeping curves along *Continued on Page 4*

Current Crop Of Chino Hills Solons Got Elected By Pandering To The Community's Republican Voters *from front page*

Republicans emphasize the United States is a republic. Democrats' first characterization of the country is that it is a democracy.

Republicans are the party of corporations. Democrats are the party of labor.

The Republicans promote entrepreneurship. Democrats are unionists.

Republicans perceive taxation as being stifling and a limitation on freedom and growth. Democrats view taxation as a tool that will even the economic playing field and enable government to broaden the provision of public services and engage in social programs to better the community.

Despite the consideration that of Chino Hills' 48,624 registered voters, 16,792 or 34.5 percent of them are registered as Democrats, five more than the 16,784 or 34.5 percent who are registered Republicans, elections there are dominated by Republicans. That is the product of multiple factors. Perhaps the most powerful one is that in excess of 90 percent of those Republicans participate in the electoral

process on a consistent basis, whereas voter turnout among Democrats rarely reaches beyond 60 percent. Moreover, a majority of the city's 11,871 voters or 24.4 percent who have no party affiliation and the 3,007 or 6.1 percent who are members of the American Independent, Libertarian, Peace & Freedom or other more obscure parties gravitate toward supporting Republican over Demo-

crats. While the vast majority of city's 170 Green Party members have proven out to be the one set of minority party members who support Democrats over Republicans, they constitute a mere 0.3 percent of Chino Hills' electorate.

In this way, Chino Hills is now, and has always been since its 1991 incorporation, a hotbed or Republicanism. All five of its current council members – Mayor Brian

Johsz, Councilman Ray Marquez, Councilman Art Bennett, Councilwoman Cynthia Moran and Councilman Peter Rogers – are Republicans. Like their predecessors, they have adhered to a fiscally conservative approach, seeking to balance the city's budget each successive year. Historically, the city maintained fiscal discipline, embracing conservative finan- *Continued on Page 7*

Longshore Sensed AVUSD Financials Were Off Kilter & Said So *from front page*

members of the board and the public as to what was represented as deficit spending and decreases in the district's reserves. Reserves are the accumulative amount of money an entity such as a school district accrues as a consequence of spending less money in a budget cycle than it receives in revenue dur-

ing the same budget cycle. While those reserves can be built up over the years as an entity such as a school district receives revenue in excess of its costs, in those years where the revenue diminishes or remains the same while operational costs increase above the amount of money coming in, deficit spending occurs. Deficit spending eats into a district's reserves.

Longshore, in the piece appearing in the *Daily Press*, said the

documentation provided to her and the other board members showed "reserves have decreased at a higher rate than the reported deficit spending: \$2,474,673.34 in the 18/19 calendar year, \$1,308,535.72 in 19/20, \$2,633,546.27 in 20/21, \$3,524,903.99 in 21/22, \$2,467,852.44 in 22/23, \$3,049,644.15 in 23/24, and \$98,500.18 in 24/25."

Longshore's characterizations of the district's financial picture were not accurate, the other board members

and the district's top administrators insisted. The turned to what they hoped would be a credible authority in countering Longshore's suggestions.

Seeking and obtaining a letter from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre in which he, essentially, expressed his opinion that there were no problematic issues with the Apple Valley Unified School District's finances. The letter, sent to Superintendent Nel-

son and dated February 3, 2026, stated "The county's fiscal oversight process, supported by the district's recent FC-MAT report and the last three annual audit reports have not exposed any instances of misappropriation of district funds."

FCMAT is an Acronym for the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, an independent state agency in California that helps local educational agencies identify, prevent, and

resolve financial, operational, and data management challenges.

The ploy of having Alejandre vouch for the district, however, was of questionable utility, since Alejandre was himself mired in something of a misappropriation of funds scandal himself, one which involved his wife having worked, during much of Alejandre's tenure as county superintendent of schools, as the head of classified management *Continued on Page 5*

Six Ringleaders In Plot To Shoot White House Event Attendees Were Rounded Up *from front page*

ment announced charges against five men – Tycen C. Proper, Bryan Omar Roa, Michael Alan Thomas, Daniel K. Eskridge and Abraham Hermosillo Alvarez - for an alleged plot to carry out an attack to kill government officials and others attending the Ultimate Fighting

Championship (UFC) Freedom 250 event held on the grounds at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation launched an investigation into the plot and identified a core group of conspirators who procured weapons and made plans to carry out the attack. The FBI made arrests over the weekend in Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, and California.

"The investigation remains ongoing," the U.S.

Attorney's Office stated on June 16.

According to Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche. "The FBI, our law enforcement partners and our U.S. Attorneys did what they do every day to make America Safe through quick response and vigilance in investigating, disrupting, and dismantling this alleged plan before it could be carried out. We will take immediate and aggressive action to identify and prosecute those who in-

cite and plan acts of violence."

FBI Director Kash Patel said, "On June 10, FBI and our law enforcement partners became aware of a potential threat to the UFC America 250 event in Washington, D.C. involving individuals outside of the National Capital Region — and thanks to the rapid action of this FBI, our partners, and the Department of Justice in a multi-state operation, multiple individuals are now in custody and allegedly planned

attacks were stopped cold. While the result represented the best of investigative work, it was also nothing out of the ordinary for this law enforcement team — we are built to detect, respond to, and bring to justice those who threaten the lives of American citizens — particularly during large gatherings like the historic UFC 250 fight. That's exactly what we did here. I want to thank our great agents and partners. This work remains ongoing and we

will continue to update the public as permitted."

According to the charges, Tycen C. Proper, 19, of Danville, Ohio; Bryan Omar Roa, 24, of Calimesa, California; Michael Alan Thomas, 32, of Pinon Hills, California; Daniel K. Eskridge, 32, of Kidder, Missouri; and Abraham Hermosillo Alvarez, 31, of Omaha, Nebraska, conspired to plan and execute a mass casualty event targeting U.S. officials in attendance at *Continued on Page 12*

Newsoms' Opulent Lifestyle Is Supported In Part By Huge Donations To The First Lady's Charities, From Which She Derives Substantial Income *from page 2*

mention that the home had been gifted to the couple by Scherer's LLC or the Newsoms' other financial assets. Reverse mortgage payments are not considered taxable income.

According to investigators who have looked at the couple's spending patterns, that money appeared to have been used to support their accelerated lifestyle.

No previous California governor, with the possible exception of Leland Stanford, spent money while in office at the pace, adjusted for inflation, that Newsom has throughout the entirety of his tenure, according to those looking closely into his finances. Virtually every California governor during the 20th Century, Gray Davis and Jerry Brown in the Third Millennium and even Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose Hollywood lifestyle carried over into his experience as governor, confined themselves to, if not frugal existences while serving as the Golden State's chief executives in their time, ones that were not overly extravagant. The Newsoms' expenses appeared to be spending nearly one million dollars on living expenses every three months.

Given that rate of spending and shortcomings in the Newsoms', and in particular Governor Newsom's, financial reporting, investigators have come to believe there is a "slush fund" put up by Newsom's friends, business associates and political supporters which he has been continuously tapping into.

In March 2023, the Silicon Valley Bank, where Newsom's PlumpJack Winery, Cade Winery and Odette Winery had their business accounts, failed.

In November 2024,

Newsom and his wife formed an entity, MHBD Farms, LLC, the name for which reflected the first names of their four children – Montana, Hunter, Brooklyn and Dutch. Two days later, MHBD Farms, LLC purchased a \$9.1 million 5,600-square-foot, six bedroom, five-and-a-half bathroom mansion at 224 Woodland Road in Kentfield from billionaire Daniel Pritzker, the heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune and cousin of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker. The property, with its view of Mount Tamalpais, is situated on just under an acre, includes expansive floor-to-ceiling windows, an outdoor area with a swimming pool, a spa, a sculpture-lined garden and a guesthouse. The Newsoms paid 7% above Pritzker's asking price. Daniel Pritzker has been a major donor to Newsom's campaigns for San Francisco mayor, lieutenant governor and governor.

Questions have emerged in the media about the actual breadth and depth of the Newsoms' wealth, and federal investigators are now pursuing answers to speculation as to whether assumptions regarding that wealth and the Newsoms' assertions regarding it are accurate.

Since Newsom was San Francisco mayor, his involvement in the running of the companies he owns or has an interest in has been sharply limited. There have been conflicting reports as to the degree of his ownership/control of those entities as well as the income generated thereby. Similarly, Newsom's actual personal wealth has been a subject of dispute. In 2019, upon his installation as governor, all of Newsom's business holdings were placed in a blind trust.

Newsom's total assets were estimated to be, in the early stage of his political career, while he was a member of the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors but prior to becoming San Francisco mayor, in the neighborhood of

\$10 million, although that number zoomed to as high as \$30 million around the time he was elected mayor. Over the following two decades, the management of the business entities he held was left to others. Last year, there was a report that Newsom's assets, including real estate, had grown to a value of \$42 million. Despite Newsom's Democratic Party affiliation and political identification as an advocate of the common man, he has never disputed, and in fact has seemed to encourage, reporting that emphasizes his accumulation of wealth.

Nevertheless, it is difficult to effect a close, let alone exact, examination of his holdings based upon available documentation, insofar as that documentation is incomplete and has grown more so over the years that Newsom has been in office. Based upon what can be discerned from incomplete, elliptical and missing records and filings, it appears that Newsom's involvement in the business entities he is associated with is limited to a greater degree than is popularly assumed. Moreover, given the value of those entities and the number of investors and other principals in those companies, it appears the characterization of his wealth has been inflated in some instances and wildly inflated in others.

