

## San Bernardino County Governmental Corruption Apparent In 2026 Election Cycle

By Mark Gutglueck & Carlos Avalos

For many of those sensitized to San Bernardino County's historic political missteps and the accompanying erosion of the integrity in its governance, developments during the 2026 electoral season so far have intensified concern that the dominant financial forces which have commandeered the community's social

and moral essence will tighten their grip on the lives of the jurisdiction's more than 2.2 million residents.

By chance or perhaps design, the arrangement having been made so long ago that no one today knows, the election of all four of San Bernardino County government's constitutional officers – sheriff, district attorney, treasurer and assessor – corresponds

with California's gubernatorial election that takes place in even-numbered years in between the U.S. presidential election that takes place in leap years. Also running for election or re-election in the gubernatorial election year are two of the county's five members of the board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools.

There are, quite natu-

rally, differing opinions as to whether having six of the county's nine highest profile leaders and its chief education official selected in an election cycle in which fewer voters turn out to participate than during the presidential determination process is good or bad.

Some maintain that democracy would be better served if those key functionaries in county

government were to come before the voters when there is the greatest number of those to be impacted by their decision-making participating. Moreover, because the rules of engagement in those contests is that a candidate who manages to take at least 50 percent plus one vote in the June primary election prevails and does not need to take part in a run-off election in Novem- **See P 2**

## Amid Funding Diversion Probes, Supervisors Revamp Homeless Assistance Plan

By Mark Gutglueck

Tipped off that both state and federal investigators have initiated a focus on potential criminal diversions of funds earmarked for homeless assistance programs, San Bernardino County officials this week embarked on a low-profile change in how it will go about seeking to put roofs over the heads of the region's dispo-

sessed.

By making a show of a sincere effort to house the homeless, county officials are hoping they can achieve tangible results in a short enough timeframe to dissuade the California Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Justice from following through with prosecutorial action against those who misappropriated

money meant to get the indigent off the streets which was never applied toward the purpose for which it was intended. Many of the recipients of that money were closely associated with the county's most powerful officials.

In the official tally of the homeless conducted in San Bernardino County on January 22 of this year, an exercise

known as the 2026 Point-in-Time count conducted at the behest of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, a total of 3,718 adults and children were found to be experiencing homelessness within the county's 20,105-square mile confines. That represents roughly 0.16677percent of the entire 2,229,418 population of the county, or one-and-two-thirds

people for every thousand.

The strategy prepared by county staff and approved by the board of supervisors is one that is moving it toward more data-driven and targeted interventions rather than just expanding services across the board and without strict monitoring.

Some of the most notable elements **See P 5**

## Solving Of Mystery Over 79-Year-Old Fontana Man's Kidnapping Leads To Colombian Nationals

It turns out that three Colombian nationals were behind the March kidnapping, extortion and robbery of a 79-year-old victim in Fontana and that the trio was involved in other burglary activity in that city and areas elsewhere, both near and distant.

On March 11, 2026, two Hispanic men approached the elderly

man, also a Latino, at El Super market located at 16950 Foothill Boulevard. The two suspects led the victim to believe they were armed and told him they would harm his daughter if he did not comply with their demands, thus prevailing on him to drive them in his car to the Wells Fargo bank near Summit Avenue. At the bank,

the victim withdrew \$25,000 and gave the money to the suspects. The suspects then used the threat of violence to get the victim to drive a short distance to a Target store, where he was told to go inside. When the 79-year-old did as he was instructed, the two men fled.

The Fontana Police Department **See P 5**

## Only One Seat On The Loma Linda City Council Being Contested This Year

In this year's Loma Linda municipal election, the 49th since the city's 1970 founding, no one has emerged to challenge current Mayor Phill Dupper as the representative in the city's Council District 2. The incumbent in Council District 3, Ron Dailey, has drawn two opponents.

Jonathan Hartnell is

one of those who would replace Dailey, if the voters give him that opportunity.

Born at Loma Linda University Medical Center and a graduate of Loma Linda Academy, Hartnell is promoting his candidacy through a conventional embrasure of elements associated with the community, such that he is **See P 3**

## Small Nutrition Changes Can Redound To Big Health Impacts for Older Adults

By Dr. Damanpreet Jamarai

As we head into the warmer months, it's a natural time to reevaluate our nutrition and fitness routines. There's no better time than now to take stock of our daily habits and recommit to the healthy choices that support long-term well-being, starting with what's on our plates. For older adults especially,

nutrition isn't just about energy or weight goals; it plays a vital role in preventing and controlling conditions like diabetes and heart disease.

### The ABCs of Chronic Disease

Chronic diseases are widespread in the U.S., especially among older adults. Recent research found that 93 percent of U.S. adults age 65 and older live with at least

one chronic condition, and nearly 80 percent have two or more.

According to the latest America's Health Rankings Senior Report, chronic diseases account for six of the top 10 causes of early death nationally among adults ages 65 to 74—including heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. In California, 49 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in this age

bracket are managing multiple chronic conditions.

Despite these numbers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers an important insight: most chronic diseases stem from a few key habits, such as a poor diet, tobacco use, drinking too much alcohol, or physical inactivity.

The encouraging news

is that many of these risk factors are largely within our control—and making positive changes to your daily habits can go a long way toward protecting your overall health.

### Nutrition Is the Key

You've likely seen plenty of fad diets that promise dramatic results, from slashing cholesterol levels to shedding extra **See P 5**

## Cal State SB Faculty Union Wants Regents To Diminish Outgoing President's Retirement Benefits

In a remarkable reversal of traditional unionist advocacy, the members of the faculty association at Cal State San Bernardino are calling upon the California State University System to withhold retirement benefits from outgoing President Tomás Morales based on what its members are calling performance criteria.

Traditionally, unions have held that promises of benefits made to employees by an employer – within either the private or public sector – are sacrosanct and an employee's work product quality or lack thereof should not have any impact on whether the employer is to make good on benefit guarantees.

Unions have consistently taken the position that the withdrawal of agreed-upon benefits or loyalty rewards would create a dangerous precedent whereby employers in the future would be, or feel themselves to be, at liberty to waltz on the assurances they gave to employees singly or collectively during the contract bargaining process or in individual contracts. Such precedents would, it was generally considered, strengthen the hand of corporate or government management and weaken laborers.

In the case of Morales, however, sentiment against him on a widespread personal basis among Cal State employees and others is so strong and runs so deep, that union **See P 3**

## 2026 Election Testing Whether County Supervisors' 2022 Ploy To Give Themselves 3 More Terms Despite Previous Voter-Approved Term Limits Will Stand *from front page*

ber and further because voter turnout in primary elections is consistently inferior to that in November general elections, a candidate elected in these contests can get into office by receiving as little or even less than 20 percent of the number of actual registered voters.

Others point out that while, generally, more people take part in electing the president than in electing the governor, the core of voters that go to the polls or mail in ballots when the election is not revolving around issues of national concern are far more likely to be ones who are knowledgeable about state and local issues, on average, than those who are driven to take part because of the attention, commotion and interest that is naturally stirred up by a presidential contest. This, they argue, makes for a better informed electorate participating in the determination as to who will hold office.

Informed or not, the county's voters have elected a number of politicians to county office who were notoriously corrupt. Over the last two generations, a former sheriff, a district attorney-turned-judge, three members of the board of supervisors, a county treasurer, a county assessor – all of whom were elected to office – and two of the county's top administrators and the county's chief investment officer – all three appointed on the sole authority of the board of supervisors or the treasurer – have been convicted of crimes that involved extensive and intensive violation of the public trust extending to kickbacks, bribery, embezzlement, theft, misappropriation of public

funds and the gross misuse of their public office. Another district attorney who served during that era was disbarred and can no longer practice law.

The citizens of the county have made efforts at reform and to limit the unchecked or excessive power of the politicians who have seized control of and sought to monopolize the reins of power. Some of those efforts, at least nominally, succeeded. Nevertheless, the county's politicians, whose own fortunes in case after case advanced with the unbridled exercise of their power, have acted, using the vast political reach which yet remained in their grasp, to counteract those reforms and, in some cases, increase or compound their power. In doing this, they have most often utilized the financial assistance of their political support network – their campaign donors who are the primary beneficiaries of their corrupt manipulation of their authority as elected officials – to carry off their depredations.

In 2006, the county's voters passed Measure P, which limited county supervisors going forward to three terms in office. Thirteen years later, after a multiplicity of scandals during which four elected county officials were indicted or criminally charged and three were convicted, an indigenous San Bernardino County government reform group concluded that limiting members of the board of supervisors to three terms or 12 years in office was insufficient to ward off the graft that had consumed the halls of power, and placed Measure K, which called for reducing the supervisors to a single four-year term, on the 2020 ballot. Measure K passed by an overwhelming margin of more two-to-one, with 516,184 votes or 66.84 percent in support to 256,098 votes or 33.16 percent opposed. Instead of allowing Measure K to go into effect, the board of supervisors directed county counsel, the county's top attorney

who oversees a stable of in-house lawyers, to examine the measure for a flaw or some grounds upon which to challenge it. County counsel then recommended and the board of supervisors complied in hiring the Los Angeles-based Sutton Law Firm to challenge Measure K in court. Ultimately, after two years, the court would determine that Measure K was valid in all respects. Nevertheless, while the case against the measure was pending, the enforcement of its provisions were suspended.

In the meantime, developer Jeff Burum, who since 2018 had established himself as the most prolific political donor in San Bernardino County and was at that time seeking to convince county officials and residents to secede from the State of California, in conjunction with other business interests rallied to the supervisors' aid, bankrolling and employing political consultants who masterminded the placement of Measure D on the 2022 ballot.

In addition to \$25,000 put up by Burum, a virtual who's who of the county's developers, others dependent on county approval of their business proposals and those with governmental service/materials provision contracts made a show of appreciation to the board of supervisors, raising \$829,000, which was applied toward a campaign in favor of Measure D. These included trash service provider Athens Services, which holds the county franchise for managing landfills laying out \$12,500; the Building Industry Association of Southern California, which was good for \$20,000; trash hauler Burrtec Waste Industries coming through with \$5,000; developer Nachattar Chandi offering \$10,000; \$5,000 from the Galaxy Investors Partners Fund ponying up \$5,000; HIP So-Cal Properties LLC coming through with \$25,000 Ontario-based Loboso Ventures providing \$7,500 to the cause;

Prime Healthcare Services supporting the supervisors to the tune of \$20,000; attorney Robert Wheatley putting up \$5,000; the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company offering \$10,000 in support; Colton-based Medical Personnel Management Corporation forking over \$5,000; the Service Employees International Union Local 721, which represents some county employees, signing on for \$20,000; the California Association of Realtors Issues Mobilization disbursing \$20,000 to the campaign; the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians contributing \$25,000, which was matched penny-for-penny and dollar-for-dollar by Henderson, Nevada-based Equinox Gold Corporation Castle Mountain Venture; Chandi Enterprises adding \$5,000 to the \$10,000 its chairman and owner Nachattar Chandi had already provided; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents some county employees, supporting the supervisors with \$25,000; \$15,000 from the Laborers Pacific Southwest Regional Organizing Coalitions Issue Political Action Committee; the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Employees Benefit Association, which represents the county's sheriff's deputies coming across with \$150,000 and topping that with another \$25,000 from its political action committee; Majestic Realty Company providing \$49,000; the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council making a \$50,000 show of support; Las Vegas-based MP Materials offering \$25,000 in largesse; the California Association Realtors Issues Mobilization giving the supervisors a \$30,000 hand-up; The Crossings at Redlands LLC and David Wiener bestowing \$5,000 each; Thomas Buttgenbach kindly providing \$10,000; MGR Property Management tossing in \$2,500; Symbiosis Symons Emergency Specialties Inc. donating \$5,000; Ca-

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diz, Inc. assisting with \$20,000; Paul Herrera making a convincing display of his faith in the board with \$45,000; and FH II Homebuilders Inc, an entity owned by Jim Previti, showing his loyalty to the board with \$49,900.

Measure D erased the provisions contained in Measure K, reestablishing the three-term limit on members of the board of supervisors. Burum's financial assistance extended to defraying the cost of a campaign – entailing polls, newspaper ads, radio and television spots, mailers, yard signs, billboards and phone banks to promote Measure D, which in the November 2022 election passed by a margin.

In the reestablishment of the three-term limit on supervisors, Measure D reset the clock on the three terms allotted to each supervisor from going into effect as of 2006 to going into effect as of 2022. This allowed any members of the board of supervisors who had been in office prior to 2020 to discount their time in office when calculating the time they could remain in office.

Supervisor Curt Haggman had originally been elected to the board of supervisors in 2014 and was thus allowed under Measure P to remain as supervisor until 2026 and was scheduled to depart as supervisor as of 2022 under Measure K. Supervisor Dawn Rowe had been appointed to the board of supervisors in 2018 and won election for the first time as an incumbent in 2020,

and was scheduled to leave office as supervisor in 2032 under Measure P and set to leave as supervisor in 2024 under Measure K. Supervisor Paul Cook had originally been elected to the board of supervisors in 2020, and would have been allowed to remain as supervisor until 2032 under Measure K but was scheduled to depart as supervisor in 2024 under Measure K. At the time that Supervisor Jesse Armendarez was elected to the board in 2022, there was a question as to whether he was subject to Measure P, in which case he would have been permitted to remain in office until 2034 or Measure K, in which case he was to be required to leave office in 2026.