In 2025, Forbes estimated the stable of PlumpJack Wineries to be worth over \$400 million. The provenance of that estimate, and therefore its accuracy, has come under question. PlumpJack currently possesses nine active hospitality and lifestyle brand entities of varying worth in its core portfolio across Northern California. Newsom's percentage in each of those is not publicly available but one report is that his stake in one of those, at the low end, consists of roughly \$130,000 and at the high end, he has ownership shares that are valued at approximately \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million. In the ma-

majority of the rest, the value of what he owns consists of somewhere in the range between \$300,000 and \$600,000. It thus appears that the value of Newsom's business entities that come under the PlumpJack umbrella runs to no more than \$7 million and more likely to around \$6 million. Those assets are not liquid and generate a steady stream of income, which is distributed across the ownership of PlumpJack, of which Newsom holds only a minority percentage, believed to be no greater than 10 percent. Therefore, the value of those holdings would be immediately accessible to him only if he were to sell them. In making an immediate sale, he would likely have to accept selling them at a discounted price.

This explicates, investigators believe, why the Newsoms entered into a reverse mortgage arrangement with regard to the regard to the Fair Oaks property mere months after it was gifted to them. It also lends credibility, in the midst of reports of their expenditure of roughly \$3 million per year to support their lavish lifestyle, that a slush fund has been created for them by individuals seeking to influence state policy, and that the governor and his wife have been regularly drawing upon it.

Political donations are a way of life among elected officials in the United States, in California and elsewhere. It is not illegal for politicians to accept donations. Nor is it illegal for a politician to accept money from a donor and then engage in votes or the direction of policy that benefits that donor, as long as the votes made or action taken are not conditional upon the provision of those donations. In the instant investigation into Governor Newsom, prosecutors are exploring whether certain actions by the governor were in exchange for the generosity shown to him or his wife by those who benefited from those actions. Such an exchange of a donation or provision

of money for a benefit would constitute, under both federal and California law, a quid pro quo, otherwise referred to as a bribe or kickback.

Newsom who solicited \$450,000 from a Northern California tribe, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, to fund his inauguration festivities, then hit the tribe up for another \$1.8 million donation to the California Partners Project. In 2024, the Newsom administration joined the tribe's efforts in court to block a rival casino from being built 15 miles away.

In 2023, Newsom inspired the legislature to pass and then signed into law Assembly Bill 1228, which exempted restaurants/bakeries commonly recognized as fast food establishments from the \$20 fast-food minimum wage increase. This applied most conspicuously to Panera Bread, which is owned by Greg Flynn. Flynn contributed \$164,000 to Newsom's gubernatorial campaigns and his effort to overcome a recall in 2021.

In 2019, when Pacific Gas & Electric was being faced with multi-million fines and costs for its negligence with regard to igniting wildfires, including the Camp Fire, Newsome promoted and signed Assembly Bill 1054, which created a \$21 billion wildfire fund, with California's taxpayers taking up half of that slack and allowing Pacific Gas & Electric and other electrical utility companies in California to pass the responsibility for the remaining \$10.5 billion on to their ratepayers. Subsequently, Pacific Gas & Electric donated \$200,000 to Newsom's inauguration and just under \$400,000 to Siebel Newsom's non-profit, the Representation Project.

Between 2018 and 2019, UnitedHealth donated a total of \$220,000 to Newsom's gubernatorial campaign and other political action committees he controlled. Newsom awarded \$492 million in contracts to UnitedHealth subsidiar-

ies in no-bid contracts and expedited arrangements.

A major issue discovered by investigators is Newsom's failure to make timely, and in some cases any, reports of donations provided to him directly and the California Secretary of State's unwillingness or failure to enforce the reporting requirements that apply to the governor. In certain instances, no reports were made. In others, the reports were filed belatedly. According to investigators, there were reports filed but they disappeared at some point from the public record, as was demonstrated when the documents were not available through the California Secretary of State's Office but later turned up through inquiries with the past treasurer of Newsom's campaign. At least some of that documentation appeared to have been hidden for a specific purpose, generally to prevent a connection being drawn between the largesse the governor had received and action his administration had taken to benefit those donors.

Last week, following contacts federal investigators had made with those in Newsom's circle – consisting of friends, donors, both business and political associates and state employees – the California Fair Political Practices Commission made a finding that the governor had failed to make a timely report of more than \$5.6 million in behested payments and fined him and his office \$31,500 for withholding that information.

A "behested payment" is a donation solicited from a donor by a politician, as in this case the governor, for purposes prioritized and explicitly earmarked by the politician. Those purposes can range from charitable purposes embraced by the politician to efforts involving charities of government agencies to redress challenges faced by an individual, groups of residents or cities/governmental agencies. In

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The Duty Of A School Board Member Is Not To Question The Status Quo But Prove Cooperative In The Operation Of The District, A Majority of the AVUSD Trustees Believe *from page 3*

for the San Bernardino County Department of Education, in which position she was provided with \$219,614 in total annual compensation. In 2021, Barbara Alejandre retired and began pulling a public pension which currently provides her with \$133,441.41 annually. Last year, as scrutiny of that circumstance at last caught up with Ted Alejandre, he decided to forego running for reelection as San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Rather than providing comprehensive line-by-line explications of what was actually in the budget and delineating what Longshore had gotten wrong, however, the Apple Valley Unified School Board, Nelson and other district administrators sought to instead make, for Longshore's ears and eyes only, what were essentially off-the-record, confidential and private reconciliations of the budget during closed sessions that were outside the scrutiny of the public.

Exactly how comprehensive and what the integrity of those demonstrations were is difficult to gauge, given the lack of public access to them. Longshore found them to be less than fully compelling, and from time to time made a point of saying so publicly. This further antagonized her colleagues

There appeared to be a fundamental disconnect between the school board majority and Longshore and her support network. Those in control of the district felt their status as elected board members and district administrators merited for them unquestioned faith in their integrity and rectitude of what they were doing in their official capacities. Longshore and her supporters, on the other hand, were willing to engage their trust only to the degree that Buchanan, Okpara, Roelle and Nelson were willing to

subject their activity to open public scrutiny.

After several months of increasing contretemps between Longshore on one side and on the other Buchanan, Roelle and Okpara as well as Superintendent Trenae Nelson and Nelson's assistant, Kilee Caudell, a resolution of censure against Longshore was drawn up.

The resolution highlighted that on October 30, 2025, Longshore publicly implied that the district engaged in retaliation against her, claiming that she did not receive health benefits due her as an elected member of the school board without first verifying the reason for the denial. According to the resolution for censure the modification of benefits was, in fact, a correction of a previous oversight and was applied to all board members. Raising the issue, the resolution stated, was a departure from the demeanor expected of a school board member.

According to the resolution of censure, on January 11, 2026, Longshore, while speaking as a guest on the Voice of Apple Valley podcast, incorrectly stated data relating to district staff departures and that the district was "losing staff to neighboring districts an alarming rate." According to the resolution, two days later, on January 13, 2026, the district made clear that recent staff losses. Took place because 43 teachers retired, seven moved out of state, five left for personal reason, two living outside the High Desert left for jobs closer to home, five left for career advancement opportunities in other districts or to community colleges, one left to work as a teacher in another local district and 12 were teachers released from probationary positions.

According to the resolution, Longshore had not adhered to the district's principles and

the board's bylaws and failed to speak with a "common voice about district priorities, goals, and issues."

According to the resolution of censure, on January 22, 2026, Longshore publicly accused a district employee

of failing to do her job without first personally verifying if her accusation was true. That accusation was false, according to the resolution of censure.

According to the resolution, on January 26, 2026, Longshore claimed that, "[o]ther than the spreadsheets I offered, this governing body has received no clarification on the budget or available funds and are now expected to make some very important decisions." The resolution states, "This is not accurate. District employees have repeatedly provided clarification to the Board on several budget-related matters.

The resolution stated that on March 5, 2026, Longshore accused the board of trustees of turning a blind eye to their responsibilities, stating that "[w]illful ignorance has been embraced while this board has been set against each other." This insulted Longshore's fellow and sister board members, according to the resolution, and violated the board's bylaw directive to treat everyone with civility and respect.

According to the resolution, on March 5, 2026, Longshore directly chastised her fellow board members, stating, "[a]s it stands, this Board, three strong, is closing its eyes, digging its heels, supporting and perpetuating a broken system." This violated the board's principle that required her to "[a]cknowledge that the majority rules" and "be supportive of this decision," according to the resolutions, which further propounded, "Even if Trustee Longshore does not agree with the majority on a decision, she must respect the will of the majority of the board and not allow her frustration to manifest into personal attacks."

The resolution charged Longshore of accusing her board colleagues on March 5, 2026 of "not understanding what they were approving, claiming, '[t]hree have sat as leadership on this dais, following this administration, giving direction to pay contractors taking steps to build a stadium, while hiring staff with temporary funds and spending down our limited reserves. Not because they understood the numbers, but because they were told to do so.'" According to the resolution Longshore "provided no evidence supporting her accusation that the Board did not know what it was approving," which constituted, according to the resolution "a groundless, public attack on her fellow Board members' credibility and adherence to governing policies."

According to the resolution, on March 5, 2026, Longshore claimed that district management's raise was, "unknown due to lack of transparency," resulting from the district not filing a staff collective bargaining pay arrangement disclosure document. According to the document, Superintendent Nelson's pay raise had been disclosed on another form she had submitted.

The censure resolutions charged Longshore with twice disregarding information provided by Superintendent Nelson and then blaming the superintendent for a lack of transparency.

According to the censure resolution, on April 2, 2026, Longshore referred to her board colleagues as a "mindless machine driven by misinformation, self-preservation, and a blind following with no paper trail to prove it." This gratuitously insulted her board peers, according to the resolution.

According to the resolution, on April 17, 2026, Longshore violated the Apple Valley Unified School District Governance

Handbook's site/programs visitations provision by entering a high

school campus without first providing advance notice to either the superintendent or the school's principal. This interfered with educational operations, according to the resolution.