The county's voters, inundated with electioneering material in support of Measure D during the two months prior to the November 8, 2022 election, approved it 241,894 votes to 173,582 votes, or 58.22 percent to 41.78 percent. Despite the courts ultimately determining that Measure K, as passed by the voters in 2020 was valid and Measure K having passed by far more votes and by a greater percentage than Measure D, Measure K was never

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## In Office, Ibarra Ran Head On Into Ruthless Sharks Whom She Resisted. They Resented Her Independence. Nevertheless, She Survived.

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pounds before summer. But when it comes to long-term health, the goal isn't a quick fix—it's managing or preventing chronic disease through balanced, healthy eating over time.

A more sustainable approach is to focus on

simple, evidence-based eating habits rather than following the latest trend. Patterns that emphasize fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, healthy fats, and limited sodium and added sugars are associated with better heart health, blood sugar control, and overall well-being.

These principles are flexible, realistic and can be adapted to personal preferences, cultural traditions, and individual health needs, making them easier to maintain for the long haul.

## Putting Healthy Eating into Practice

For most people, overhauling your entire diet overnight isn't necessary—or realistic. Lasting change comes from small, consistent steps that make healthy eating more manageable. Here are some simple ways to get started:

- Plan balanced meals: Planning ahead can help you stay on track. Aim to fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables, a quarter with whole grains, and a quarter with lean protein—a simple, balanced

approach recommended by health professionals.

- Incorporate more fiber-rich foods: Beans, lentils, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables support digestion while also helping manage heart health and blood sugar.

- Stay hydrated: Choose water throughout the day. Staying hydrated helps you feel your best and can prevent mistaking thirst for hunger.

- Watch portion sizes: Using smaller plates or bowls can make it easier to manage portions while still enjoying a variety of foods.

- Read nutrition labels: Look for options lower in sodium, added sugars, and unhealthy fats to support heart and overall health.

Managing chronic diseases can feel overwhelming, but every positive choice counts. By making nutrition a priority throughout the year, we can take meaningful steps toward better health, more energy, and improved quality of life. If you have specific health concerns, consider working with your health care provider to create a nutrition plan

that's right for you.

For more information or for ideas on healthy eating plans, check out UnitedHealthcare's nutrition and healthy eating resources.

This information is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for the advice of a doctor. Consult your doctor prior to beginning an exercise program or making changes to your lifestyle or health care routine.

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## Hartnell Says He Will Maintain Loma Linda As A Livable & Safe Community While Being Sensitive To The Hardships Families Face And Keeping Taxation Low

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making no accusations of inadequacy or failure on the part of Dailey as the incumbent.

Hartnell has said he "wants to make sure Loma Linda is a safe community that attracts businesses and families. This means supporting our law enforcement officers and ensuring response times remain low." Similarly, he celebrated the accomplishments of past council members by stating

"Our community has access to great parks and open spaces. Jonathan wants to protect those lands and preserve them for current and future residents to enjoy."

The closest Hartnell approaches making an accusation that the political class he aspires to joining has not performed well is suggesting that those in charge have perhaps allowed government to become too expensive.

He has said that as a husband and father, he "knows how expensive it is to live in California." and that he is accordingly "committed to making our city government more efficient, while maintaining a balanced budget, without raising our taxes."

Jonathan Hartnell is the son of Bryan Hartnell, who in 1969 survived an attack by the infamous Zodiac Killer, before becoming, in 1975, an attorney.

Jonathan Hartnell from 2009 until 2011, worked as a real estate agent with Yucaipa Real Estate. In 2009, he had

also founded Hartnell Health Management, which remained a going concern until 2019. Meanwhile, he was simultaneously working as an investigator and law clerk with his father's firm while working toward a bachelor of science degree in business at the University of Redlands, from which he graduated in 2013. He then went on to study at the University of La Verne Law School, from which he received his juris doctor degree in 2016. He has not yet, however, become a practicing attorney, having worked as a law clerk with Red-

lands-based attorney James Church and Riverside-based attorney Kyle Patrick. He is currently the lead investigator and law clerk with his father's law firm, which is located in Redlands.

Hartnell and his wife have three children.

As the product of an Adventist upbringing, he fits the historic model for a member of the Loma Linda City Council, which over the course of 56 years has never had a member who is not an Adventist.

Amy Jones is also a candidate this year to represent Loma Linda's District 3 on the city

council.

She is employed as a medical education coordinator with the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University.

Like Hartnell, Jones does not appear intent on bucking the system but rather joining it.

Her campaign website represents her as someone who "is committed to serving Loma Linda by listening to residents and addressing real needs, creating impact through collaboration, transparency, and solutions that strengthen communities.

She said she believes

## Colombian Extortion, Burglary And Theft Ring At The Root Of March Fontana Kidnapping

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was contacted that night and informed that the man, who has not been identified, had been kidnapped, extorted and robbed.

An extensive investigation, which involved the study of video footage at four separate locations and cross-referencing other available evidence, ensued. The two men who had confronted the victim at El Super were tentatively identified as Reinaldo Estrella, 52, and his son, Jonathan Estrella, 29. A third suspect, the get-

away driver who had dropped both Estrellas off at El Super prior to the kidnapping, was identified as Kevin Bernal, 23.

On May 5, officers and detectives with the Fontana Police Department conducted surveillance of a residence in Glendora, determining that Reinaldo Estrella, Jonathan Estrella and

Bernal were present before they moved in.

The Estrellas and Bernal were determined to be Colombian nationals, who are also wanted in connection with similar crimes in surrounding jurisdictions, as as for crimes in other states. They were also identified as primary suspects involved in residential burglaries that took

place in Fontana late last year and in April 2026.

A mode of operation employed by the three in their burglaries, detectives learned, consisted of the use of video cameras placed on the target property, in nearby gardens or landscaping with which targeted homes were monitored and the occupants' comings and goings were noted and

timed, whereafter the burglary team would wait for the victims to leave and then enter the property in question to effectuate the thefts.

All three suspects were arrested and transported to the West Valley Detention Center and booked for robbery, kidnapping and elder abuse.

-Mark Gutglueck

## University Professors' Union Now Sees Performance Of President As A Factor In The Generosity Of His Pension

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members and even union officials appear ready to throw caution to the wind and focus on evening scores with him.

For the unionist and Democratic-leaning faculty at San Bernardino State University, such enmity toward Morales, who has held the university presidency since 2012 and was the first

Latino to accede to that post overseeing an institution of higher learning that boasts one of the highest percentage of Hispanic students in the country, is noting short of remarkable.

While the university and the university system are public institutions, the Cal State University Board of Trustees which

oversees the governance the 23 California State University campuses, just like the University of California Board of Regents, which oversees the ten campuses of the University of California, has adopted an incentive program for the top educational administrators it employs, somewhat akin to but not quite as generous as what is provided to senior management in the private sector. Corporations routinely pro-

vide their chief executive officers, chief operating officers, chief financial officers, presidents and vice presidents with bonuses – and occasionally very substantial seven or eight figure bonuses – when those corporations reach economic performance goals or register earnings beyond what was projected for them.

While Morales has no shortage of detractors, he also has a list of accomplishments and a

wellspring of supporters.

During Morales' presidency, the university experienced financial and student growth, physical expansion, enhanced student support, and an intense focus on community engagement and diversity, the latter achievement extending to the creation of the Cal State SB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Board. The focus on student support Morales championed included the so-

called Summer Bridge programs and strengthening ties with public K-12 school districts and community colleges in the Inland Empire to improve college attainment. He established the nonprofit Growing Inland Achievement to get more Inland Empire students into college. The university campus also began its first fundraising campaign that brought in \$54 million,

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## Despite Previous Sheriff's, District Attorney's, Treasurer's, Assessor's & Supervisors' Convictions And Corruptions, Those Posts Have Been Given Greater Unchecked Authority And Immunity From Prosecutorial Scrutiny *from page 2*

put into effect.

In this way, despite current Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman having been elected to the board of supervisors in 2014 and having twice been reelected and nearing the end of his third term, he is again seeking reelection. It is his contention that the two terms he served from 2014 to 2018 and then from 2018 to 2022 and the third term he is now serving do not count toward the three terms he is now limited to under the stricture of Measure D. It is Hagman's position that the spirit of limiting terms to be served by the county's supervisors as expressed with the 2006 passage of Measure P, the 2020 passage of Measure K and the 2022 passage of Measure D is trumped by the legalisms attending Measure D, one of which puts it into effect following its 2022 passage and another of which provides that anyone elected thereafter is entitled to three terms in office going forward.

Hagman is opposed in the 2026 race for Fourth District county supervisor by Christina Gagnier, who was formerly a member of the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Hagman ended 2025 with \$386,040.52 in his political war chest as of December 31 of last year. Since January 1, 2026, he has taken in another \$286,956.69 in donations meaning he has \$672,999.21 and counting to hold off the challenge by Gagnier to unseat him in the June 2 primary.

Gagnier, by contrast, as of December 31, 2025, had in her electioneering fund just over ten percent of the money Hagman had: \$38,740.12. In the time since then, she has raised another \$147,934.99, giving her a total of \$186,675.11 with

which to make her case to the voters of Supervisorial District Four that she represents a better choice to represent them in San Bernardino than Hagman.

In 2010, the same year that Bill Postmus, the one-time chairman of the board of supervisors and county assessor, was charged, among other crimes, with accepting bribes in exchange for voting as supervisor and board chairman to approve a \$102 million legal settlements and misappropriating public funds as county assessor and slightly more than a decade after San Bernardino County Treasurer/Tax Collector Tom O'Donnell and the county's chief investment officer who worked under O'Donnell, Sol Levin, were convicted of receiving and conspiring to receive bribes in exchange for the awarding of millions of dollars in county contracts, the board of supervisors as it was then composed approved a plan to consolidate what had previously been the county's separate auditor/controller position with that of the treasurer/tax collector and simultaneously remove the county recorder/county clerk function that had coexisted within the auditor/controller's office to the county assessor's office. The move was questioned and criticized, most particularly because it was considered unwise to eliminate the separation and independence of the auditor/controller's function by entrusting the same individual fulfilling that role, which traditionally had served as a means of providing critical oversight of the treasurer's office, with the responsibility of simultaneously functioning as the treasurer. A year later, when Postmus was convicted of fourteen including conspiracy to accept a bribe, soliciting

bribes, accepting bribes, conflict of interest, misappropriation of public funds, grand theft, misuse of public funds and perjury, despite concern about the consolidation of overlapping authority in the county's highest ranking elected officials intensifying, the reorganization was not rescinded.

District Attorney Jason Anderson, who was elected to his current post in 2018 and faced no opposition in 2022, will again be returned to office by proclamation this year, as no challenger to him emerged. There is concern, nonetheless, at Anderson's laissez-faire approach to the political landscape in which he functions. Anderson has a demonstrable distaste not only prosecuting but even considering prosecuting others who have gravitated toward the top of the political establishment he himself occupies. In 2024, questions emerged about the residency status of three women vying for political office in San Bernardino County during that year's election cycle. All three were convincingly accused of phonying up their residential claims in order to qualify their candidacies for the offices they held or were seeking, information and documentation which was publicly available at that time demonstrated. The three women under question were then Ontario Recreation and Park Commissioner Daisy Macias who was running for election to the Ontario City Council representing that city's Fourth District; Tiffany Gaudin, who was seeking election to the Victorville City Council and then-Palm Springs Councilwoman Christy Holstege, who was vying for Assemblywoman in the 47th District;

Anderson steadfastly refused to have his office's prosecutors look into the matters relating to Holstege, Macias, Gaudin and Holstege.

Macias, a lifelong resident of Ontario who grew up in that city's De Anza district, vied for the Ontario city council

in District 4 in 2024. District 4 covers all of the northeast corner of the city east of Districts 1 and 2 and extending down to a boundary generally formed by the 60 Freeway where it borders District 3 and the unincorporated county area west of Fontana. Throughout her early life and right up until relatively recently prior to the 2024 election, Macias's stomping grounds had been primarily in District 2, specifically within the De Anza District. In prior years, Macias resided at 170 East De Anza Circle, which is on the east side of Euclid Avenue, less than a quarter of a mile south of De Anza Park and but a stone's throw west of the De Anza Junior High School Campus, which fronts on Sultana Avenue, the first major north/south street east of Euclid. Two internet sources showed Macias yet residing at 170 East De Anza Circle, with one of those stating she had lived there since 2009. In public statements made as late as August 2024, Macias herself stated that one of the issues that ignited her civic activity was seeking to eradicate crime and drug dealing in close proximity to her residence, including on the campus of De Anza Junior High School, which is immediately adjacent on the east to homes on De Anza Circle, and at De Anza Park. In one of those statements, Macias implied, but did not directly state that she was still living in the De Anza District, which would make her a resident of District 2. At the same time, however, information provided to the district attorney's office which originated with individuals at the highest level within Ontario government, Macias at that time was not living in Ontario, either within District 3 or District 4 but in the City of Upland. Both Ontario City Clerk Sheila Mautz and Assistant Ontario City Clerk Claudia Isbell acknowledged that they had no specific proof of Macias' resi-

dence within Ontario. Of note is that during the 2024 election cycle, the virtual entirety of the Ontario political establishment had lined up behind Macias. She had Ontario Mayor Paul Leon's endorsement, the endorsement of Councilman Alan Wapner and the endorsement of Councilwoman Debra Dorst-Porada. She declined the endorsement of Councilman James Bowman because of his entanglement in an impaired driving hit-and-run incident that summer. In August, Wapner transferred \$40,000 out of his electioneering fund into her recently opened political war chest. Thereafter, other major donors who had in the past lined up behind the ruling coalition on the Ontario City Council chipped in massive amounts of money to fund Macias's campaign. Those include \$30,000 from the Ontario Police Officers Association, \$31,000 from the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local 1430, Paul Hofer gave her \$5,000, Maclin Markets endowed her with \$2,000, JRC Real Estate Investment provided her with \$5,000 and Sacramento-based Community Prosperity Partners handed her \$12,500, while Building A Stronger California, which is sponsored by the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, gave her a \$4,000 bequest and Councilwoman Dorst-Porada provided Macias with an in-kind \$3,037.12 contribution.

The money provided to Macias in an effort to ensure her election was an indication of the intensity with which the business community and political establishment in Ontario wanted to get Macias into office.

Anderson is, after a fashion, a member of the Ontario political establishment himself, in that he was formerly an elected member of the Ontario City Council, from 2004 until 2008. When reports with regard to Macias not being a resident of Ontario were made to the district

attorney's office in the fall of 2024, Anderson or someone at a senior level in the district attorney's office countermanded any effort by the office's investigators to look into the matter.

Macias was elected to the council in November 2024.

In 2024, much mystery surrounded the way in which Tiffany Gaudin, who previously had been employed, for nearly a decade-and-a-half, as an emergency medical technician and then some years back took on the position of the pastor at the Apple Valley First Assembly of God before she moved on to the Victorville First Assembly of God Church as its community outreach director, seemingly out of nowhere appeared on that year's ballot as a candidate in Victorville District 1 city council race. Until that summer, the steadfastly apolitical Gaudin for years had been a resident of Apple Valley, where she lived with her husband at 15480 Navajo Road. Her husband operated a business that was registered at the address. On July 13, the day the filing period for council positions on cities and towns throughout the county opened, Gaudin reregistered as a voter with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office, from 15480 Navajo Road in Apple Valley in the Town of Apple Valley, to 16761 Kayuga Street in Victorville, which lies within that city's First District. The same day, she pulled papers city council candidacy papers from the Victorville City Clerk's office, which she completed, including getting at least 20 signatures of voters living within District 1 to qualify her candidacy for the First District position. That put her in competition with Leyda Fernandez, Valentin Godina, and Robert Andrew Lucero, who were also seeking the post in the November 5 balloting. Gaudin's husband did not change his voter registration to the Vic-

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## County Homeless Assistance Plan Adjustment Is Perhaps Motivated By Considerations Other Than Altruism *from front page*

in the plan include:

- Real-time tracking of shelter bed availability across the county;
- Regional analysis to identify disparities in services and homelessness rates;
- Stronger requirements for culturally competent care among providers; and
- Greater emphasis on programs with demonstrated success records.

Of some note and potential controversy is that despite the consideration that the lion's share of homeless in San Bernardino County are men over the age of majority, the new program calls for intensified and specialized approaches specifically for senior citizens, women, youth and former foster youth, Native American populations, veterans and those who were recently arrested, jailed, imprisoned, placed on probation or paroled.

One of the more significant contextual details is that homelessness numbers in the county have declined for two consecutive years — something officials appear to be using as evidence that recent strategies may be having an effect.

According to the January 22, 2026 point-in-time count the total homeless population in 2025 was 3,718, down 3.1 percent from 3,837 in 2025. Because of multiple issues impacting how the count was carried out, that number might not be accurate. Based on the number of those homeless who were in shelters of some sort on January 22, the county's unsheltered population was calculated at 2,448 in 2026, down from the 2,636 counted in 2025. That represented a downward trend of 7.1 percent. Those who are unsheltered generally

stand higher risks related to health, safety, emergency services use, and mortality.

The comparison of 2026 homeless numbers with neighboring Riverside County is of some significance and relevance when considering the survey's accuracy. Riverside reported an increase in homelessness in its 2026 count, while San Bernardino reported a decline.

The larger question going forward will be whether the county can maintain these reductions while housing costs, behavioral health challenges, and economic pressures continue affecting inland Southern California.

The county says the plan was shaped through community surveys, focus groups, and regional steering committees involving both residents and government stakeholders.

More than two-and-a-half years ago, on October 3, 2023, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved providing \$5 million to Water of Life Community Church from the county's \$15 million Housing Development Grant Fund. The funds went toward the CityLink Campus—a multi-use community homeless support outreach center and supportive housing site located at the corner of Arrow and Citrus on a 4.5-acre site in Fontana, which lies within the portion of the county represented by Second District Supervisor Jesse Armendarez.

Water of Life Community Church, founded in 1990 by Pastor Dan Carroll, is a non-denominational, charismatic, evangelical church based in Fontana. Its CityLink outreach campus, which was set up in 2009, is touted as one of the largest faith-based social service providers in San Bernardino County. Among its parishioners is Jesse Armendarez.

Armendarez, a successful real estate agent, in the years immediately following Fontana Mayor Acquanetta's Warren's jump from the city

council to the mayoralty in 2010, established himself as one of her major campaign donors as well as a primary fundraiser for those on her political team. In 2014, Warren rewarded Armendarez by promoting him as a candidate for the Fontana Unified School District Board of Trustees. With the mayor's backing and endorsement, and the application of his own money, Armendarez was elected to the school board. In 2016, again with Warren's backing and endorsement, he ran successfully for a position on the city council. Armendarez instantly became a key member of Warren's ruling coalition.

As a councilman Armendarez became heavily involved, as was Warren already, in the pursuit of publicly-subsidized housing and other efforts to mitigate homelessness in the community. As a city councilman, Armendarez held the adjunct position of vice chairman of the Fontana Housing Authority.

Warren, as well, served on multiple agencies, committees, subcommittees and joint powers authorities that were involved in seeking solutions to the homelessness crisis. One such appointment conferred on Warren was membership as a member/Fontana's appointed voting representative on the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors.

In their adjunct roles, both Armendarez and Warren found themselves seeking to tap into all available pools of affordable housing/homeless assistance funding, both from governmental and charitable sources.

In 2020, Armendarez left the city council for an unsuccessful run for Fifth District San Bernardino County supervisor. Two years later, when the boundaries for the county's supervisorial districts were altered, Armendarez ran for Second District County supervisor, this time successfully.

Once Armendarez was settled in as coun-

ty supervisor, he hired Warren, who after sixteen straight years remains in office as the longest-serving mayor in Fontana's 74 year history, as the director of special projects on his county-paid staff.

Meanwhile, the Water of Life Community Church and its CityLink outreach campus were tapping into some heavy duty subsidizations, courtesy of the advocacy of the county's Second District supervisor, a congregant of the church, and Fontana's mayor, who also a Water of Life Community Church member. Armendarez was able to convince his board colleagues to go along with the aforementioned disbursement from the San Bernardino County Housing Development Grant Fund in October 2023 because, he said, "the estimated \$13,000,000 project has a \$5,000,000 funding gap." In addition, the church received California State Round 2 Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program funds routed through the county, a California State Family Homelessness Challenge Grant and City of Fontana grants for rental assistance, utility assistance, shelter programs.

Questions attend Warren's role as the mayor of Fontana, her role as a director on the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors and as Armendarez's director of special projects. Fontana pays annual administrative fees into the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust, which makes the city eligible to compete for the trust's gap financing. Simultaneously, she is a paid employee of the county supervisor whose district includes Fontana. As mayor, Warren holds considerable sway in governing a city with a direct financial stake in San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust decisions. As Armendarez's special projects advisor, she works inside the office of the county supervisor who is a member of her church's congre-

gation and whose district received \$5 million in county funds for that church. As a voting San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust board director, she participates in the body that will decide which developers receive millions in regional housing gap financing. Beyond the basic question of whether a sitting elected mayor can simultaneously hold paid employment in the office of the county supervisor who represents that city at the county level, is what legal and ethical boundaries have been crossed when that mayor advocates for her city when it is competing against other cities for money from the same pool of grant-funding or funds earmarked for community projects and whether, when she is dealing with issues that directly impact Fontana's interests or her church's interests, she can be fair to the other entities competing for the same resources.

On the surface, it appears that Warren had at least an ethical conflict of interest if not a technically legal one. Her influence in pushing the county's vote to provide the \$5 million to Water of Life Community Church appears manifest. Warren publicly credits Water of Life with playing "a pivotal role" in Fontana's homelessness strategy on her mayoral website. The \$5 million county grant to Water of Life came from the board on which Armendarez—her employee's boss—sits. As his director of special projects at the time, it certainly appears she was involved in advancing or recommending that grant. Warren does not recuse herself from San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust votes involving Fontana. Indeed, she has touted her effectiveness in representing Fontana on the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors.

Warren built Armendarez into the political colossus he has now become. Armendarez now controls county

housing dollars flowing into institutions Warren built. Warren now sits on the board that controls the next round of regional housing dollars. And she does all of this from inside a county supervisor's office, drawing a county paycheck, while running the city which hosts a project or projects that compete for those same dollars.

What has been promised at the CityLink Campus through the project's master plan perhaps explains why and justifies the public participation in the effort. According to that master plan, Building 1 is to house support services, classrooms, food pantry, counseling rooms and showers. It was supposed to be completed by mid-to-late 2024. One report is that the project is now near completion, funded in significant part by the \$5 million county grant. Building 2, a three-story structure envisioned to hold up to 36 apartments, was to be completed by 2027-28. Whether the funding to complete the facility has materialized is subject to question, and the best prediction now is that phase 2 will not reach completion until 2029, if ever. The revelation that the county put up the \$5 million in state funds, some of which originated with the federal government, on the basis of a fraudulent assurance given in 2023 that there was \$8 million in hand to cover nearly 62 percent of what was then the total estimated \$13 million project cost is what is now animating state and federal authorities.

At the very least, given their efforts to obtain public funding for Water of Life Community Church, the delay in completion and possible abandonment of the homeless shelter project has raised doubts about Armendarez's and Warren's judgment. Others, particularly Armendarez's and Warren's political opponents, see something far more serious in what occurred, extending to suggestions of criminal culpability.

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## With Open & Shut Cases Of Misrepresentation, Fraud, Perjury & Election Code Violations By Public Office Candidates Abounding, DA Anderson Is Unwilling To Investigate Let Alone Prosecute Those Who Are Considered, Or Might Become, Members Of The County's Social & Political Establishment *from page 6*

torville domicile and he continued to live and operate his business out of the 15480 Navajo Road address in Apple Valley. It was reported by several of Gaudin's friends, acquaintances and her neighbors that Gaudin was in the summer of 2024 and into the fall of 2024 continuing to reside in Apple Valley, and was not in fact, living in Victorville at the Kayuga Street address. 91-year-old Fleta Joyce Brown, the owner of the property at 6761 Kayuga Street where Gaudin was claiming to rent property and reside, did not confirm that Gaudin was domiciled at that address. When Victorville residents in late September and early October 2024 questioned whether Gaudin in fact had moved to Victorville and was living at 16761 Kayuga Street, seeking a determination as to what the case was with the district attorney's office, no response was forthcoming. A complaint with regard to Gaudin's misrepresentation of her actual abode then was made in writing to the district attorney's office. Anderson did not see his way fit to file any order of criminal charges against her or instigate any order of an investigation.

Gaudin was elected to the council on November 5, 2024.

Though it was a minor consideration, Holstege's exact domestic whereabouts was of some relevance in her application for candidacy in the 47th Assembly District. There were requests that the prosecutor's office's in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County look into the matter. The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office was reluctant to address the matter. While the 47th Assembly District

47 straddles both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, Holstege was a resident of Palms Springs, which lies in Riverside County. Ultimately, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin took action against Holstege, base on her residency in that city's District 3 while she was representing District 4 in Palm Springs.

Holstege was not successful in her Assembly bid.

Anderson's unwillingness to involve the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office in ferreting out and punishing alleged or actual wrongdoing involving local politicians during the 2024 election has, some of those advocating political reform have observed, carried over to the 2026 election.

In California, a district attorney, as the public prosecutor for the county, has broad authority to enforce laws, including provisions of both the California Government Code and the California Elections Code, and have the authority to file civil enforcement actions on behalf of the residents of the county. That authority extends to quo warranto proceedings. A quo warranto proceeding is a special civil action that tests whether a person has the legal right to hold a public office. If a term limit has been imposed on a public office and the officeholder has exceeded that limit, a valid ground for a quo warranto proceeding exists.

In San Bernardino County, despite the controversy that exists over the manipulation of measures K and D to overcome the term limits set in Measure P, District Attorney Anderson has elected to remain aloof from the question of

whether Hagman's 2026 attempt to stretch the definition of three terms and twelve years to four terms and 16 years and beyond that to potentially six terms and 24 years is in fact legal.

Another area within the realm of politics and the 2026 election where Anderson is refusing to apply the district attorney's authority is that which cropped up in the assessor's office race or at least what was supposed to be the contest to elect the assessor.

Bob Dutton was elected assessor in 2014 and returned to office without opposition in 2018 and then unopposed again in 2022.

In 2022, Dutton had dodged a political bullet but did not evade an existential one.