According to the resolution of censure, on May 7, 2026, Longshore attempted to publicly embarrass Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Matthew Schulenberg by calling him out in an open session for not being able to answer a question, "on the spot." This violated the understanding that district board members not blindsided district personnel with questions asked in public and provided staff with such questions to be posed in advance of any public meetings.

According to the censure resolution, on April 10, 2025 Longshore questioned Superintendent Nelson about an action she took at the direction of the board stemming from a discussion in closed session. This put Nelson in the position of having to engage in a conversation in which the subject originated in a confidential exchange in a closed session, according to the resolution, and Longshore disclosed, or risked disclosing, information the public should not have been made aware of.

According to Buchanan, Roelle and Okpara as well as Superintendent Trenae Nelson Longshore is a blabbermouth who isn't smart enough to understand that sometimes the public can't handle the truth and that is why the citizenry must on selected occasions be kept in the dark. The board is, after all, according to Buchanan, Roelle and Okpara, a team and Longshore just isn't a team player. She is continually trying to bring the public in on information it would be better that was simply left unmentioned, as people with good sense normally let sleeping dogs lie.

At the June 11 meeting, Okpara said of past school board members, "I've never ever seen them go after each other. Never. Never observed

it."

Longshore had broken with that tradition, Okpara said, and needs to learn to express her differences with the board in the back halls of the district and in private, and make a show of agreement when everyone is looking on. What Longshore is doing, Okpara said "is painful for me to watch. I have never watched the board disagree to a point of throwing darts at each other. I'm not looking for everybody to get along, but I'm looking for everybody to respect each other.

Okpara told Longshore and Board Member Anita Tucker they need to apply mathematical calculation to the situation to recognize they are the minority on the board and she, Roelle and Buchanan are the majority. She said that when the board was reconstituted into its present line-up after the 2024 election, she met with Tucker and Longshore, instructing them to get with the program.

"I was very clear that we had a protocol here in Apple Valley: If we disagree, we disagree, but it is best for us to disagree behind the walls, so that when we come up here to talk that we're coming up here with a united voice, united face, united way of speaking," Okpara said. "We don't just throw darts without evidence, without facts." Okpara said she had encouraged Longshore to use her voice but that Longshore was doing so in a way that was offensive to her colleagues.

Ann-Marie Van Gordon, transitional kindergarten teacher at Desert Knolls Elementary School read a statement in support of Longshore that had been written by President of the Apple Valley Unified Teachers Association Karen Sabers. "I am the president of the Apple Valley Unified Teachers Association," Van Gordon quoted Sabers. "I stand in opposition with many to the proposed censure of Trustee Renee Longshore. Whether you agree with Trustee

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As Governor, Newsom Has Put The Arm On Dozens, Scores Or Even Hundreds Of Wealthy Individuals For Political & Charitable Donations Benefiting Him & His Wife *from page 4*

this case, the California Fair Political Practices Commission focused upon a call Newsom had made for a number of entities, most of them companies or corporations, to assist in the recovery effort during and following the Los Angeles Wildfires, which began on January 7, 2025 and were not fully contained until January 31, 2025. Newsom, as governor, had proclaimed a state of emergency on January 7, 2025. Newsom sought financial assistance for the California Fire Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization which supports firefighters and fire victims, and 36 entities responded. In response, Uber donated \$20,000; BlackRock threw in \$500,000; PayPal laid out \$250,000; DoorDash provided \$50,000; Sony Corporation America ponied up \$50,000; Uber Eats gave \$500,000; Lockheed Martin shelled out \$500,000; Kaiser disbursed \$100,000; the Chuck Lorre Foundation bequeathed \$1,000,000; the Anthem Blue Cross Foundation chipped in \$500,000; Clayco put up \$150,000; Target came through with \$200,000; Orrick requited \$19,735; Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP proffered \$50,000; the KPMG US Foundation remitted \$25,000; Apple rendered \$250,000; the Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Foundation coughed up \$100,000; United Airlines bestowed \$50,000; the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation kicked in \$25,000; Verizon plunked down \$150,000; Universal Music Group handed over \$10,000; Annenberg Foundation footed the bill for \$55,000; Paramount Studios dug up \$100,000; Sony Pictures Entertainment defrayed \$7,100 of the California Fire Foundation's burden; D'Leon Consulting Engineers Corp forked over \$25,000; the Klarman

Family Foundation bore \$25,000 of the expense; United Airlines flew in \$25,000; American Express provided \$150,000; the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation made a \$47,418 gesture; Levi Strauss & Co handed up \$25,000; Next Era Energy discharged \$50,000 of the California Fire Foundation's costs; Amazon floated \$200,000; AT&T phoned in \$100,000 and Estee Lauder reeked of \$225,000. Newsom and his office failed to timely file a behested payment report for all of these "contributions," along with some others.

The \$31,500 fine represented 18 separate fines of \$1,750 each.

The *Sentinel* is informed that like California Secretary of State, the head of the California Fair Political Practices office staff, Executive Director Galena West, and General Counsel David Bainbridge are concerned of the perception that as the state's top political watchdog, it failed to hold Newsom to account. The California Fair Political Practices Commission Chairman, Adam Silver, was appointed by Newsom. Fair oaks

Notably, when Scherer gifted the Fair Oaks estate to Newsom and his wife, complaints were lodged with the Fair Political Practices Commission, both before and after the ploy of utilizing the reverse mortgage to give the Newsoms a \$2.695 million tax-free infusion of funds, the FPPC concluded that what had occurred was a form of "money laundering," a violation of gift limits or improper in any way. At the time the purchase was made, Newsom still owed \$3.2 million on the home he had been living in previously. He subsequently realized a profit of \$2.7 million when he sold that property for \$5.9 million. Critics have

suggested the Fair Practices Commission was covering for Newsom because of his power position in the state.

Federal investigators are highly suspicious of the way the 2024 purchase of the Kentfield property was structured. The formation of the MHBD Farms, LLC was a legal dodge to avoid property taxes, gift taxes and reporting requirements. Where the Newsom's obtained the money to make the purchase is not clear, leading to an investigative theory that some entity unknown supplied the couple with money they have not reported. It would not appear that, based on income alone, the Newsoms, despite their wealth, could have qualified for a loan to finance the purchase of the property, especially given their other financial commitments.

Newsom is paid \$203,939.40 in base salary from the State of California for his role as governor, together with \$95,063.16 in benefits. He is due to leave that post in January 2027. Assuming his wife can maintain her yearly income of \$395,000 a year from the Representation Project and the California Partners Project after her husband is no longer in the position of governor to scare up donations to those entities, it would not appear the couple would be able to meet their mortgage payments.

The annual mortgage on the Marin County mansion property would run anywhere from \$330,000 to \$384,000 per year, together with an annual property tax bill of slightly more than \$117,000.

Of focus in the investigation is what quid pro quos or exchanges were made between Newsom and Li Ke, a Chinese businessman who transits between the People's Republic of China and the United States on a frequent basis.

Ke, the executive vice president of the China-based BYD Company and president of its sub-

siary BYD Americas, donated \$20,000 to Newsom's gubernatorial campaign in 2018. He made another \$30,000 donation to Newsom's successful 2022 reelection effort.

According to investigators, initial concern that federal law restricting donations from foreign nationals to American politicians had been broken was determined to have been misplaced when it was determined that Ke had a green card. U.S. law carves out an exception to the aforementioned restriction if the foreign national in question holds a green card, which allows that foreigner to donate to any federal, state, or local campaign or candidate.

Nevertheless, there have been questions about what Ke and BYD are actually involved in within the American business sector, with recurrent suspicions that either or both corporate espionage or military espionage were at play.

Newsom grew close to both Ke and BYD, and the BYD Americas has obtained over a billion dollars worth of U.S. and California government contracts. Those contracts involved BYD Americas being provided with sensitive information.

In 2023, Newsom traveled to Shenzhen, China, where he was received by Ke and other BYD executives and Chinese government officials at BYD's corporate headquarters. in 2023.

BYD is involved in the manufacturing of electrical vehicles, electronics and automotive components, rechargeable batteries and energy storage systems and public transportation and rail transit systems.

Li and her husband, BYD's billionaire founder and CEO Wang Chuanfu, are both members of the Chinese Communist Party and close associates of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Within the last two-and-a-half weeks, the Pentagon formally classified BYD as a Chinese military company,

blacklisting it to restrict its access to a host of U.S.-developed technologies it was previously given access to.

Investigators are interested in learning what Newsom might have done to enhance BYD's access to sensitive corporate and military related technologies, potentially in exchange for money that was provided to him by Chuanfu through Li.

In November, Dana Williamson, who was once Newsom's chief of staff and the chief of staff of former Congressman and former federal Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra, was indicted on charges that she was involved in a conspiracy to illegally funnel money from what at that time was Becerra's dormant campaign account to herself and others.

As federal investigators and prosecutors were closing in on her but before her indictment, Williamson, spoke with the US Attorney's Office in Sacramento, the *Sentinel* is reliably informed.

She was questioned intensely with regard to matters pertaining to Newsom. One such issue was the Newsom Administration's relationship with the gaming company Activision, against which the California Civil Rights Department had alleged featured a culture of sexual harassment and sexism before the matters was settled with the payment of a \$50 million fine.

It is unclear what information the U.S. Attorney's office might have wrung from Williamson during that questioning session.

On May 14, 2026, Williamson pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud, subscribing to a false tax return, and making false statements to a federal agent.

In preparation for his 2018 gubernatorial run, Gavin Newsom in 2017 pledged to release his tax returns. He has since walked that back, and investigators, in the words of one federal agent, have sensed that as "an

indication of blood in the water" and have consequently intensified their focus on what they have characterized as Siebel Newsom's hedging and underreporting/hiding of her actual income.