Josie Gonzales, who had served as the county's Fifth District supervisor from 2004 to 2020, was termed out of office in 2020 per the term limits that were then in place as a consequence of Measure P. She had, upon leaving office as supervisor in 2020, some \$604,881.91 remaining in her political war chest. She utilized some of that money to support candidates and causes with whom and which she considered herself politically aligned. This included seeking to extend her legacy in the county's Fifth Supervisorial District by assisting her chief of staff as supervisor, Dan Flores, in what was ultimately an unsuccessful effort to succeed her as supervisor in the 2020 election. She transferred a substantial amount of money from her campaign fund to that of Flores. She also supported Rosalicia Ochoa Bogh in her run for State Senate, Bessine Richard in her unsuccessful but hard-fought and spirited San Bernardino City council re-elective effort, the reelection campaign of Judge Stanford Reichert and Dave Mlynarski unsuccessful attempt to be elected to the San Bernardino City Council. She also contributed \$80,000 to Inland Empire Priorities Politi-

cal Action Committee. Gonzales, however, had not, however, given up on perpetuating her own political career. Her focus fell on two potential positions, one being a return to the office she had held before she was elected to the board of supervisors in 2004, that being a member of the Fontana City Council, and the other being San Bernardino County assessor/recorder/clerk. On February 19, 2021, she transferred \$75,000 out of her at-that-point-dormant supervisorial campaign account to a newly-created campaign fund to cover an electoral effort for the Fontana District 4 council position, which. On March 2, 2021, Gonzales transferred \$498,000 from her then-dormant supervisorial campaign account into a newly-created fund to finance her electioneering activity in pursuit of the county assessor's post. Ultimately, however, Gonzales opted against running for the Fontana council, as doing so would pit her against Councilman John Roberts, with whom she had served in the late 1990 and early 2000s, or opposing Dutton, despite having a substantial enough political war chest to have waged an intensive campaign.

Thus, Dutton, having been retained in office as assessor in 2018 by proclamation when no one ran against him, was given another free pass in 2022.

The month after the June 2022 primary election in which he was the only candidate for assessor on the ballot and some five months before he was to be sworn in to serve what was to be his third term, Dutton in July 2022 died. The board of supervisors appointed the assistant assessor, Christopher Wilhite, to serve as the interim assessor until a special election could be held in 2024. Josie Gonzales, who had served as the county's Fifth District supervisor from 2004 to 2020, vied for the assessor's spot against former Asses-

sor Donald Williamson, then-Victorville City Councilwoman Blanca Gomez and Dara Smith, an employee with the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. Gonzales prevailed in the race to fill the position for the next two years.

Gonzales made clear two years ago her intent to seek reelection this year. Virtually immediately after her 2024 election, she embarked on her 2026 campaign. In the process, she retained Bill Postmus, the former assessor and county supervisor with whom she had served, as her campaign manager, hiring him through his company, Mountain States Consulting Group, LLC. It was while Postmus was serving with Gonzales on the board of supervisors in 2006 that he engaged in the activity that formed the basis of eight of the felony political corruption charges against him, including each of two political action committees he controlled receiving \$50,000 kickbacks in exchange for his vote in 2006 in favor of having the county confer a \$102 million legal settlement on the company that provided him with the kickbacks. In 2006, Postmus successfully vied for assessor, spending in excess of \$2.2 million on his campaign in what is yet the most expensive campaign for county office in San Bernardino County history. Postmus remained in office as assessor for slightly over two years until early 2009, at which point he resigned in the wake of revelations about the abuse of his authority as assessor, which included filling 11 of the office's 14 top-ranking positions with political appointments consisting of individuals who had no previous experience or expertise with regarding assessing property or taxable assets and whose primary function consisted of engaging in partisan political activity or arranging to reduce the assessments of individuals or the companies of individuals who had proved out to be political

donors or supporters of Postmus and his circle of favored politicians. Six of the 14 felony political corruption charges that were filed against Postmus and to which he in 2011 pleaded guilty to stemmed from his misuse of the assessor's office and misappropriation of public funds during the slightly more than 25 months he held the county assessor's title.

Among the charges Postmus entered a guilty plea to was conflict of interest by a public official. His conviction on the conflict of interest by a public official charge carried with it a prohibition on him ever holding public elected office in California.

In 2013, desperate to get back into the political game but faced with the reality that he could never again serve in a publicly elected capacity, at least in California, Postmus sojourned to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he set up a business, Mountain States Consulting Group LLC. He then registered Mountain States Consulting Group as a Wyoming domestic limited liability company with the Wyoming Secretary of State's corporate division. Having been involved in bribetaking and other forms of graft and corruption, Postmus was acutely conscious of the potential pitfalls in such activity and precisely how it was that he had been caught. Through his time in office, his arrests and ensuing prosecution and conviction, Postmus gained an implicit and explicit understanding of how the political and justice systems work and mesh, as well as both the reach and limitations of the prosecutorial arm of the government in making politicians adhere to the law. He had attained a flawless feel for the circular pay-to-play element of control and governance where politicians take in money from those with an interest in the governmental decision-making process, use that money to get into office or stay in of-

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## Morales' Accomplishments As Cal State SB President Were More Than Offset By His Indulgence Of Insensitive & Demeaning Provosts & Deans, Union Contends *from page 3*

doubling the university's endowment, thereby enhancing educational resources and campus facilities.

Under his leadership, 552,612 square feet of new space was added to both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses, accommodating a growing student body.

Mexico recognized Morales the prestigious Ohtli Award, the highest civilian honor that can be bestowed upon a foreign recipient.

To Morales' critics, however, those are achievements that likely would have manifested under any other leader during the 13 years he has been in place.

They have a far less charitable estimation of Morales both as a uni-

versity president and a person.

To a number of, though not all, university professors and the San Bernardino chapter of the California Faculty Association, Morales was a "walking scandal" who could do little right, was chauvinistic, weak, ineffective and damaging to the university and its reputation.

They claim gender discrimination flourished during Morales' watch. They point to two lawsuits against the

California State University System stemming from what went on at Cal State San Bernardino, at both its San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses, going back more than a half-dozen years.

In 2023, former Cal State University San Bernardino Vice Provost Clare Weber and Anissa Rogers, formerly the associate dean of the university's Palm Desert campus, sued the California State University system, alleging they were constructively discharged or forced into retirement upon making reports of gender inequities, discrimination and harassment.

The suit alleged that Weber and Rogers suffered at the hands of Provost Rafik Mohamed, who served as the interim provost in 2022 and was appointed provost and vice president for the university's division of academic affairs in January 2023, and then-Palm Desert Campus Dean Jake Zhu. Mohamed led the university's largest division, oversaw five academic colleges, its Extended and Global Education program and

the Palm Desert Campus. Mohamed and Zhu retaliated against the two women when Weber, who was characterized by her lawyer as "the lowest paid vice-provost in the CSU system" complained that female vice provosts employed at Cal State universities were underpaid in comparison to their male equivalents, and that this was particularly the case at the San Bernardino campus. Rogers alleged Zhu callously dismissed her complaints about male administrators berating a female employee during a 2021 meeting and then forced her into retirement. Morales did nothing to prevent Mohamed and Zhu from abusing Weber and Rogers, according to the suit.

When Rogers' case went to trial last year, she prevailed, with the jury awarding her \$6 million on the basis of the emotional stress she

had endured. A decision was made in March to settle Weber's case for \$6 million.

According to the faculty union, Morales allowed the situation that resulted in the \$12 million payout to Weber and Rogers and he was equally responsible for budget cuts to the university imposed by Sacramento after a state audit that found the university's housing department was \$8 million in debt.

Based upon incentive recruitment employment terms at the time of his hiring in 2012, Morales after a dozen years in the president's post upon retirement can be deemed eligible for a one-time payment of up to a year of his current salary and placement into an academic position with the university or pursuit of a specialized educational project at the campus. Those incentive terms

were eliminated by the Cal State system two years ago, but on the basis of major faux pas by other university administrators, they have been discontinued. It is unclear whether the university system is obliged to honor them in Morales' case. The union is arguing that the incentives offered to university executives were conditional upon positive outcomes for the university. The erasure of the benefits generally based upon scandals involving other university presidents is justification for withdrawing them from Morales, the faculty union maintains. The California State University Board of Trustees should exercise its discretion and deny Morales the benefits, the faculty union contends.

-Mark Gutglueck



## Jones Seeking To Transition From Community Activist To Solon Overseeing LL City Hall *from front page*

"strong neighborhoods are built when people listen, serve, and care for one another" and that she is "committed to keeping Loma Linda a community where families, students, and seniors feel supported and connected."

In promoting herself, she references her work with firefighters, seniors, children, and residents and cites her accomplishments in those efforts as a recommending factor in her run for the city council.

Those accomplishments put her in alignment with the governmental and social establishment attested to by multiple certificates of recognition she has received, including one from San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe, San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca Jr and State Senator Rocilice Ochoa Bogh which she received this year in conjunction

with the Loma Linda Firefighters' Association for community building and animal welfare support; another for her attention to animal welfare from Assemblyman Robert Garcia she received in 2025; a leadership advocate award she received in 2024 from the American Student Dental Association; another from the Loma Linda Mayor in 2023 and one she picked up in 2016 from the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce for her efforts in putting together the city's best volleyball club.

Jones touts her founding of a nonprofit for children's mentorship and her work with families, during which she has gained 15 years of experience in budgeting and grant writing. She has also led the Loma Linda Community Garden, organized classes, supported clean-up efforts and assisted animal shelters.

Jones recently obtained a grant through the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District for nearly \$27,000 which will allow her, as coordinator of the Loma Linda Community Garden, to purchase gar-

dening tools, soil, fertilizer and other needed items and continue to offer classes on preserving food, gardening, floral arrangement and others gardening related activities. Her experience in seeking out and getting grants, she feels, is a facet of her personality that further recommends her to getting a berth on the city council.

She has opined that City Hall's financial sustainability is a major issue facing the Loma Linda community. She maintains she is "the only candidate who has successfully brought in outside funding for our community." She said that as a member of the city council, she would create opportunities for the city and support local businesses and institutions by obtaining grants.

She said the city council needs to prioritize how it is to make use of the funds it has. One issue, she said, is what infrastructure creation or improvements the city should engage in and whether constructing infrastructure for municipal use makes sense if the cost of capital improvements prevents

the city from hiring or maintaining employees to make use of that infrastructure. She cited the example of the city's recently constructed fire station but the dearth of funding to man it to its desired capacity with firefighters. She lamented a decision-making process that was influenced by a lack of assets or financial capability and the city's institutional dearth of infrastructure.

In her zeal to obtain attention and positive press in her run for the city council, Jones has allowed herself to be pulled into discussions of issues or subjects that lie outside the purview of the city council. One of those pertained to the federal government's aggressive immigration policies under the current presidential administration. Without, expressing support or opposition to the roundup of undocumented foreigners per se, Jones nevertheless the opinion that local government and local governmental institutions should not directly cooperate with federal efforts in enforcing federal law.

On school campuses,

in particular, which are the province of school districts rather than City Hall, Jones opined that immigration enforcement carried the potential of impacting the educational opportunities of all students, despite the perhaps illegal or undocumented status of some, and that allowing federal officials to raid classrooms would erode the sense of security parents and families should have in sending their children to school.

Dailey, who has been on the city council since 2010 and has been, based on the custom in Loma Linda, rotated into the mayoral position twice, emphasizes that he "has dedicated decades to the people of Loma Linda." In this sense, he asserts what many assume, which is that the City of Loma Linda and its residents revolve around Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Medical Center. Those decades of service to the community, Dailey holds, include his years as the executive associate dean of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

Noting that he was first elected to the city

council after raising concerns about public safety and responsible growth, Dailey credits himself with an "earned a reputation as a thoughtful, fiscally-minded leader who listens to residents and gets things done."

Dailey's interest and intensity with regard to governance and community goes beyond the Loma Linda City Limits. In 2018, he was considered by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors as a replacement Third District county supervisor when James Ramos was elected to the California Assembly and left with two years of the supervisory term he had been elected to in 2016 uncompleted.

In addition to being on the council, serving as mayor and serving as vice-mayor, known by the title mayor pro tempore, Dailey has participated in adjunct governmental assignments and on joint powers authority boards. One of those has been the Omnitrans Board of Directors, of which he was elected chairman.

In that capacity, Dailey drew both praise and criticism for having

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## Convicted Former Supervisor/Assessor Postmus, Barred From Holding Political Office In California On The Basis Of Bribetaking, Is Now Managing The Campaigns & Fundraising Of San Bernardino County Politicians *from page 6*

office and vote to approve the development projects or the contracts or the franchises of those who have donated that money. With Mountain States Consulting Group, Postmus created a political money laundering operation, a device by which politicians can engage in pay-to-play trade-offs without getting caught and being stigmatized with criminal convictions as he had been. Mountain States Consulting Group takes money originating with individuals or companies with a stake in governmental decisions, launders that money through his company and then provides that cash, either as political donations or payments in some other form to the politicians making those decisions. Postmus employs Mountain States Consulting Group and several other entities and political action committees he has direct or indirect control over, such as the Inland Empire Political Action Committee, the Conservatives for A Republican Majority Political Action Committee and the Citizens Against Wasteful Spending Political Action Committee, as cut-outs, insulating the recipients of the money – the politicians – from those who are providing the money. When Postmus properly executes on this mission, it protects the politicians from the perception that their votes are being purchased, which has political benefits, while serving to lessen to a considerable extent the possibility that the politicians he is funneling money to will be subject to law enforcement action for engaging in what in the final analysis are quid pro quos, out-and-out bribes or kickbacks. Postmus also utilizes Mountain States Consulting Group to employ politicians or those considered to be up-and-coming in

politics with phantom assignments, providing them with revenue without actually having to work, freeing them up to engage in campaigning or other electioneering activity to advance their political prospects, standing or careers. Using such entities at his disposal to launder political donations to elected officeholders and by sponsoring fundraisers for current officeholders, Postmus has created and continues to create the opportunity for individuals to provide money to politicians in a way that the individuals or companies from whom or from which the money originated could not and cannot be traced. Having been an intrinsic part of the pay-to-play ethos in San Bernardino County, Postmus has cultivated a host of clients such as landowners, investors and developers looking to get their project's approved, service providers or equipment/material vendors seeking contracts with local governments or those seeking to be granted franchises for service provision to the public governments. Another set of clients Postmus has cultivated are those who are seeking subsidies provided or loans guaranteed by governmental entities.