On Monday, Newsom released a four minute and 43 second video in which he acknowledged he and his wife are the target of a federal investigation.

It was the governor's contention that the probe is politically motivated, and that what is being orchestrated against him and his wife is merely an effort to prevent his ultimate progression upward from California's governorship to that of the nation's chief executive.

"In recent days, federal agents have knocked on the doors of family, friends, and former employees, not because they found a crime, because they're simply trying to find one," Newsom said. "They're demanding records. They're abusing the grand jury process, digging through years of random documents. Donald Trump isn't just coming after me because of my mean tweets. He's coming after me because I'm considering running for president, because he hates that I've consistently called him out over and over again because of his lies and deceit."

Newsom then hit on his major theme: If he, as California governor is a crooked politician, he is merely a piker in that regard in comparison to the president of the United States.

"Donald Trump is simply the most corrupt president in American history," Newsom said. "He's turned the levers of government into his own personal power ministries, to reward cronies and try to jail his opponents. His personal attorney now runs the Department of Justice, which has repeatedly gone after his political enemies. One by one, anyone who has challenged Donald Trump has ended up on his hit list. Today, I proudly join

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Chino Hills Politicians Stayed On The Good Side Of Their Republican Constituency In The Past By Not Raising Taxes *from page 3*

cial management and living within its means by ensuring that expenditure out of the city's operating budget, referred to as the "general fund," as well out of its other funds did not exceed the revenue coming into the city.

In California, cities have revenue streams

Conspirators Plotted To Use Drones To Get White House Crown Fleeing Into The Range Of Sharpshooters *from page 3*

UFC Freedom 250 hosted on the White House grounds.

According to filed complaints in the Southern District of Ohio, the Western District of Missouri, the District of Nebraska, and the Central District of California, investigators interviewed Proper at a medical facility on June 11. During the interview, Proper said that before executing the plan, he and other conspirators intended to rendezvous in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where they were to finalize a coordinated attack against the U.S. government during the UFC event at the White House. He said members of the group who wanted to participate in the attack began communicating with each other around March. More serious members of the group, including Proper, moved their communications to an encrypted chat app.

The conspirators allegedly planned to deploy drones armed with explosives in and around the UFC Freedom 250 event, detonate them over the north side of the UFC arena, thereby forcing high value targets to evacuate the premises, whereupon snipers would be deployed to fire upon specific individuals within the fleeing crowd.

Proper allegedly amassed firearms, thou-

that consist of a percentage of property tax collected within its jurisdiction by the county within which that municipality is located, fees for services it provides to those applying for permits, licensing or permission to transact business or engage in construction within city limits, one cent of the six cents per dollar of the six percent sales tax collected throughout California, a percentage of the gasoline tax collected by the State of California, other money passed along to cities by the State of Cal-

sands of rounds of ammunition, and tactical gear at his home in Ohio, and he identified potential targets, including multiple members of Congress.

Roa said his participation in the mayhem was thwarted when he was unable to get to Washington, D.C. because his vehicle malfunctioned, according to authorities.

According to the complaint filed in the Central District of California, law enforcement executed a search warrant of Roa's residence and vehicle where they allegedly seized a rifle, handgun, tactical belt, ammunition and a rifle magazine, a two-way radio, and an infrared laser target pointer. A search of Roa's phone allegedly found messages in a group with Thomas, Proper, and others discussing an attack at the UFC event at the White House, with some users discussing using drones rigged with explosives to initiate the attack, with rooftop snipers killing individuals. Law enforcement also allegedly found Instagram videos Roa had posted of himself shooting guns.

During his voluntary interview with law enforcement on June 11, 2026, Proper said that an individual with the online username "Whiskey Six Amerika" was one of the primary individuals involved in planning the attack at UFC Freedom 250 and that this individual provided information during the planning phases. During a review of Proper's

ifornia in what are called subventions, along with federal and state grants which cities can apply for. In addition, if the voters in a particular city vote to approve a tax override, cities can collect an extra portion of sales tax up to 2 percent.

To the extent that a city brings in more revenue during any particular budgetary cycle, which normally runs from July 1 to June 30, corresponding to the governmental fiscal year, the city can deposit that money into a reserve account which is separate and sequestered

cellular phone, investigators identified Signal user "whiskey_six(CA){Amerika}" as one of the co-conspirators. whiskey_six(CA){Amerika}, along with other co-conspirators, was in a Signal group called "Hunters." During the review of Proper's phone, investigators also located a SimpleX user with the name "Whiskey_Six{AmeriKa}." That SimpleX user sent Proper identifying documents showing that his true address was a residence in Pinon Hills and that his true name was Michael Allen Thomas.

According to the complaint filed in the Central District of California, Thomas participated in a group chat planning the attack. In one chat exchange, on June 7, he wrote "\$1300 gets us the drones and the charges. Yes we should all pitch in and we need it asap..."

In another group chat, Thomas, using a pseudonym, described "tiers" of operators within the anti-government group, with tier 1 being operators on the ground, tier 2 being drivers and drone operators, tier 3 being logistical suppliers, and tier 4 being social media influencers. On May 23, 2026, Thomas characterized the tiers of operators, stating: "Tier 1 operators may be asked to put themselves in harms way, break the law, and potentially go into hiding. Tier 2 would consist of get away drivers, drone operators, and direct support. May still be asked to seriously break the law. Tier 3 may be

from its other accounts and funds, including its general operating fund. Those accounts are generally interest-bearing ones. If a city has sizable reserves that money can be invested, as well, typically in bonds or U.S. Government Treasury notes.

Reserves can be built up over the years as a city takes in money in excess of its costs, as was often the case with Chino Hills. By the same token, in those years where the revenue diminishes or remains the same while operational

a runner, or part of the Underground Railroad. Indirect support, recruitment, supply, logistics, tech.. still actively contributing, but most likely safe from legal issues. Tier 4 social media influencers, protesters, funders, press, followers...nobody being asked for much or taking any risks. Tier one status is not something to take lightly. You will be sacrificing for your country, and carrying a brunt of the weight. I want to make that clear that we will all sacrifice for tier one operators. We will make sure they have an escape plan, backup plan, transportation, three meals a day and a defense position to hide out. All the tier 2 support we can provide. We will try to break them out of jail if we need to.

In the same group chats, Thomas discussed meeting with Roa in person in Southern California in order to conduct "marksmen training" and reflected that the group needed to train for "gorilla style warfare."

The "Hunters" Signal group, which included Thomas, Proper and other co-conspirators, contained detailed instructions for carrying out the attack at UFC Freedom 250, including plans to safely escape after the attack. Screenshots from Proper's phone regarding those plans extended to aerial photos and maps of locations in and around Washington, D.C. that included the White House and discussed where snipers should be

costs increase above the amount of money coming in, deficit spending can occur. Deficit spending eats into a district's reserves. If deficit expending persists to the point that all of a city's reserves are consumed, in all fiscal years going forward from that point, a city has the option of immediately balancing its budget year-to-year such that its revenue, at least, matches what it is expending. This typically entails decreasing the level of service offered to the city's residents by reducing staff and re-

placed and where drones should be launched.

A May 21, 2026 message on SimpleX between Roa and Thomas in a chatroom titled "Vanguard of the Old Republic," which contained multiple other co-conspirators showcased Thomas' violent ideology. He wrote: "To be clear, I intend to escalate this group, and I don't want to take 6business years to do it" and that everyone in the group should "consider yourselves an enemy of the state." In response to another co-conspirator, Thomas wrote "Ok, big picture. Got it. So, to be precise, you're imagining executions right?"

On June 13, the FBI served a search warrant at Thomas' Pinon Hills residence and found a hunting rifle, an AR-style rifle, 30-round extended magazines for the AR-style rifle filled with approximately 180 rounds of ammunition, and a pistol. Additionally, Thomas spoke with law enforcement and admitted to helping plan the attack and encouraging others to take part in it.

Eskridge was charged with conspiracy to commit murder on White House grounds. According to an affidavit filed in the Western District of Missouri, the FBI identified Eskridge while reviewing electronic communications on Proper's cell phone. The co-conspirators had electronic chats on encrypted social media platforms. In those chats, members of the group allegedly discussed assassinating

related personnel costs. Its other option is to engage in borrowing to make up the difference between its revenue and its greater operational costs. Borrowing, however, is risky, in that the city begins accumulating debt and must structure its future spending to service that debt through constant interest payments and an eventual pay-down of the loan principal. This debt service turns into a years-long or decades-long drain on the city's finances. This will most likely result in

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several U.S. senators, members of the House of Representatives, and prominent business executives. Members of the group targeted some legislators based on the group's perceived belief that the legislators accepted money from pro-Israel lobbies. When discussing potential targets, Eskridge indicated that the target was "big and someone a majority of the country knows." In the discussions, power grids were also identified as potential targets. On May 22, Eskridge distributed a picture of tactical equipment, including a rifle, helmet, and ballistic vest.

Director Sean M Curran of the U.S. Secret Service said, "Protecting the President of the United States and the White House grounds is priority number one for the U.S. Secret Service. The landscape has changed, and as a result we have seen a dramatic rise in threats against our protectees. I am proud of the men and women of the Secret Service that vigorously monitor, investigate, and arrest those that plot to interfere with our protective mission. We are grateful for our extraordinary partnerships we share with the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, Acting Attorney General Blanche, FBI- Joint Terrorism Task Forces,, Park Police, and District of Columbia Police."

-Mark Gutglueck

Chino Hills Council Knows Raising City's Sales Tax Will Not Sit Well With Some Residents *from page 7*

an eventual reduction of the level of service and a shedding of staff and municipal personnel. If a city does not manage to return to operating on balanced budget and retire its debt, a very real possibility of bankruptcy looms for it as well as a potential that the city itself would be disincorporated, its municipal status revoked and its governance assumed by the county.

As noted, Chino Hills, in keeping with what are considered to be municipal management/operational practices and the fiscally conservatism associated with its predominantly Republican leadership, has historically functioned utilizing balanced budgets. Over the last several years, Chino

Hills has not been immune to rising costs and basic inflation which the rest of American society and California communities in general have been dealing with.

In recent months and weeks the entirely Republican Chino Hills City Council has been brought to understand the harsh financial reality facing the city. In the time before City Manager Benjamin Montgomery departed in March and over the last three months since Rod Hill has been city manager, Christa Buhagiar has been finalizing a spending plan for Fiscal 2026-27 that has pared back departmental expenditures in a way Montgomery and Hill believed was prudent and which the city's department heads indicated they could abide by. Despite those efforts, the ratio of income to outgo is anticipated to be a negative one. The best projections available as of early this

month were that between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027, the city can anticipate at least \$58.6 million and as much as \$59.4 million in revenue and that it will spend in the neighborhood of \$63.5 million. Consequently, city officials anticipate the city will run a deficit of somewhere between \$4.1 million and \$4.9 million in the upcoming fiscal year.

The city council is thus left with the options of 1) approving the \$63.5 million spending plan as laid out and making up for the difference between that figure and the actual revenue it will realize in 2026-27 by drawing from its \$25.4 million in available reserves or 2) imposing mandates on the city's department heads to reduce spending in their respective departments beyond what was previously discussed, leading to an inevitable drop in service levels to the city's residents;

business practices and decision-making. Trustee Longshore has consistently been willing to ask the questions that many staff and community members are asking themselves. Silencing or censoring a trustee for doing so sends a troubling message about

his office and doing so on a much grander scale.

"Donald Trump picked the wrong target," Newsom asserted. "We have nothing to hide. His political operatives can take every record and read every page, but they'll be looking in the wrong place, because if they really want to find corruption, look no further than 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Donald Trump is selling the presidency. He's running the largest cash heist in American political history, trading foreign tariff relief for approval of his golf courses, day trading behind the resolute desk, reaping hundreds of millions of dollars in personal profit. He's doing it openly. He's doing it on camera. He did it last night on the White House lawn. He's doing it through crypto-

or 3) an amalgam of the two previous options in which some borrowing from the reserves takes place but somewhat less than \$4.1 million to \$4.9 million while the city's department heads are called upon to engage in less drastic but still significant and perhaps even painful economies within their areas of responsibility.

A fourth option, one that is almost unspeakable for the five Republicans on the city council, consists of what the City of Chino's city council did in 2023 when it placed Measure V, calling for a one-cent-per-dollar sales tax increase within the Chino City Limits, on the March 5, 2024 ballot that corresponded with California's primary election that year. Ultimately, with 7,385 of Chino's residents going to the polls or participating by mail, 4,596 votes or 62.23 percent were cast in favor of the initia-

transparency and open governance. I also find it concerning that this resolution is being brought forward while there have been concerns regarding the conduct of other board members.

Sabers, through Van Gordon referenced pending complaints about

currencies. He's doing it through the receipt of a \$400 million private jet from a foreign country that he plans to keep when he leaves office, through his sons' ventures in countries where his own administration is simultaneously making policy. His personal fortune has skyrocketed to \$4 billion since making his return to office.

This is the behavior of a regime, not a republic. The White House has become a marketplace for sneakers and coins and watches, cologne, guitars, Bibles and phones, influence for sale, access for sale. Today, my family and I can personally confirm that justice is for sale. To Donald Trump who I know is watching because he watches everything, I have a message for you: You can subpoena my records.

tive, while 2,789 votes or 37.77 percent were registered against it.

While Chino officials in promoting Measure V confidently predicted its passage would generate about \$28 million per year in revenue for the City of Chino, in actuality, for the 2024/25 fiscal year, the city took in \$24,800,606 from the one-cent-extra-sales-tax-per dollar increase.

It is projected that if voters in Chino Hills were to approve a similar measure in 77,420-population Chino Hills, the county's southwestern-most city would see between \$11 million and \$12 million in increased sales tax revenue. The benefit of a sales tax override to Chino Hills would be less pronounced than the advantage gained by Chino because Chino has a larger sales tax base, consisting of roughly two-and-a-half more retail operations than those in Chino Hills, along with the

Roelle's interaction with district staff and testy exchanges with Tucker. She said the board's willingness to censure Longshore while the complaints relating to Roelle have yet to be resolved reflected a dual standard and inconsistency by the board.

You can harass me, put my name on any and every enemies list you have, but leave my wife and family out of your personal vendetta."

Newsom once more propounded, without getting into the details of the accusations against her, that his wife's lucrative operation her foundations in the wake of his solicitation of donations for them, was not improper or criminal in nature.

"I'd like to say something to my wife," he said. "These times are not normal. They're not ordinary. I love you, and I'm sorry he's doing this. You have not earned a single one of the indignities he's trying to inflict on you and our children."

The real message should be, Newsom said, is that Donald Trump is a bad actor and that as

consideration that a good share of Chino Hills residents do their shopping in Chino's commercial centers, some of which lie immediately east of the Chino Hills City Limits.

The question, of course, is whether Chino Hills residents would, like Chino residents, embrace the idea of paying higher taxes.

At the core of all of this is what the Chino Hills City Council members' true feelings, attitude and motivations are. For years they have been selling themselves to their constituents as dyed-in-the-wool Republicans who stand for common sense and good governance, which in the words of Ronald Reagan, "governs the least." They have labored to keep secret that they are no longer, if they ever were, true government minimalists but have evolved into politicians who want the grandeur

Sabers' words, relayed through Van Gordon, did not soften any soap with the board majority and the censure of Longshore passed, with Buchanan, Roelle and Okpara prevailing and Tucker and Longshore dissenting.

-Mark Gutglueck

governor he is heroically standing in opposition to him.

"And to Donald Trump, this country does not belong to you," Newsom said. "It does not belong to your cronies, and we're going to fight your lawlessness. We're going to continue to remind the people of this country of your corruption, that same corruption our founders warned us against as we move to celebrate our 250th anniversary. I'm going to keep reminding Americans of what they warned would happen if a man of no character ever held the office of presidency. So, let me say it again, Mr. President, come after me. I'm not going anywhere, and the country is watching."

Longshore Censured *from page 5*

Longshore or not, she was elected by the voters of this community to ask questions, seek information and provide oversight. A board member should not be censured simply for ask-

ing difficult question, challenging assumptions or requesting accountability. In fact, those are among the most important responsibilities of an elected trustee. Many employees and community members have expressed concerns about the district's finances,

coming after my wife, Jen, a public servant, a woman who's dedicated her life to supporting women and girls, someone who has done nothing wrong other than have the temerity to advocate for what she believes in. If they can't intimidate me, they'll go after the mother of our children."

In this way, Newsom sought to suggest that there was no substance whatsoever to the long-simmering suspicions that he was using his authority as governor to steer donations – massive donations – to the foundations created and controlled by his wife. Newsom sought to divert attention from charges that he was exploiting the power of his office to enrich his family by accusing the president of exploiting the power of

Newsom's Says His Wife's Charities Gobbling Up Donations He Requested From Donors Favorably Treated By The State Of California Is Neither Improper Nor A Legitimate Area For Inquiry By Investigators *from page 6*

that list. After calling for my arrest last year, Donald Trump directed his Department of Justice to investigate me."

Newsom then moved on to his secondary theme, pertaining to how the Trump Administration was hitting below the belt by training its investigative resources on his wife.

"Just in the last week, I've learned that his campaign has reached my own home," Newsom said. "To to get me, he's

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FBN20260004394
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

ROYAL CREST ESTATES 7484 KICKAPOO TRAIL YUCA VALLEY, CA 92284; ROYAL CREST MHP, LLC 10201 WHITETAIL DR. OAKDALE, CA 95361

Business Mailing Address: PO BOX 1548 OAKDALE, CA 95361

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: MARCH 2, 2012.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ DUANE BRAZIL, Manager

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/12/2026

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 K3379

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FBN20260004210
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

IE- INLAND EMPIRE 14647 GROUSE RD VICTORVILLE, CA 92394; ROBERT L PHIPPS Business Mailing Address: 14647 GROUSE RD VICTORVILLE, CA 92394

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 6, 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ROBERT L PHIPPS, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/06/2026

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

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FBN20260004298
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

THE SOLID ROCK CHURCH 13032 RANCHERO RD OAK HILLS, CA 92344; ABUNDANT LIFE OF OAK HILLS 13032 RANCHERO RD OAK HILLS, CA 92344

Business Mailing Address: 13032 RANCHERO RD OAK HILLS, CA 92344

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 1876668.

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

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of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JONETTE McCLOUD, Secretary

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/08/2026

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 J6838

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHAEL RAKETICH aka MICHAEL GARY RAKETICH

CASE NO. PROV2600023

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MICHAEL RAKETICH aka MICHAEL GARY RAKETICH: a petition for probate has been filed by JOSHUA RAKETICH in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION for Probate requests that JOSHUA RAKETICH 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 September 2, 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 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,

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you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Joshua Raketich, In Pro Per jraketich@gmail.com Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on June 5, 12 and 19, 2026.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2616458

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELISSA HERNANDEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MELISSA ALVARADO HERNANDEZ to MELISSA LOPEZ ALVARADO

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: 07/16/2026, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S30

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. Filing Date: June 4, 2026 Judge Joseph T. Ortiz Gabriel Mendoza, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on June 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2026.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIVBA 2600357,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Brian Israel Andrade, filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brian Israel Andrade to Brian Israel Andrade Dominguez.