A crucial element of Postmus's formula is the use of cut-outs, both corporate and human, or at least ones that are ostensibly human. By having an individual who is interested in influencing public policy to benefit himself or his company provide money to another individual or another company, which in turn passes the money to another individual or company, which then provides the money to the politician who will vote to institute the public policy positively impacting the individual from whom the money

originated, it becomes exceedingly difficult for those observing the governmental action – be they observers, members of the public, political reformers, monitors or investigators with regulatory agencies such as the California Fair Political Practices Commission, law enforcement investigators and/or prosecutors – to follow the chain of events which are tantamount to or actually entail out-and-out bribery. Indeed, Mountain States Consulting Group itself employed a cut-out to insulate itself. While the Postmus was registered as the principal of the company in Wyoming, when Mountain States Consulting Group LLC was registered with the California Secretary of State in 2023, there was no acknowledgment of his involvement with the company. Rather, its sole principal was listed as “Paul Brown,” who was credited with being the manager at the company's location at 12127 Mall Boulevard 189 in Victorville, which is actually a post office box at the UPS Store at the Mall of the Victor Valley. The use of Paul Brown as the principal in the California branch of the Mountain States Consulting Group is a way of distancing the operation from Postmus himself. Among those knowledgeable about Postmus's history, however, there is widespread speculation that Paul Brown is none other than Postmus himself – his alter ego or an alias. The name Paul Brown appears to be an amalgam of two of Postmus's associates, Paul Biane and Matt Brown, when he was in his heyday as a San Bernardino County politician. In the 2004-to-2006 timeframe, when Postmus was chairman of both the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee, Paul Biane was the vice chairman of both the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee.

At that time, Matt Brown was Paul Biane's chief of staff within his supervisory office and was with Biane the founder and operator of the San Bernardino County Young Republicans Political Action Committee. At that time, the San Bernardino County Young Republicans Political Action Committee was, with two political action committees established and controlled by Postmus, the Inland Empire PAC and “Conservatives for a Republican Majority PAC, the three most dynamic political fundraising vehicles in action at that time, and all three were dedicated to promoting a core group of officeholders and office seekers with whom Postmus, Biane and Brown were then aligned.

A key element of Postmus's and Mountain States Consulting Group's effectiveness is the ability to control or at least impact the political fundraising landscape, thereby not only effectively raising funds and enabling politicians Postmus/Mountain States is working on behalf of but simultaneously cutting opponents or would-be opponents of the politicians Postmus and his company are working for off from donors, in so doing crippling the electoral efforts of the opposition candidates or persuading those would-be opponents to opt out of running.

While it is impossible to know with certainty whether it was Postmus and Mountain States Consulting Group that were responsible for dissuading other potential candidates for assessor in 2026 from coming forward to challenge Gonzales, indeed no one threw his or her hat in the ring for assessor in this year's race other than the incumbent. Gonzales, who at that point was serving as her own campaign treasurer, secured the services of Postmus/Mountain States, campaign finance documents show, with an initial retainer of \$15,000 at some point between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025.

Postmus, despite being banned from direct participation in the political process in California as a candidate for elected governmental office, has been active in running/managing political campaigns in San Bernardino County or advising those candidates, many of whom proved successful, at least since 2014. In the years since, election cycle after election cycle, by fits and starts as the candidates and politicians he has worked with have been voted into or out of office, his influence over local government has grown to rival, if not actually equal or exceed, that which he enjoyed while holding office from 2000 until 2009. That influence has, in some instances with regard to certain current politicians in San Bernardino County, come to replicate the pay-to-play ethos that he embodied as supervisor and assessor.

By late 2021, reports were abounding with regard to multiple members of the board of supervisors entrusting to him decision-making authority with regard to selected issues or relying upon his input in making those decisions for themselves. In the same timeframe, reports circulated that Postmus was being given extraordinary access – beyond that which would be the case with normal county residents – within the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office. Then-Registrar of Voters Bob Page in early 2022, amid reports he was doing so because of improper external efforts to impact county elections, resigned his post in San Bernardino County to take a similar position heading the elections office in Orange County. As he did so, Page denied having single one-on-one meetings with Postmus or one-on-two meetings with Postmus and San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee Chairman Phil Cothran.

In February 2022, upon the *Sentinel* seeking through the California Public Records Act

then-County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez's, then-County Chief Operating Officer Luther Snoke's and then-Registrar of Voters Bob Page's meeting calendars for the entirety of the time they held those positions through February 3, 2022, the county denied the requests, stating “all calendar entries are subject to the deliberative process privilege (Gov. Code § 6255(a)). The disclosure of all calendar entries of the county's chief executive officer, chief operating officer, and the registrar of voters, would, among other things, inhibit meetings and chill the flow of information to these county officers/employees in the county administrative office and/or the office of the registrar of voters. As a result, the public interest served by not making all calendar entries of these county officials/employees public clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of these records. The County will also not disclose all calendar entries of the county's chief executive officer, chief operating officer, and the registrar of voters under Government Code section 6255(a) due to safety concerns for its officers/employees. Finally, the county is prevented from disclosing all calendar entries due to the fact that some entries are also exempt from public disclosure for other reasons, including, but not limited to, unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and the attorney-client privilege.”

Four years later, as the clock is winding down to the June 2026 primary election, District Attorney Anderson, acutely conscious that Postmus has re-insinuated himself into San Bernardino County's political establishment, of which he is himself a central player, is not utilizing the investigative capability or prosecutorial authority vested in him to look into the corrosive and corruptive influences a substantial number of county residents per-

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F1 at 09:00 AM on 05/28/2026 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, California 92335, Fontana Division

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

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

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

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

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FBN20260003078  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as  
AESTHETICSWITHLIZ  
16685 SIERRA LAKES PKWY SUITE #50 FONTANA, CA 92336; LIZBETH M ALVAREZ  
Business Mailing Address:  
16685 SIERRA LAKES PKWY SUITE #50 FONTANA, CA 92336

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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

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

/s/ LIZBETH ALVAREZ, Owner  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/07/2026

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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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FBN20260003755

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

ASCEND PATH RECOVERY HOMES 8200 HAVEN AVE #5203 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; ASCEND POINT PROPERTIES LLC 8200 HAVEN AVE 5203 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: APRIL 21, 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/ MCKENZIE JEAN ORTIZ, CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/21/2026

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FBN20260003332

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

SAL ELECTRICAL 17137 MALAGA ST FONTANA, CA 92336; SALVADOR MARTELL 17137 MALAGA ST FONTANA, CA 92336

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: November 25, 2015.

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/ SALVADOR MARTELL  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/13/2026

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

ANGEL1004 RESIDENTIAL HOME 7142 VERDUGO PL FONTANA, CA 92336; 1004 CARE LLC 7142 VERDUGO PL FONTANA, CA 92336

Business Mailing Address: 7142 VERDUGO PL FONTANA, CA 92336

The business is conducted by:

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A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number B20250080605.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: April 24, 2026.

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/s/ HAE JIN KIM, CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/24/2026

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

KATZ KITCHEN 1330 OAKLAND PLACE ONTARIO, CA 91762; KATHY T TRAN 1330 OAKLAND PLACE ONTARIO, CA 91762

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/ KATHY TRAN, Owner  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/29/2026

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FBN20260003857

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Business Mailing Address: 7142 VERDUGO PL FONTANA, CA 92336

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/s/ HAE JIN KIM, CEO  
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The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

BELLAS BEAUTY SERVICE 13980 JOHNSON RD PHELAN,

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FBN20260003981

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

AGGIE D CLOUGH DBA WIENERSCHNITZEL 467 9421 FOOTHILL BLVD RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; AGGIE D DAVIS CLOUGH

Business Mailing Address: 5783 SHEA CT FONTANA, CA 92336

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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

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/s/ AGGIE D DAVIS CLOUGH, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/29/2026

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

BELLAS BEAUTY SERVICE 13980 JOHNSON RD PHELAN, CA 92371; YAJAIRA S ARTEAGA OLIVEROS

Business Mailing Address: 13980 JOHNSON RD PHELAN, CA 92371

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: February 1, 2026.

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/s/ YAJAIRA S ARTEAGA OLIVEROS, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/01/2026

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

BELLAS BEAUTY SERVICE 13980 JOHNSON RD PHELAN,

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CA 92371; YAJAIRA S ARTEAGA OLIVEROS

Business Mailing Address: 13980 JOHNSON RD PHELAN, CA 92371

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: February 1, 2026.

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/s/ YAJAIRA S ARTEAGA OLIVEROS, Owner

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

REAL ESTATE AND LENDING SIMPLIFIED 3200 E GUASTI RD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761; REAL ESTATE AND LENDING SIMPLIFIED 3200 E GUASTI RD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business Mailing Address: 1814 LAKEWOOD AVE UPLAND, CA 91784

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number B20260088731

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

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

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/s/ JOHN G ABRIL, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 02/26/2026

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FBN20260001501

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BIRDEYE LOANS 3200 E GUASTI RD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761; REAL ESTATE AND LENDING, SIMPLIFIED 3200 E GUASTI RD 100 ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business Mailing Address: 1814 LAKEWOOD AVE UPLAND, CA 91784

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number B20260088731

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

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

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/s/ CARRIE O'NEAL, Owner  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/30/2026

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 K1587 in Hesperia

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FBN20260002814

The following person is doing business as: YESHUAH LOGISTICS, 219 E OLIVE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410; MAILING ADDRESS 219 E OLIVE ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO YESHUAH ALFA & OMEGA ENTERPRISE SERVICE LLC, 219 E OLIVE ST SAN BERNARDINO CA 92410 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION 202461017787

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious

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/s/ HAI ZHANG, CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/06/2026

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FBN20260004232

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

EVENT SEO 9656 PALO ALTO STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: ELYSSA M CARLOS

Business Mailing Address: 9656 PALO ALTO STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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

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/s/ ELYSSA M CARLOS, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/07/2026

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FBN20260004256

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

EAGLE SQUARE MERCHANT ENTERPRISES - WHOLESALE AUTO SERVICES 562 E. BANYAN CT. ONTARIO, CA 91761: ALOZIE D UDEOGA-RANYA

Business Mailing Address: 562 E. BANYAN CT. ONTARIO, CA 91761

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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/s/ ALOZIE D UDEOGA-RANYA, Owner

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FBN20260004281

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

BETTER NAKED STUDIO BODY WAX AND AESTHETICS 2416 S GROVE AVE UNIT 33 ONTARIO, CA 91761: JESI LOVE T BALTAZAR

Business Mailing Address: 3721 COUNTRY OAKS LOOP UNIT A ONTARIO, CA 91761

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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/s/ JESI LOVE T BALTAZAR, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/08/2026

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 K9236

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

VICTORVILLE SENIOR SUNRISE LIVING 15628 MOCASIN CT VICTORVILLE, CA 92394: JESSIE A FLORES

Business Mailing Address: 7031 GASKIN PLACE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MARCH 10, 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/ JESSIE A FLORES, Administrator

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/13/2026

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 J1808

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

4 RICH OR 4 POOR 8780 19TH ST #650 ALTA LOMA, CA 91701: S & M ACQUISITIONS, INC 8780 19TH ST # 650 ALTA LOMA, CA 91701

Business Mailing Address: 8780 19TH ST #650 ALTA LOMA, 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: February 20, 2025.

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

/s/ CHRISTOPHER SHAWN GRAJEDA, Secretary

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/05/2026

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

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/s/ CHRISTOPHER SHAWN GRAJEDA, Secretary

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/05/2026

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

SOUR CELLARS BREWERY 9495 E 9th ST. UNITS , B,C,D RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: WIMS LLC 6209 WINCHESTER CIRCLE EASTVALE, CA 92880

Business Mailing Address: WIMS LLC 6209 WINCHESTER CIRCLE EASTVALE, CA 92880

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number B20250174391.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: May 4, 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/ JOHN FLEMING, Manager

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/06/2026

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FBN20260004064

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

KIDS SPORTS NEWS NETWORK {KSNM} 11799 SEBASTIAN WAY, STE #103 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: MICAH L GILES [and] JACOB E GILES

Business Mailing Address: 11799 SEBASTIAN WAY, STE #103 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE.