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: 07/14/2026, Time: 01:30 PM, Department: B1The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247

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West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBSC ? Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 05/28/2026 Judge of the Superior Court: JAMES R BAXTER

Published in the SBSC Rancho Cucamonga on 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIV SB 2615768,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Jeff Andrew O'claray, filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jeff Andrew O'claray to Jeff Andrew Oclaray.

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: 07/13/2026, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S31

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

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

Dated: 06/01/2026 Judge of the Superior Court: Joseph Ortiz

Published in the SBSC Ontario on 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY

Sara Maria Flores, 9342 Shadowood Dr #C, Montclair, Ca, 91763, Telephone No: 909 286-5611, CASE NUMBER F A M S B 2 6 0 1 4 8 0 ,

Sara Maria Flores, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Bernardino, San Bernardino Superior Court, 351 North Arrowhead Ave, San Bernardino, California, 92415, BRANCH NAME: Historic District

CITATION – FREEDOM FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, To and to all persons claiming to be the father or mother of said minor person(s) named , David Flores

By order of this Court you are hereby cited and advised that you may appear before the Judge Presiding in the above-entitled court on -, at - of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said person should not be declared free from the control of (his/her) (their) parents according to the petition on file herein.

If the Court finds that the interest of the minor(s) requires

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his or her protection, the Court shall appoint counsel to represent the minor(s). Such counsel shall be appointed whether or not the minor(s) is able to afford counsel. If you appear without counsel and are unable to afford counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you if you request appointed counsel.

The purpose of this action, to free the minor(s) from the custody of (his/her) (their) parent(s), is to permit the adoption of said minor(s) to a suitable adopting parent.

The Court may continue these proceedings, not to exceed thirty (30) days, as necessary to appoint counsel and enable counsel to become familiar with these proceedings.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, this 03/10/2026 day of -,-.

By Dawn Santos Published in the SBSC Ontario on 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026

FBN20260004577
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

ETERNAL LOVE CREATIONS 2025 11707 CLOVERLAWN CT. ADELANTO, CA 92301; MAYELA MURO VILLAGRANA

Business Mailing Address: 11707 CLOVERLAWN CT. ADELANTO, CA 92301

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 14, 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ MAYELA MURO VILLAGRANA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/15/2026

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 J9676

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FBN20260005005
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

SIGNATURE AUTO FINISH [and] HYDROFORCE PRESSURE WASHING 2822 S BAKER AVE ONTARIO, CA 91761; CASTLE DYNAMIC SOLUTIONS LLC 2822 S BAKER AVE ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business Mailing Address: 2822 S BAKER AVE ONTARIO, CA 91761

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

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

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CHARLES CASTLE JR, Managing Member

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/28/2026

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 K7325

Notice-This fictitious name

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FBN 20260004228
The following person is doing business as: THE WELCOME HOUSE. 13558 DELUVINA CT VICTORVILLE, CA 92392; [MAILING ADDRESS 28416 FRESSIA DR WINCHESTER, CA 92596]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CANDICE M CALDWELL

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. /s/ CANDICE M CALDWELL, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 07, 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). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/15/2026, 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026, 06/05/2026 CNBB2020601MT

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HARVEY FIDOR ESTROSOS

CASE NO. PROVA2500938

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PUNAY ESTROSOS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 27, 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

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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 Punay Estrosos:

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markjackson@lawofficeof-markjackson.com

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SUMMONS – (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) CIVSB2526672

NOTICE TO Jakkrit YUANGYAI; DOES 1 TO 10, INCLUSIVE.

(AVISO DEMANDANTE): YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Keneta LEMIRE

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han deman-

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dado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no le protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida si secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratis de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino
San Bernardino Justice Center
247 West Third Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Chloe McGrath Wright
State Bar #329699
Inland Counties Legal Services
1040 Iowa Avenue, Suite 109
Riverside, CA 92507-2106
Phone: (951) 248-4537
DATE (Fecha): September 19, 2025
Clerk (Secretario), by Indian Cuen Rubio, Deputy (Adjunto)
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VARGAS ALVAREZ: a petition for probate has been filed by ALFONZO VARGAS ALVAREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALFONZO VARGAS ALVAREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests full 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 July 28, 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.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSEPH SALCIDO
CASE NO. PROV2600204
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JOSEPH SALCIDO: a petition for probate has been filed by MARIO SALCIDO in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIO SALCIDO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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 July 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at
Superior Court for San Bernardino County - Victorville District
Department V15
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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BATE requests that MARIO SALCIDO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests full 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.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERTO VARGAS ALVAREZ
CASE NO. PRO-VA2600443
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ROBERTO VARGAS ALVAREZ: a petition for probate has been filed by ALFONZO VARGAS ALVAREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALFONZO VARGAS ALVAREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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 July 28, 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.
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SUMMONS - (FAMILY LAW) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): WILLIAM DAVID BLACKWELL YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente. PETITIONER'S NAME IS (Nombre del demandante): ANGELA MCKINNEY CASE NUMBER F A M S B 2 5 0 7 6 7 8 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.cagov/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 Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica 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 restricción se encuentran en la pagina 2 : Las ordenes de restricción 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. Cualquier agencia del orden publico que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes 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. Exención de cuotas : Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención 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 petición de usted o de la otra parte. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección 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, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): ANGELA MCKINNEY, In Pro Per 18268 LAPIS LN SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407 (213) 610-0903 360-9821 Filed: NOVEMBER 12, 2025 by Christa Martin Del-Campo, Deputy Clerk (Asistente) for Clerk of the Court (Secretario) Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on June 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 2026.

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CAU VAN TRUONG, an individual
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after these summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and the court may enter judgment against you.
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Civil Division of the Rancho Cucamonga District
8303 Haven Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
Plaintiff: Cau Van Truong, an individual
Defendant: Maximiano Celso Garcia, an individual; and DOES 1 to 25, inclusive
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Lillian Sedaghat (SBN 236962)
Natalie Lozovsky, Esq. (SBN 356569)
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
N U M B E R CIVSB2615436,
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Christine Andrea Ryan, filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jacob Rudolph Sandoval to Jacob Rudolph Sandoval Ryan; Logan James Sandoval to Logan James Sandoval Ryan; 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: 07/13/2026, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: Civil
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 05/26/2026
Judge of the Superior Court: Joseph T Ortiz
Published in the SBCS Rancho Cucamonga on 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIVSB 2616816,
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: SANTINO ZEEKO DRACONIS filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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SANTINO ZEEKO DRACONIS to ZEEKO SANTINO DRACONIS
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: 07/24/2026, Time: 09:00 AM, Department: S23
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 06/09/2026
Judge of the Superior Court: JOSEPH T. ORTIZ
Indian Cuan, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court
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FBN20260002393
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
EXCEL TRANSPORTATION, 34755 ELMWOOD LN YUCAIPA, CA 92399; TERESA ZAROUR
Business Mailing Address: 34755 ELMWOOD LN YUCAIPA, CA 92399
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ TERESA ZAROUR, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 03/19/2026
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
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/ VANESSA MARTINEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/01/2026

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 K3379

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

ZAPATA INSURANCE SOLUTIONS 1536 CARNATION WAY UPLAND, CA 91786; ZAPATA PRIVATE WEALTH GROUP LLC 1536 CARNATION WAY UPLAND, CA 91786

Business Mailing Address: 1536 CARNATION WAY UPLAND, CA 91786

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 name listed above on: JUNE 1, 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ DENISE M ZAPATA, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/04/2026

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 K3379

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

ATS DYNAMICS 13949 RAMONA AVE STE C CHINO, CA 91710; AIR TRADE SERVICES INC 13949 RAMONA AVE STE C CHINO, CA 91710

Business Mailing Address: 13949 RAMONA AVE STE C CHINO, CA 91710

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 name listed above on: JUNE 30, 2021.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ IVAN CAO, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/15/2026

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 K6677

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FBN20260005060

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

C TAPIA AWNINGS 9471 KEMPSTER AVE FONTANA, CA 92335; CENOVIO TAPIA-GARCIA [and MARIA SANCHEZ] Business Mailing Address: 9471 KEMPSTER AVE FONTANA, CA 92335

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CENOVIO TAPIA-GARCIA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/01/2026

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

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

CYRIL DENTAL CARE 6626 CARNELIAN ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701; L. KHALIL DENTAL CORPORATION 11687 MOUNT WAVERLY CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

Business Mailing Address: 6626 CARNELIAN ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

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: JUNE 1, 2026.

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/s/ LIDYA KHALIL, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/03/2026

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 J9676

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

FBN20260005406

The following entity doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as SOUR CELLARS WINERY [and] SOUR CELLARS BREWERY 9495 9th ST UNIT D RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; SOUR CELLARS LLC 7865 LAYTON ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 is abandoning its fictitious business name. The original FBN number was FBN20230006558. The original date of filing was 06/28/2023 Business Mailing Address: 9495 9th ST UNIT D RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to

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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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ BRYAN DOTY, CEO
Abandonment statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/08/2026

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 J9676

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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FBN20260003949

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

MTZ MANAGEMENT GROUP 25489 LOS FLORES DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; MTZ MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC 25489 LOS FLORES DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404

Business Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 3156 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92413

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 name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CRYSTAL LEYVA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/28/2026

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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FBN20260005034

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

IHEART INDEPENDENT HOUSING PROGRAM 10615 SEA VENTURE WAY VICTORVILLE, CA 92392; ROBIN A YOUNG

Business Mailing Address: 10615 SEA VENTURE WAY VICTORVILLE, CA 92392

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ROBIN A YOUNG, Director
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/29/2026

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

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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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FBN20260005603

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

INSPIRE BUSINESS NETWORK 1175 AZUSA CT #110 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; INSPIRE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES 7049 E. COTTAGE WAY ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business Mailing Address: 1175 AZUSA CT #110 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 2529011.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ STEPHANIE VELEZ, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/12/2026

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 K7211

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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FBN20260005215

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

CYRIL DENTAL CARE 6626 CARNELIAN ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701; L. KHALIL DENTAL CORPORATION 11687 MOUNT WAVERLY CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

Business Mailing Address: 6626 CARNELIAN ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

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: JUNE 1, 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ LIDYA KHALIL, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/03/2026

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 J9676

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FBN20260005215

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

CYRIL DENTAL CARE 6626 CARNELIAN ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701; L. KHALIL DENTAL CORPORA-

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TION 11687 MOUNT WAVERLY CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

Business Mailing Address: 6626 CARNELIAN ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

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: JUNE 1, 2026.