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

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/s/ MICAH GILES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/04/2026

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 K7211

Notice-This fictitious name

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The following person is doing business as: RE/MAX TIME COMMERCIAL. 10535 FOOTHILL BLVD STE #460 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; MAILING ADDRESS 10535 FOOTHILL BLVD STE #460 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO HOUSEKEY REAL ESTATE CORP. 10535 FOOTHILL BLVD STE 460 RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 2955814

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

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/s/ ELVIS A ORTIZ-WAYLAND, CEO

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID ALEN CARTER

CASE NO. PRO-VA2600382

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

CARTER: a petition for probate has been filed by SHERRY BALLANTYNE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION for Probate requests that SHERRY BALLANTYNE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held April 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. 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 Tammyae Lewis Goshay : 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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Mathew Alden (California Bar Number 288429) 255 North D Street Suite 200 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 414-0797 mralden123@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SHEILA MAE BARRIOS

CASE NO. PRO-VA2600385

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of SHEILA MAE BARRIOS a petition for probate has been filed by TAMMYAE LEWIS GOSHAY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TAMMYAE LEWIS GOSHAY 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 July 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District in 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 Tammyae Lewis Goshay : R. SAM PRICE SB 208603/PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 454 Cajon Street REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 9500 attorneys@pricelawfirm.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MAO-CHIU CHUI

CASE NO. PRO-VA2600203

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MAO-CHIU CHUI: a petition for probate has been filed by DEANNA CHUI REDDY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION for Probate requests that DEANNA CHUI REDDY 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 June 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District in Department F2 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

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

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

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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 WHITE-TAIL 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

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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FBN20260002319

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

LABY'S SHINE 26039 STATE HWY 189 TWIN PEAKS, CA 92391; LAURA BARRIOS VILLA

Business Mailing Address: P O BOX 385 BLUE JAY, CA 92317  
 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/ LAURA BARRIOS VILLA, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 03/18/2026

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 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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FBN 20260003890

The following person is doing business as: ONTARIO RANCH GROCERY OUTLET, 4258 E. ONTARIO RANCH RD. ONTARIO, CA 91761; MAILING ADDRESS 1060 ROLLING HILLS DR. CORONA, CA 92878; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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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/ JASON PINEDA, CEO  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 27, 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 20260003942

The following person is doing business as: VC HOME OFFERS. 11760 CENTRAL AVE SUITE 125 CHINO, CA 91710; MAILING ADDRESS 5466 GOLF ST RIVERSIDE, CA 92509; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO VICTOR PRIETO; CAROLINA PRIETO

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. 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/ VICTOR PRIETO  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 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 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 20260003939

The following person is doing business as: SENIOR SUPPER SERVICES. 725 W 36TH SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405; MAILING ADDRESS 725 W 36TH STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405-2005; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO GILLAMBER L.L.C. 725 W 36TH ST SAN BERNARDINO CA 92405

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ AMBER MEDINA, CFO  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 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 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 20260003946

The following person is doing business as: HAPPY TAILS PET SPA MOBILE SALON. 9770 JUNIPER AVE FONTANA, CA 92335; MAILING ADDRESS 9770 JUNIPER AVE FONTANA, CA 92335; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO STEPHANIE MUNOZ

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.

FBN 20260003902

The following person is doing business as: A & D SEWER & DRAIN SOLUTIONS. 2717 N F. ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405; MAILING ADDRESS P.O.BOX 2074 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92406; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO DANIEL SANCHEZ RIOS

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.

FBN 20260002536

The following person is doing business as: TRANQUIL HAVEN. 25416 DURANGO LOOP LOMA LINDA, CA 92354; MAILING ADDRESS 10664 ELM ST LOMA LINDA, CA 92354; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO BRUCE RANGEL; SYLVIA A RANGEL

The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. 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.

FBN 20260004015

The following person is doing business as: A PINCH OF LOVE. 27345 CYPRESS ST HIGHLAND, CA 92346; MAILING ADDRESS 27345 CYPRESS ST HIGHLAND, CA 92346; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO ALLYSON RAMIREZ GARAY

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.

FBN 20260001115

The following person is doing business as: THE FOREVER WAY HEIRESS TAX MILLIONAIRES. 1101 S MILLIKEN AVE STE E ONTARIO, CA 91761 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SHUMPERT'S ENTERPRISE, LLC 1101 S MILLIKEN AVE STE E ONTARIO CA 91761 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION B20250086951 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

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FBN 20260003801

The following person is doing business as: EVICTION PRO'S. 9220 HAVEN AVE SUITE 300 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; MAILING ADDRESS 8313 VELVET LN FONTANA, CA 92335; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO FRANCISCO H 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/ FRANCISCO H RAMIREZ, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: APRIL 23, 2026 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy 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 20260002186

The following person is doing business as: PLUMBING TRADE SECRETS DESIGNS. 1720 VERONA DR REDLANDS, CA 92374; MAILING ADDRESS 1720 VERONA DR REDLANDS, CA 92374; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AARON M PEDERSEN

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JAN 30, 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/ AARON M PEDERSEN, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MARCH 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 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 20260002186

The following person is doing business as: STUDIO 64 ENGRAVING AND GLASS ETCHING. 1065 N RANCHO AVE COLTON CA 92324 ; MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ISAAC SAGE LEONPERALTA

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/ ISAAC SAGE LEONPERALTA, OWNER

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ERT JR, MANAGING MEMBER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: FEBRUARY 13, 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 20260001836

The following person is doing business as: PLUMBING TRADE SECRETS DESIGNS. 1720 VERONA DR REDLANDS, CA 92374; MAILING ADDRESS 1720 VERONA DR REDLANDS, CA 92374; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AARON M PEDERSEN

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/s/ AARON M PEDERSEN, OWNER

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FBN 20260002161

The following person is doing business as: STUDIO 64 ENGRAVING AND GLASS ETCHING. 1065 N RANCHO AVE COLTON CA 92324 ; MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ISAAC SAGE LEONPERALTA

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/s/ ISAAC SAGE LEONPERALTA, OWNER

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FBN 20260002481

The following person is doing business as: THE DIY PARTY RENTALS. 3038 CANYON VISTA DR COLTON, CA 92324; MAILING ADDRESS 3038 CANYON VISTA DR COLTON, CA 92324; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 5 POINTS SERVICES LLC 3038

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MARCH 16, 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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CANYON VISTA DR COLTON CA 92324 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION B20260100695 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: MAR 13, 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/ ARTURO GILBON TRUJILLO, MANAGING MEMBER

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FBN 20260002014

The following person is doing business as: BRAVO EQUIPMENT RENTALS. 3839 RIVERSIDE DR CHINO, CA 91710; MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR STE B SANTA ANA, CA 92701; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CASA BRAVO CONSTRUCTION, INC 921 N MILLIKIEN AVE #1120 ONTARIO CA 91764 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION B20260065028; 3839 RIVERSIDE DR CHINO, CA 91710 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/ LUIS GPE BRAVO, PRESIDENT

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FBN 20260002189

The following person is doing business as: PAW DOMAIN STUDIO. 17532 VALLEY BLVD UNIT 400 FONTANA, CA 92316; MAILING ADDRESS 17532 VALLEY BLVD UNIT 400 FONTANA, CA 92316; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NATALIE C HACKETT

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAR 16, 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/ NATALIE HACKETT, OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MARCH 16, 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 20260002185

The following person is doing business as: E & G LANDSCAPING SERVICES. 1876 GOULD STREET LOMA LINDA, CA 92354; MAILING ADDRESS 1876 GOULD STREET LOMA LINDA, CA 92354; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO EVERARDO MANZO SANCHEZ

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/s/ EVERARDO MANZO SANCHEZ, OWNER

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law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026, 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026 CNBB21202611MT

FBN 20260004521 The following person is doing business as: SMART SELL,R/E INC. 11023 EUCLYPTUS STREET SUITE 210 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; MAILING ADDRESS 11023 EUCLYPTUS STREET SUITE 210 RANCHO CUCAMONGA,CA91730; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SMART SELL REAL ESTATE, INC. 11023 EUCLYPTUS STREET SUITE 210 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 5534102 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ IFRAN NAZIR, PRESIDENT 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). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026, 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026 CNBB21202610MT

FBN 20260004524 The following person is doing business as: LEARN AND EARN IBO & ASSOCIATES 9431 HAVEN AVE SUITE 100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730; MAILING ADDRESS P.O BOX 1126 ROSEMEAD, CA 91730; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO BRAD SMITH SNOSEVICK

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FBN 20260004665 The following person is doing business as: S&J AUTO 10802 KADOTA AVE UNIT C MONTCLAIR CA 91763; MAILING ADDRESS 10802 KADOTA AVE UNIT C MONTCLAIR CA 91763; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SARKIS ARTANIAN 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/ SARKIS ARTANIAN, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/19/2026 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 Notice-This fictitious name state-

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FBN 20260004565 The following person is doing business as: CP TIRES 35070 GEMWOOD LN YUCAIPA CA 92399; MAILING ADDRESS 35070 GEMWOOD LN YUCAIPA CA 92399; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CARLOS PEREZ 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/ CARLOS PEREZ, OWNER 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 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 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026, 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026 CNBB21202607MT

FBN 20260004566 The following person is doing business as: SEPTIC CONTROL 12448 SHEEP CREEK ROAD PHELAN, CA 92371; MAILING ADDRESS 12448 SHEEP CREEK ROAD PHELAN, CA 92371; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ADRIAN DURAN

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FBN 20260004451 The following person is doing business as: BOZO BITES 8600 CITRUS AVE APT #289 FONTANA CA 92335; MAILING ADDRESS 8600 CITRUS AVE APT #289 FONTANA CA 92335; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO RAFAEL EVANGELISTA JR 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/ RAFAEL EVANGELISTA JR, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/13/2026 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 state-

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FBN 20260004406 The following person is doing business as: A MIRROR IMAGE WIDOW TINT 27621 TEMPLE STREET HIGHLAND CA 92346; MAILING ADDRESS 27621 TEMPLE STREET HIGHLAND CA 92346; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO BENJAMIN P MUNOZ 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/ BENJAMIN P MUNOZ, OWNER 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 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 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026, 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026 CNBB21202604MT

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

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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: MAY 13, 2026 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JACOB M. GEORGE, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/13/2026 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 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026, 06/05/2026, 06/12/2026 CNBB21202603MT

FBN 20260004390 The following person is doing business as: R&C LIQUIDATION 2049 S HELLMAN AVE UNIT E ONTARIO CA 91761; MAILING ADDRESS 20730 HAINES ST PERRIS, CA 92570; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CLAUDIA A MUNOZ MONDRAGON; RONALD K ALUMBAUGH The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 12, 2026 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ CLAUDIA A MUNOZ MONDRAGON, GENERAL PARTNER Statement filed with the

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Incestuous Relationships Between County's Top Public Education Officials Developed, Obliterating Their Independence Of Judgment from page 8

ceive Postmus to be involved in.

Ted Alejandre was initially elected San Bernardino County superintendent of schools in 2014, some six years after he had been hired by the San Bernardino County Office of Education to serve as the assistant San Bernardino County superintendent of schools for business services in 2008 and a year after having been promoted into the position of deputy superintendent of San Bernardino County schools.

At the time of his election, San Bernardino County schools and school districts, with a few exceptions, lagged behind the major-

ity of their counterparts throughout the state. Throughout Alejandre's tenure as county superintendent, the academic performance of San Bernardino county public school students, on average and overall, has not appreciably improved.

At present, San Bernardino County public school students on average score at levels below that of public school students outside of San Bernardino County in California, particularly in math and reading, based upon standardized tests administered statewide.

According to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and the English Language Profi-

ciency Assessments for California test results for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 school years, 47 percent of public school students statewide met or exceeded English language/literacy standards, while in San Bernardino County 42.66 percent of students met or exceeded those standards. Statewide, 35.5 percent of public school students met or exceeded mathematics standards, while 29.20 percent of public school students in San Bernardino County met or exceeded math standards. Throughout California, 30.7 percent of students met or exceeded science standards set for the state's educational system, which exceeded the 26.2 percent of San Bernardino County public school students achieving at or above the science standard.

Throughout his first term as county schools superintendent as was the case in his second term, Alejandre and his support network managed to provide for him consistent positive publicity, including praise from educators and other politicians in the area, which led to his being returned to office without opposition in 2018 as well as in 2022, when he overcame a challenge by Ken Larson while garnering more than 65 percent of the vote.

It was not until Alejandre was into his third term as county superintendent that he was overtaken by scandal, the basics of which involved cronyism and nepotism which explicated to no little degree how benefits accruing to Alejandre and his family took precedence over

ensuring competence in key educational posts throughout his oversight of the county's schools and school districts.

Alejandre's wife, Barbara Alejandre, in 2012 obtained a position with the San Bernardino County Office of Education as an assistant to then-San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Gary Thomas, who preceded Ted Alejandre as superintendent. As Ted Alejandre's transition into the elected position of superintendent was being orchestrated, Barbara Alejandre was promoted into the position of chief of intergovernmental affairs for the San Bernardino County Department of Education, which involved a bump up in annual salary. Over the next five years, Barbara Alejandre saw her

salary as the head of intergovernmental affairs increase steadily. In 2020, she was promoted to the head of Classified Management 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.

Throughout his time as superintendent, Ted Alejandre has made a practice of becoming involved in the political campaigns of other local politicians, in particular ones involved in the educational system. There have been recurrent disbursements and transfers from his su- Continued on Page 15

## Alejandro Dominated The County's Public Education Establishment, Enriching Himself Through Cronyism & Nepotism & Is Now Seeking To Promote Binks To Mask The Blots On His Reputation *from page 15*

perintendent of county schools electioneering fund to the campaign funds of candidates, primarily incumbent ones, seeking election to various school boards within San Bernardino County, most particularly members of the San Bernardino County Board of Education.

The San Bernardino County Board of Education and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools articulate within the overall function of the San Bernardino County Department of Education, which operates with an annual budget of about \$370 million. In some respects, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools oversees the San Bernardino County Office of Education and in some respects, the San Bernardino County Office of Education is overseen or governed by the San Bernardino County Board of Education. Still the same, members of the San Bernardino County Board of Education rely in large measure on guidance provided to them by the county superintendent of schools. A basic precept in this system is the independence of the individual actors involved – the county superintendent of schools and each of the five members of the county board of education – in the operation of the region's schools and school districts.

For this reason, at least some residents in San Bernardino County, most notably the parents of students attending public schools and occasionally teachers employed in public schools throughout the county, have grown alarmed at the political affiliations that have developed between or among at least some of those six individuals at the pinnacle of decision-making with regard to San Bernardino County's public schools. While the money in-

involved in these cross-donations is not substantial in comparison to the amount of money being donated to politicians in other contexts by corporations and deep-pocketed individuals, the real or implied alliances the donations from one elected educational official to another undercuts the independence those officials are expected to maintain from one another.

Recent examples of the money passing between members of the county board of education and Alejandro include County Board of Education Member Ryan McEachron, representing Trustee Area A, having donated \$1,000 to Alejandro's campaign in April 2025. Two months later, he voted to approve Alejandro's raise to nearly \$350,000. Alejandro had previously donated \$500 to McEachron's 2022 board campaign. San Bernardino County Board of Education Member Laura Mancha, representing Trustee Area C, gave Alejandro \$1,000 in October 2024 and continues to make decisions regarding his employment. Alejandro donated \$1,000 to her 2020 campaign. She, too, supported conferring the raise on Alejandro, as did an Bernardino County Board of Education Member Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers, who received \$500 from Alejandro in 2022 for her board race.

What for many is seen as the most egregious violation of the trust placed in Alejandro has been the long-ongoing arrangement between the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools for the entity known as the Inland Personnel Council, or IPC.

Despite Alejandro and other district officials for well over a decade referring to the Inland Personnel Council as a joint powers authority, when

pressed, San Bernardino County and Riverside County officials with their respective offices of education insisted it was not a joint powers authority but rather a specialized function of local education agencies extending to public school districts, community colleges, and county offices of education in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties intended to access certain legal services and provide training, workshops, and seminars related to personnel matters. The IPC, the district's maintained, was administered by the San Bernardino County superintendent of schools and the Riverside County superintendent of schools in their official capacities, with the assistance of the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.

What the Inland Personnel Council was doing, the superintendents maintained, was carried out under California's Joint Exercise of Powers Act, which permits public agencies to exercise common powers jointly, but which nevertheless did not constitute a separate joint powers agency. The IPC was not delegated any governmental authority and did not make any governmental decisions, did not employ a staff, receive or disburse funds and did not operate any bank accounts and did not incur obligations, according to the superintendents. It was simply, they said, a coordinating mechanism for the benefit of the local educational agencies regarding the joint exercise of their common powers to obtain training, workshops, seminars, and legal guidance regarding personnel, contract management, and collective bargaining related issues that they routinely confronted.

The problem came in with the role of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. In numerous cases, individual school districts in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County employed Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud

& Romo or one or more of its attorneys as that district's general counsel. This put Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, in some cases, of overseeing or serving as a reviewing or previewing entity with regard to its own work, an arrangement which was, if not a legal conflict of interest, an ethical or practical one.

Last summer, it was revealed that Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, earlier in the year, on May 2, 2025, donated \$10,000 to Alejandro's reelection campaign. Given that it was the county superintendent of schools directly responsible for the Inland Personnel Council arrangement which was ongoing when the Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo donation was made and Alejandro accepted it, Alejandro appeared to be in violation of California Government Code Section 84308, which prohibits any local elected government official from taking action that would have a financial impact on an individual or company that had provided that official with \$500 or more in political donations.

Coming as it did in conjunction with revelations about the nepotism and cronyism Alejandro was engaged in, he made an apparent decision to get out of office before the scandal widened or deepened. On August 29, 2025, Alejandro put out a news release announcing he would not seek re-election in June 2026 and would retire from public education when his current term ends in January 2027.

In the time since, it appears that Alejandro is taking steps, while he is yet in office and has the reach and ability to do so, to ensure that after his exit, arrangements that have existed for years can either continue or, if they are to be eliminated, fuller and deeper revelations about their implication can be limited, such that his legacy will not be tarnished any further.

One apparent such effort is Alejandro's at-

tempt to impose on the county his choice for his successor as superintendent.

Four individuals came forward to vie for San Bernardino County superintendent of schools following Alejandro's announcement that he will not seek reelection last August: Ken Larson, Cali Binks, Ray Culbertson and Alejandro Vara.

Alejandro was opposed by Larson four years ago and sees him as a figure inclined to dwell upon and make the most of the shortcomings of the county's educational establishment and Alejandro's part in that. As a hedge against having his legacy torn down, Alejandro has gravitated to the candidate in this year's race he sees as having the best shot at winning and who would be most likely to maintain the county's educational and political status quo. Fitting that bill is Binks.

Cali Olsen-Binks is a lifelong educator whose major progression toward the top of that profession took place in the Fontana Unified School District. She began as an elementary school teacher in 1990, advancing upward in Fontana Unified on the basis of both ability and familial connections. Her mother-in-law, Kathy Binks, a harsh critic of the school district in Fontana in the early and mid-1980s, was elected to the school board in 1988 and remained in that capacity for 24 years, many as board president. By 2008, Cali Olsen-Binks had acceded to the position of Fontana Unified School District superintendent. Her time in that post was sometimes difficult, as the state was steadily reducing education funding because of the economic downturn that was then gripping the state and nation. Moreover, Olsen-Binks had to contend with factionalism on the school board.

Her performance, however, was impressive enough to convince the board members overseeing the Yucaipa-Calimeas Joint Unified

School District to seek to lure her there. She left Fontana Unified for Yucaipa-Calimesa in 2013, and has gotten on well there ever since.

For a number of reasons, including polling results and general name recognition, Alejandro and other members of the educational and political establishment in San Bernardino County consider Binks to be the front runner in the county superintendents race.

On January 7, 2026, Alejandro, who had previously provided Binks with \$500, transferred \$10,000 out of his political war chest to Binks' campaign fund.

It is unknown what arrangements and/or requests Alejandro has made with Binks regarding her keeping a lid on the documentation, records and materials kept in the superintendent of schools office regarding contracts entered into by the county superintendent of schools and the San Bernardino County Office of Education during his more than 11-year tenure as superintendent and those that were entered into when he was the assistant superintendent for business services.

Standing for reelection this year is Treasurer-Tax Collector/Auditor-Controller Ensen Mason, who after vying unsuccessfully for the position in 2010 and 2014, was elected in 2018 and reelected in 2022. Challenging Mason this time around is Rancho Cucamonga City Councilman Ryan Hutchison.

Mason has been treasurer-tax collector/auditor controller since 2019, following his election to the post in June 2018. His election was more than eight years in the coming, a time during which he was seeking to have an impact on the office that was at odds with the vision and intent the county's establishment had for it. Beginning in the late 1990s, the county embarked on a series of consolidations. In 1999, the sheriff's department subsumed the marshal's department, making

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## State & Federal Probes Into Squandering Of Money Earmarked For Homeless Programs Gets County Government's Attention *from page 5*

The circumstance with the Water of Life Community Church is but one example where money intended to assist the homeless has been diverted into the pockets of greedy conmen and developers who promise the world and deliver nothing while kicking back to politicians, crit-

ics of San Bernardino County governance say.

In the highly partisan atmosphere of San Bernardino County, there are doubters who have read something sinister in the way in which Armendarez and Warren, who are both Republicans, have taken money from certain deep-pocketed developmental interests, who are themselves affiliated with the GOP, and then provided them with public money to build affordable housing or homeless shelters that have yet to materialize.

“Republican Jesse

Armendarez has been caught hiding the source of his contributions in direct violation of California’s campaign finance laws,” the San Bernardino County Democratic Party stated. “Armendarez is another cynical, lying, corrupt politician backed by secret special interests hiding in the shadows.”

While both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government are currently under Republican control, state government in California is dominated by the Democratic Party, such that every state

constitutional position, including that of the California attorney general, is held by a Democrat and the Democrats have a supermajority in both houses of the state legislature.

With the California Attorney General’s Office reviewing the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors’ decisions with regard to how money entrusted to the county for the purposes of creating low-cost housing and homeless shelters, how some of that money ended up being provided to the friends and associates

of – and political donors to – the supervisors and whether that housing was ever built, the board of supervisors on Tuesday voted to approve the 2026 San Bernardino County Homeless Strategic Plan, an update of what it had done in 2022.

In taking the action on May 19, 2026, it did so without fanfare, approving the plan as an item on the board meetings consent calendar. The consent calendar is reserved for what public officials deem to be non-controversial issues. By placing the item on the consent calendar and as-

serting the plan was derived using input from individual and collective residents throughout the county, those impacted by homelessness in the community at large based on regional steering committees, focus groups and surveys, the board avoided any overt attention being drawn to the underlying issues that if exposed could complicate matters for county officials and become further grist for the California Attorney General’s Offices investigative mill.



## County Officials, In Their Wisdom, Opted To Have The County Treasurer Simultaneously Act As The County Auditor *from page 16*

the sheriff the marshal. In 2005, the coroner’s department, which included the office of the public administrator, became part of the sheriff’s department, making the sheriff/marshal the sheriff/marshal/coroner/public administrator. There were objections and protests as both mergers were broached. It was unwise, social justice advocates said, to have officers serving as bailiffs in the courtrooms where defendants who had been investigated and arrested by other members of the same department were being processed by the

justice system or were to stand trial. By the same token, it was observed, in cases of fatal shootings of suspects by sheriff’s deputies or higher ranking officers of the department, entrusting the determination of the cause of death or the circumstances leading to such deaths to others who are also members of the same organization or agency was rife with potential conflict. Despite the reservations of both county employees and civilians, the takeovers proceeded.

In 2009, after Treasurer/Tax Collector Dick Larsen, who had held that post for more than ten years opted to retire before nearly a year and a half prior to his third term in that post concluding, other county officials floated a proposal to eliminate the

treasurer-tax collector as a stand-alone and independently elected position and meld it into that of the auditor-controller prior to the 2010 election cycle. This prompted similar remonstrations with regard to the loss of independence and incompatibility of function as had been the case when the sheriff took on duties that had traditionally been specialized and separate responsibilities. Some likened the bridge builder to act as the bridge inspector. The proposed consolidation was more involved than the simple collapsing of the treasurer’s office into the auditor’s office. At that time, the auditor-controller also served as the county recorder and county clerk. In structuring the change, county officials called for over-

sight of the county treasury and tax collection functions to be handed over to the auditor controller and the auditor controller’s office to shed its handling of the county clerk and recorder operations. Those were to be absorbed by the county assessor’s office.

Larsen, who had resigned as treasurer-tax collector midyear in 2009, publicly characterized the change as “a poor decision” which was “really unbelievable” and “one of the biggest midnight thefts in a long time.” Putting the county treasury, tax collecting, auditing and controller function under one roof, Larsen said, was creating “way too big a department for one person to be responsible for. It’s too complex.”

Among those objecting most stridently to what the county was proposing was Mason, a certified public accountant. He went on record as opposing the merging of the treasurer and auditor functions, as did others, but the board of supervisors nonetheless scheduled the inauguration of the consolidations in January 2010, an election year in which the voters would select someone to fill the treasurer-tax collector/auditor-controller and assessor/county clerk/recorder positions. Mason declared his candidacy for the combined treasurer-tax collector/auditor-controller position that year. He was running

against Larry Walker, a one-time Fourth District supervisor who had been serving as the auditor-controller/recorder-county clerk since 1998, and who insisted that the combination of functions under one person to be a “proposal that makes sense and has the potential to save the county a lot of money.” Walker said he was confident he could handle the combined responsibility and workload.

Mason, like others, said the consolidation of the treasurer/tax collector’s office with that of the auditor-controller was eliminating a crucial layer of independent scrutiny of the county treasurer’s function. Simultaneously, a complaint over what the county was doing was made with the San Bernardino County Civil Grand Jury.

Mason lost to Walker, who at that point had the county establishment behind him.

The following year, the San Bernardino County Grand Jury echoed the concerns that Mason and others had raised. In its 2010-2011 report, the grand jury stated, “It is notable that the grand jury found no county where as many important positions are held concurrently by one person as is the case with the San Bernardino County auditor-controller/treasurer/tax collector and county clerk. While the combination of offices is allowable

under Government Code §24300, the grand jury finds, in practice, in San Bernardino County the controller’s office, not the auditor’s office, does the risk assessment that determines which departments are to be audited. This chain of authority may not have been anticipated when the consolidation was deemed to be beneficial to the county. San Bernardino County is not out of the norm in combining the controller/auditor function. However, we are not the first grand jury to point out the inherent problems in this and to recommend a separation of the auditor’s function from the controller’s function.” The grand jury found the board of supervisors’ approval of the merger of the treasurer-tax collector and auditor-controller’s office was “problematic,” and noted that the U.S. Government Accounting Office and the Institute of Internal Auditors took a dim view of the combining of auditing and controllership responsibilities, and believe such practices impair the autonomy of the audit process and jeopardize its objectivity. Compounding an already conflicted financial duty with more conflicts was highly questionable, the grand jury found.

The grand jury was unable to find any other county in California where as many important positions were held con-

## One Uncontested & One Contested Council Race In Loma Linda Draws Four Candidates *from page 7*

championed, with then San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris, the sbX Bus Rapid Transit line, which connected the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital with Cal State San Bernardino. Some celebrated sbX as a modern form of public transit. Others called it a \$192 million boondoggle.

Dailey points to his track record of having served on a city council that balanced the city’s budget every year for 15 years running; expanded the hiking trails in the South Hills at the edge of the city limits against the Riverside County frontier; protected open space and preserved the city as one that has not been overbuilt by developers; allowed construction that is of a sufficiently high quality to prevent a deterioration of the community, increased public safety by ensuring that the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Depart-

ment, which serves as the city police department under contract, and the joint Colton/Loma Linda Fire Department have consistently been provided with the resources needed to ensure residents are protected and championed the wellness culture that has made Loma Linda a bastion of healthy residents.

Dailey has the support of Congressman Pete Aguilar, Assemblyman James Ramos and Mayor Phill Dupper.