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/s/ LIDYA KHALIL, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/03/2026

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 J9676

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FBN 20260003494

The following person is doing business as: CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BILLING & CONSULTING. 6560 ENCINA ST CHINO, CA 91710; MAILING ADDRESS 6560 ENCINA ST CHINO, CA 91710; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CORONADO SPORT SALES 6560 ENCINA ST CHINO CA 91710 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 2048505

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

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JULIAN A. CORONADO, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 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

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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 September 30, 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 Michael Jason Ross:

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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The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 06/12/2026
Judge of the Superior Court: JOSEPH T. ORTIZ
Erika Hernandez, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court
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FBN20260005644
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
REVLIN GARAGE 851 S PALMETTO AVE APT D ONTARIO, CA 91762: JOVANI CALDERON ROBLES
Business Mailing Address: 851 S PALMETTO AVE APT D ONTARIO, CA 91762

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JOVANI CALDERON ROBLES, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/15/2026

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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FBN20260005502
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

VALI WESTERN WEAR 2160 W RIALTO AVE SPC 63 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410: VA RANCH WEAR INC 2160 W RIALTO AVE SPC 63 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410
Business Mailing Address: 2160 W RIALTO AVE SPC 63 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410

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 name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ AMAIRANI GARCIA, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/10/2026

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 K9236

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FBN20260005115
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

UNWOUND PEONY 5994 COLD CREEK CT FONTANA, CA 92336: MARIA D RODRIGUEZ

Business Mailing Address: 5994 COLD CREEK CT FONTANA, CA 92336
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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

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/s/ MARIA DEL REFUGIO RODRIGUEZ, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/02/2026

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 K7325

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 20260004698
The following person is doing business as: ROLLIES PEST CONTROL 13982 EL CAMINO PL FONTANA CA 92337; MAILING ADDRESS 13982 EL CAMINO PL FONTANA CA 92337; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO RAUL ZERMENO ESPINO

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ RAUL ZERMENO ESPINO, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/20/2026

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 20260004615
The following person is doing business as: RED LINE REGISTRATION 11201 SIERRA AVE STE 1-D FONTANA CA 92337; MAILING ADDRESS 12965 HYPERION LN APPLE VALLEY CA 92337; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO LINDA ALEMAN

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ LINDA ALEMAN, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2026

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 20260004913
The following person is doing business as: SMOG BUSTERS

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A+ 8060 MANGO AVE FONTANA CA 92336; MAILING ADDRESS 11331 LARCHWOOD DR FONTANA CA 92336; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO OCTAVIO CORTEZ RABANALES
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ OCTAVIO CORTEZ RABANALES, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/27/2026

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FBN 20260004915
The following person is doing business as: WHISK THAT 3624 CANYON TERRACE DRIVE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92407; MAILING ADDRESS 3624 CANYON TERRACE DRIVE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92407; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TERESA ATHERTON.
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ADOLFO M. PAZ, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/27/2026

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FBN 20260004829
The following person is doing business as: OPWDIGITAL 13782 BEAR VALLEY RD, SUITE D3 PMB 1005 VICTORVILLE CA 92395; MAILING ADDRESS 13782 BEAR VALLEY RD, SUITE D3 PMB 1005 VICTORVILLE CA 92395; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO OCEAN PEAK WAVE, INC. 13782 BEAR VALLEY RD, SUITE D3 PMB 1005 VICTORVILLE CA 92395 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA
The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

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FBN 20260004791
The following person is doing business as: NORTHMARK TALENT GROUP 3702 VALLE VISTA DRIVE CHINO HILLS CA 91709; MAILING ADDRESS 3702 VALLE VISTA DRIVE CHINO HILLS CA 91709; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NORTHMARK AUTO GROUP LLC 3702 VALLE VISTA DRIVE CHINO HILLS CA 91709 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA.
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: FEB 25, 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ROBERT JACKSON, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/21/2026

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 20260004510
The following person is doing business as: KINGDOM PROPERTIES. 4835 HALLMARK PARKWAY SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407; MAILING ADDRESS 12225 ZINNA ST MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO FERNANDO RAMIREZ.
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ADOLFO M. PAZ, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/14/2026

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 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 20260004501
The following person is doing business as: YOHANA'S INSURANCE SERVICES INC. 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 200-1029 OTARIO CA 91764; MAILING ADDRESS 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 200-1029 OTARIO CA 91764; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO YOHANA'S INSURANCE AGENCY CONSULTING INC 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 200-1029 OTARIO CA 91764 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 5099338
The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ GLENDY Y. ARIAS RAMOS, C.E.O.
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/14/2026

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 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 20260004746
The following person is doing business as: FRESH START CLEANING 720 SOUTH IRIS AVENUE RIALTO CA 92376; MAILING ADDRESS 720 SOUTH IRIS AVENUE RIALTO CA 92376; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO GRECIAP GONZALEZ VAZQUEZ
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ GRECIA P GONZALEZ VAZQUEZ, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/21/2026

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1219 S PALMETTO AVE ONTARIO CA 91762; MAILING ADDRESS 1219 S PALMETTO AVE ONTARIO CA 91762; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO EDUARDO ARROYO
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
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FBN 20260004473
The following person is doing business as: DENT MASTER CALIFORNIA MOBILE AUTO BODY REPAIR-PAINTLESS DENT REMOVAL & BUMPER REPAIR 1805 S TIPPECANOE AVE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92408; MAILING ADDRESS 1805 S TIPPECANOE AVE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92408; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO JACOB M. GEORGE
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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Former City Manager Undertook Survey To Find Whether Residents Would Hold Still For Chino Hills Increasing Its Sales Tax from page 8

of the entity they head to not only endure but intensify. Theirs is a commitment not so much to the individuals they represent but the city itself. The city is now being threatened with increasing operational costs and dwindling revenue with which to carry out those operations. Their Republican instincts to slim down the bloat of government in order to balance the city's books has been overcome by their promote the city as an agency of enhancement to the community.

An indication of the degree to which the city council's inclination toward streamlined governance has been compromised with each succeeding year its members remain in office exists in the manner in which it has made concessions to the employees at City Hall. Economic trends have been at play for years. The escalation in costs across the board did not initiate in the last six months. Despite bellwethers going back more than half of a decade indicating that cushion between municipal revenue and how much money was needed to run the city could not be maintained and a need to reduce costs rather than increase them was

an imperative, in 2024, the Chino City Council signed off on giving the city's cost-of-living and salary adjustment of 3 percent. The city's employees next received a 5 percent salary increase on September 1, 2025, with an additional 5% raise scheduled for September 1, 2026.

It is unclear, precisely, who broached the idea of a sales tax override in Chino Hills. Whether the concept originated with the council or with city staff, it appears that Chino's success with Measure V suggested to someone within the orbit of authority that a similar move could be made in Chino Hills. Indeed, the roughly \$11 million to \$12 million in revenue such a measure would bring in would, for several years at least, redress the city's looming cash flow problem.

For the city council, however, another problem existed, that being each one of them would run the risk of coming across as tax and spend liberals if they were to openly advocate for the sales tax override. Consequently, the burden of introducing the concept and mustering up support fell to senior staff, meaning Montgomery, while he was still in place, Buhagiar and ultimately Hill. It was Montgomery's decision to, rather than take on the risk of triggering a citizen revolt, go at the assignment obliquely.

In February, roughly a month before he left the city, he used his spending authority as city manager to retain the firm of

Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates, Inc. to conduct a survey into whether city residents perceive increased municipal spending as an acceptable means of enhancing their quality of life. The questions were mixed into a host of inquiries relating to city operations and the quality and competence of government and city employees. For good measure, the survey sought out what the surveyed residents primary concerns about public life and life in general.

The survey was undertaken without fanfare or public announcement, and did not require the knowledge or approval of the city council, as Montgomery's managerial authority allowed him to sign on for contracts of less than \$50,000.

Layered into the survey were revelations with regard to the city's financial trouble, but not in a way that took the issue head-on but rather suggested that was the case without stating that to me a fact. Those who have looked at the survey remarked that if it was intended to serve as an announcement of the city heading into financial straits, it was a curious approach, given that fewer than 450 of the city's 77,420 residents – slightly more than one half of one percent – participated in the survey, which the city paid Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates \$39,000 to carry out.

What was suggested was that Montgomery was hoping the survey

would provide an indication that approaching 50 percent of the population either supported the upping of the city's sales tax or at least was not strenuously opposed to it, which would have given him the cover to openly advocate that an item to that effect be placed on the ballot on November 3, 2026.

Since the questionnaire was commissioned by the city, most of its questions were polite and somewhat benign, eliciting answers that percentage-wise cast the city and its officials in a warm and positive light.

By a better than two-to-one margin – 58 percent to 24 percent – survey respondents ranked the city making positive progress and change as opposed to moving in the wrong direction. The remaining percentage offered no opinion or a lack of knowledge with regard to the city's performance.

Respondents evinced an overall approval of the quality of life in Chino Hills, with 46 percent accepting as "very accurate" the assertion that conditions in Chino Hill are superior to those in neighboring cities, with another 40 percent considering that characterization as somewhat accurate.

The survey sought and obtained what was a predictable response to residents' attitude with regard to a primary Chino Hills institution, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's department, which serves as the city's contract law enforcement agency. The city's

police force found approval by 74 percent of those surveyed.

Asked to rate the city council, survey takers gave the panel the thumbs up, an approval rating slightly behind that given to city government/local government overall, which stood at 68 percent.

The survey gingerly approached the issue of city finances by asking respondents to rate the accuracy of the statement, "The City of Chino Hills is facing a budget deficit." The degree to which city financial issues were off the average resident's radar was shown by a substantial majority – 63 percent – responding that they had no knowledge one way or the other. It was the impression of 6 percent that there is no fiscal crisis looming in Chino Hills at all, while another 12 percent were under the impression that such a problem was unlikely. Twenty percent of the city's residents, however, gave an indication that the city was behind the eight ball in terms of its spending, with 13 percent stating the city was facing a budget deficit was "somewhat accurate" and 7 percent saying that was a very accurate statement.

While the residents surveyed did not express overwhelming confidence in the city's stewardship of the tax money it is already receiving, neither were they overly critical in that regard. One survey question pertained to the perceived accuracy of the assertion, "The City of Chino

Hills has done a good job of managing its finances." More than one third – 37 percent – ranked that as a somewhat accurate assessment and 14 percent agreed wholeheartedly. A significant number, 29 percent said they didn't know, while 16 percent said they believed crediting the city with that level of performance was somewhat inaccurate and another 5 percent opined it as very inaccurate.

The Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates survey came closest to meeting Montgomery's objective of clearing the way for seeking voter approval of a city-wide sales tax hike with a survey response that showed a bare majority of 51 percent believed the city needed to enhance its revenues. A full 17 percent of respondents said the city had a substantial need for more funding and another 34 percent agreeing the city had some need to bring in more money. At the same time, over 40 percent of the survey respondents were skeptical of City Halls hunger for more money. More than one fifth, 21 percent, said the city had little need for more funding and one fifth, 20 percent, said there was no real need for the city to enhance revenue. Eight percent expressed no view one way or the other.

According to Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates there appears to be among Chino Hills' populace a "modest" though not *Continued on Page 16*

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the track course, as taking the turns at too high of a speed poses a severe tipping hazard for heavy, multi-platform freight cars. Both the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company and the Union Pacific Railroad Company impose strict speed reductions for engineers driving trains at that location. This affords those on foot determined to jump onto a passing train an opportunity to do so, albeit with a certain degree of difficulty and some danger. Once on the trains, the thieves can break locks and seals on individual cars to gain entry to them and liberate their contents.

The highgraded investigations have revealed a substantial international component among the perpetrators, and occasionally evidence that those involved in the rings have immediate or removed family members or other contacts

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overwhelming potential support for "more funding."

At the June 9 council meeting, with Rogers absent, the city council engaged in what one member of the public referred to as an effort to "weasel around" the concept of increasing the sales tax rate in the city without taking responsibility for doing so and without engaging in the hard task of taking a scalpel rather than an axe to the budget in an effort to purge it of excessive and wasteful spending.

Bennett tried to sugarcoat what the city was doing.

"I think we all know where our economy is in right now, especially

who have found work with the railroad companies, rail terminals or rail yards.

As a consequence of some of the known thieves being foreign citizens, many of them in the country illegally, the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security and its subdivision, the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, have become involved.

The international ring has become focused on the most valuable commodities shipped by rail.

While the span of the three Burlington Northern Santa Fe lines and single Union Pacific line running between Cajon Summit and Devore has been the primary target of thieves and from where the highest volume of, and generally most valuable, cargo has been stolen, other places along the train lines between Barstow and the Cajon Pass, on lines going east and northeast from Barstow and from lines near rail yards in San Bernardino, Colton and Rialto have been targeted by rail freight

in California. It may be the fourth largest global economy business, but the reality is there is a lot of misspending in the state. I want you to understand that you've heard the presentation tonight, you see the only one viable explanation to provide alternate revenue sources. You make the decision of how valuable you think this city is, how much you enjoy living in this city, how much value is attributed to the your property that you own because of the maintenance we do, the upkeep to this city, the programs we provide, and give us some serious thought about putting yourself in our position and saying, okay, how would I come up with the additional revenues if I were on the city council. And I think you can only come up to one conclusion.

Councilwoman took a stab at being a second apologist for subjecting city residents to an additional sales tax on top of

thieves as well.

According to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, "On Tuesday evening at approximately 10:30 p.m., Barstow Sheriff's Deputy Ralph Rivera responded to a report of several individuals and a box truck near the railroad tracks. Upon arrival, Deputy Rivera observed approximately 10 individuals actively loading boxes into a box truck. As Deputy Rivera approached, the suspects fled into the desert, while the box truck sped away from the scene."

The sheriff's department narrative continues, "Deputy Rivera pursued the fleeing vehicle for approximately 300 yards before the driver jumped from the moving box truck and fled into the desert on foot. The unmanned truck continued forward until it struck a berm and came to a stop."

Because of the darkness, the perpetrators were able to escape.

"A subsequent investigation revealed the truck was loaded with JBL speakers and head-

phones with an estimated value of \$100,000," according to the sheriff's department.

That incident, which took place near the rail line proximate to National Trails Highway and Minneola Road in the area near Newberry Springs came less than two weeks after a set of highwaymen in the wee hours of June 3 managed to break into a rail car loaded with lithium batteries that was on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe northbound near Cajon Boulevard south of Swarthout Canyon Road in Cajon Pass. During that incident, those engaged in burglarizing the rail cars either punctured one of the batteries' walls or otherwise jostled the batteries, resulting in one or more of them igniting. Crew members aboard the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train bound for Chicago saw several people unauthorized to be traveling on the train jump from the rail car and those around it, and the train's engineer brought the train to a halt at around 3:44 a.m., but

cannot raise your taxes. We are not allowed to. That is something that the voters would have to vote on. You could vote yes and you could vote no, but whatever you decide is the direction the city will take. So if you approve it, then that will take us down one road and if you say no, then we start looking at cuts."

Councilman Bennett, motioned for a voted to adopt the capital improvement budget with direction for having staff to come back with a viable recommendation to help the city with revenue enhancement, meaning putting the tax override referendum on the ballot in November. All four council members present voted in support of that motion. Johsz directed city staff to "take that as a motion to approve the budget with direction to come back at a further council meeting with the option of a sales tax increase."

The council must vote to put the matter before

their current tax burden, including the existing state sales tax, state and federal income taxes, property tax, telecommunications and utility surcharges, environmental and regulatory fees, excise taxes, inheritance tax, gasoline tax and state disability insurance, which is withheld from employee wages to fund disability and paid family leave benefits.

"So, just that the public is clear about what we're doing, he [Mayor Johsz] is not going to hit the gavel and your taxes are raised, because contrary to what people are saying on social media, as a city council we cannot raise your taxes, folks," Moran said. "We don't need a crystal ball because we can see here what our deficit is. So we know how much money needs to be raised to offset that. So with that said, I'm just speaking for my own personal opinion, with what we have to backfill, I would like to see more informa-

tion on the potential of..."

At that point, Moran cut herself short, receding from personally using the dreaded T-word.

"...um, he's calling it something different," Moran continued, and allowed Hill to fill the blank for her.

"So, yeah, it's a use tax, basically," Hill said. "It's a sales tax for all purposes."

"So, I would be interested, from my perspective, to see that as the top viable option, and to get more information on how that would play out, and what that would mean," Moran said.

Johsz then sought to assure the public that the council would not raise taxes but was merely providing the residents of the city to the opportunity to raise them before threatening dire consequences if the people of the city did not do so willingly.

"None of us ever want to ask for a tax increase by any means," Johsz said. "The five of us

not before the fire spread to more of the highly volatile lithium-ion batteries. None of those involved in that theft were caught.

The previous month, on Tuesday May 5, 2026 at around 11 a.m., approximately 15 people were observed riding on a Burlington Northern Santa Fe cargo train on the tracks near Glen Helen Parkway and Cajon Boulevard, near the bottom of the Cajon slope near Devore where trains routinely slow to a relative crawl.

San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies who were dispatched to that location arrived after the thieves had jumped from the train. Moments later a fast-moving vehicle drove past the law enforcement officers. After two deputies in separate vehicles took off after those fleeing, the driver took evasive action and initially refused to pull over, but then stopped at the side of the 215 Freeway.

"Approximately ten subjects fled from the vehicle on foot," according to the sheriff's depart-

ment.

Fernando Barraza, 19, of San Bernardino was quickly collared, and deputies also managed to overtake Rodrigo Luna Arredondo, 32, of San Bernardino. All but one of the others who had emerged from the vehicle scattered upon making it across the freeway, and were not caught.

Another of those fleeing, whose identity has not been released, "was struck by a vehicle while running across the freeway," according to the department. He survived, and was taken to a hospital for medical treatment.

According to the department, items taken from the train were in the vehicle.

Barraza and Arredondo were subjected to intense grilling about what they know of the organized rail theft operation[s].

"The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department remains committed to identifying and apprehending those responsible for these crimes," the sheriff's department stated this week.

-Mark Gutglueck

the voters at its upcoming June 23 meeting or miss the July deadline by which the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters must receive ballot placement requests.

In 2024, the Chino City Council threw itself behind a public effort to get Chino residents to Support Measure V. They did so, knowing that of their city's 54,286 voters, 20,9749 or 38.6 percent were registered Democrats who were more or less favorably disposed toward taxation that would be of a social benefit, and that the 17,380 registered Republicans in their city who were likely to be set against further taxation constituted just 32 percent of the electorate.

The members of the Chino Hills Council may not be willing to risk the wrath of that city's huge Republican base by championing the levying of an add-on sales tax.

-Mark Gutglueck