-Mark Gutglueck



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## After Settling Into Office And Waiting A Decent Interval, Mason Began Utilizing The Auditing Authority Of The Office He Held To Examine The Way County Supervisors Were Conducting Business *from page 17*

currently by one person as is the case with the San Bernardino County auditor-controller/treasurer/tax collector. It has recommended the treasurer-tax collector's, auditor's and controller's functions be separated.

Walker downplayed the concerns of those who were opposed to the merger, insisting that he would compartmentalize the treasurer and auditor functions and maintain a firewall between all of the office's divisions.

In 2014, Mason, unsuccessfully, opposed Walker in his bid for reelection. In doing so, Mason again raised the conflicting duties of treasurer and auditor.

Two years later, Walker opted to retire before completing the term he had been elected to. He recommended that the board of supervisor appoint Oscar Valdez, who had been from 2006 to 2010 a finance officer in the treasurer-tax collector's office and from 2011 through 2016 was assistant treasurer-tax collector/auditor-controller. The board of supervisors complied and appointed Valdez.

In 2016, when Valdez had to face the county's voters to be elected in his own right to the office he had been appointed to and remain as treasurer-tax collector/auditor-controller, he was challenged by Mason. Mason aggressively campaigned against Valdez as someone who was tied to the establishment and its conflict-of-interest-laden way of doing business. Valdez, a political neophyte, was unable to gain adequate traction in his campaign, and Mason succeeded at last succeeded in what was his third electoral effort, defeating Valdez in a one-on-one contest in June 2018 with 122,055 votes or 51.21 percent to the incumbent's 116,281 votes or 48.79 percent.

The county did not divest the treasurer-tax

collector of the auditor-controller's function as many had hoped after Mason was in place and holding all four titles. He took his time becoming acclimated to the post.

Late in his first term, he undertook what might be characterized as his first challenge to the establishment and the status quo.

Under California Government Code § 27388, every time a property sale is recorded at the recorder's office a fee of \$10 is imposed that is then passed along or made available to the district attorney's office, or is supposed to be passed along to the district attorney's office, to be used to fund real estate fraud investigations and prosecutions. Further under California Government Code § 27388, the district attorney's office is to log the money coming in, how it is used and what cases the money has been used toward and submit an annual report delineating that. In addition to failing to meet the § 27388 requirements, the district attorney's office has not submitted an annual report as to the outcome of any real estate fraud cases the office took up.

As a consequence of an audit had his office carry out, he found that both Jason Anderson, who had been elected district attorney for the first time in the June 2018 election in which Mason became treasurer-tax collector/auditor-controller, and Anderson's predecessor as district attorney, Mike Ramos, were consistently out of compliance with California Government Code § 27388.

Ramos, who was district attorney from 2003 until Anderson succeeded him in January 2019, and Anderson, who prevailed over Ramos in the 2018 election, evaded the provision in California Government Code § 27388 (e) which

stipulates that the district attorney "shall not expend funds held in that county's Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund until the county's auditor-controller verifies that the county's district attorney has submitted an annual report for the county's most recent full fiscal year pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (d)." The district attorney's office under the guidance of both Ramos and Anderson had submitted no such annual reports.

This put Mason and the treasurer's office into a difficult position, Mason noted.

Pursuant to Government Code § 27388, the county treasurer is to disburse proceeds collected on the basis of the \$10 fee imposed on the recording of documents into the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund for use by eligible law enforcement agencies within the county pursuant to California Government Code § 27388 subdivision (b) in a way "to be determined" by a Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund Committee composed of the district attorney, county chief administrative officer, chief officer responsible for consumer protection in the county, and the chief law enforcement officer of one law enforcement agency receiving funding from the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund.

In San Bernardino County, there was no Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund Committee.

Moreover, under California Government Code § 27388 subdivision (d), a county cannot expend funds held in that county's Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund until the county's auditor-controller verifies that the county's district attorney has submitted an annual report for the county's most recent full fiscal year.

Accordingly, Mason publicly stated, "For my part, no further funds will be released without the required reporting."

Mason said his office

would not seek to recover the money already provided to the district attorney's office and spent. "I cannot compel them to file reports for funds already released," he said.

Nevertheless, he insisted that no more of the funds collected upon property sales at the recorder's office would be passed along to the district attorney's office until the required reporting was completed going forward. "The rest is up to the D.A.'s office," he said.

Around the same time, Mason became aware that the county and/or those who had purchased from the county properties seized in tax lien sales were not recompensing those homeowners or landowners who had lost their homes or properties as a result of those tax foreclosures for the equity they had accumulated in those homes or properties beyond the money used to satisfy their tax debt.

The protocol for tax lien seizures of property and their subsequent sales process to satisfy tax delinquencies is contained in chapters 7 and 8 of the California Revenue and Tax Code.

Chapter 7 delineates a precise process by which properties that have more than five years of tax delinquencies are subject to seizure by the county and are to be prepared for a sale to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the payment of the property owner's past due taxes. Under that process, a property owner losing his house or land is, at least theoretically, entitled to all proceeds from the auction sale that exceed taxes/penalties due plus costs.

Chapter 8, however, is entirely mute with regard to requirements that the constitutional rights of a homeowner who is delinquent on his or her property taxes be protected. In San Bernardino County, as well as in some other California counties, this latitude in the law has resulted in the constitutional protections that are sup-

posed to be in place for property owners being ignored when entities such as public agencies seek to obtain property for operational purposes or land trusts and affordable housing nonprofits utilize the authority provided to them in Chapter 8 to pull certain desirable properties from the auction process to reserve those properties for "special public purposes." Those purposes, ostensibly, are intended to assist a nonprofit organization rehabilitate the property in order to sell or rent it to, or otherwise use it to serve, low-income persons. In the case of vacant property, nonprofit organizations can use Chapter 8 to dedicate the land to conservation, to public use or to construct residential dwellings on the property and sell or rent them to low-income persons.

When a property doesn't sell, it's reoffered in a secondary tax sale with lower thresholds. If it still doesn't sell, it's added to the tax sale the following year. As long as the property stays in the Chapter 7 process, its erstwhile owner stands the prospect of recovering, within a fair and Constitutional framework, some or all of the equity he or she accrued in the property. When Chapter 8 is applied, however, the landowner sees the land he or she once owned entirely subsumed by the entity that claims it.

The county tax collector, in the face of a public entity or nonprofit organization requesting under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Revenue & Tax Code to remove a property from the tax sale auction process, is obligated by law to go along with that request. The board of supervisors typically then enters into an agreement for the purchaser to buy the property for only the tax due and a processing fee, at a price that Mason said amounts to "pennies on the dollar."

Mason characterized what was taking place as an abuse of the governmental process and the authority of the board of

supervisors.

"The property owners get nothing for the value of their equity," Mason said. "Chapter 8 allows county boards of supervisors to confiscate real estate from property owners with zero compensation. Counties up and down the state have been taking advantage of this law to steal tons of real estate."

Mason said, "What is done with this property falls into a few categories. In our county, the primary beneficiaries have been two land trusts. They acquire the land and lock it up so nobody can use it for anything. In other counties, there has been fraud and abusive profit taking. Three purchases being attempted in our county fall into this category."

According to Mason, a common ostensible but often false rationale for engaging in the property diversions relates to "affordable housing."

Members of the board of supervisors came to resent the implication that they were allowing companies, or the principals in companies, to essentially steal the equity of those who had lost their homes in tax lien sales in exchange for campaign contributions those companies or their owners had been providing to the county's top politicians.

The degree to which Mason raised the ire of the establishment by dwelling on issues relating to the district attorney's office's failure to make a strict accounting of some of the revenue provided to it and the way in which those obtaining real estate in tax liens and the county itself was holding onto money that should have rightly gone to those who had lost their homes or property was insignificant in comparison to the bitterness he engendered by inserting the treasurer and auditor's function into what he perceived as a conflict of interest and the union that represents the county's sheriff deputies.

In 2021, that union, the Safety Employees *Continued on Page 20*

## San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner's Case #702602945: On Friday, 04/24/2026, at 08:49 a.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to the 15000 block of Washoan Road in Apple Valley. Alicia Caudillo, a 58-year-old resident of Apple Valley, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff Station. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 05/01/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602921: On Friday, 04/24/2026, at 04:15 a.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to Westbound Highway 60, west of S. Vinyard Avenue in Ontario. Angel Avila, a 20-year-old resident of Los Angeles, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/24/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602905: On Thursday, 04/23/2026, at 01:16 p.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to the Eastbound Interstate 10 Freeway near Live Oak Canyon Road in San Bernardino. A male, name withheld pending identification and notification to next of kin, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/24/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602880: On Wednesday, 04/22/2026, at 02:52 p.m., the Fontana Police Department responded to the 14000 block of Whittram Avenue. Gerardo Vargas, a 63-year-old resident of Bloomington was pronounced dead on scene. For further information contact the Fontana Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/24/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602795: On Sunday, 04/19/2026, at 08:24 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to State Highway 178 in Trona, for a traffic collision. Driver Francis Brand, a 38-year-old resident of Trona, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/20/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602792: On Sunday, 04/19/2026, at 04:09 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the area of the Eastbound Interstate 210 Carnelian Street onramp in Rancho Cucamonga. Anthony Arroyo, a 30-year-old homeless resident of Rancho Cucamonga, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/20/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602787: On Sunday, 04/19/2026, at 12:36 p.m., the San Bernardino Police Department responded to a wash in the area of W. Hill Drive and N. Louise Street in San Bernardino. Manuel Romero, a 63-year-old resident of Colton was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/20/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602749: On Friday, 04/17/2026, at 06:53 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the Westbound Interstate 40 Freeway south of the Desert Oasis Rest Area for a traffic collision. The driver, name is withheld pending identification and notification to next of kin, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602694: On Wednesday, 04/15/2026, at 09:59 a.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to an open field near the 16000 block of First Street in Victorville. Joshua Burt, a 39-year-old homeless resident of Victorville, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602693: On Wednesday, 04/15/2026, at 08:10 a.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to the 13000 block of Dogwood Street in Trona. River Gorbet, a 3-year-old resident of Trona, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602678: On Wednesday, 04/15/2026, at 06:57 a.m., the Upland Police Department responded to the 500 block of W. 20th Street in Upland. Scott Miller, a 62-year-old resident of Upland, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the Upland Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602655: On Tuesday, 04/14/2026, at 11:33 a.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to Highway 138 east of Interstate 15 in Phelan. Allen Yue, a 64-year-old resident of Newport Beach, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the California Highway Patrol. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602605: On Sunday, 04/12/2026, at 09:17 p.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to a dirt field near the 15000 block of Roy Rogers Drive in Victorville. Arthur Upicksoun, a 38-year-old homeless resident of Victorville, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602584: On Sunday, 04/12/2026, at 01:00 a.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to the area of Willow Street and Primrose Avenue in Hesperia. Monique Bojorquez, a 31-year-old resident of Hesperia, was pronounced dead at the scene. For further information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602582: On Saturday, 04/11/2026, at 09:46 p.m., the San Bernardino Police Department responded to a wash near the 1600 block of E. Highland in San Bernardino. Reylene Ambriz, a 22-year-old resident of San Bernardino, was pronounced dead at the scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602570: On Friday, 04/10/2026, at 08:25 p.m., the Upland Police Department responded to the 9100 block of North Benson Avenue in the City of Upland. Victor Gonzalez, a 64-year-old homeless resident of Upland, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the Upland Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602569: On Friday, 04/10/2026, at 6:23 p.m., the Fontana Police Department responded to the 16000 block of Boyle Avenue in Fontana. Dusti Espinoza, a 24-year-old homeless resident of Rialto, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the Fontana Police Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602559: On Friday, 04/10/2026, at 11:43 a.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to Koala Road and El Mirage Road in Adelanto. Christine Macfarlane, a 62-year-old resident of Thousand Oaks, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/12/2026)

Coroner's Case #702602556: On Thursday, 04/10/2026, at 09:48 a.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to Gammel Road south of Amboy Road in Twentynine Palms. Frank Lechuga Jr., a 60-year-old resident of Lompoc, was pronounced dead on scene. For additional information contact San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. (Supervising Deputy Coroner S. Hill, 04/18/2026)

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## Conflicted County Officials Demonizing Him, County Treasurer Says, To Evade Scrutiny Of Their Own Plundering *from page 18*

Benefit Association, known by its acronym SEBA, sought to create a medical care trust for retired deputies. The county's deputies and higher ranking officers already receive a pension – calculated at 3 percent of each retired deputy's/officer's highest annual salary times the number of years the deputy/officer was employed by the department. Those pensions are paid through the county's retirement system, SBCERA – the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement System. What the Safety Employees Benefit Association was attempting to do was to create what is known as an "other postemployment benefit," referred to by the acronym OPEB, which would pay for the health plans for those retired sheriff's department employees in addition to their pensions.

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

Mason, in looking to what the proposal would entail, the projections of what it would cost and what funding at that time

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

This greatly complicated the proposal to approve the program, making it impossible for the board of supervisors to simply rubberstamp it.

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

The issues Mason raised in late 2020,

throughout 2021 and early 2022 did not endear him to the political establishment. Nevertheless, the full implication of what Mason was doing did not manifest in time for the members of the board of supervisors, their support network or the advocates of the sheriff's deputies' union to actively oppose him with a coordinated campaign in the 2022 election and prevent his reelection.

Though an opponent, John Ziegenhohn, did materialize to run against Mason in the 2022 election, the challenger managed to poll 50,685 votes or 23.38 percent, which was inadequate in the face of the 166,100 votes or 76.62 percent that Mason brought in during his overwhelming victory.

In the nearly four years since then the degree to which Mason has been crowding them has come home to the members of the county's political and social establishment, during which time they have had adequate opportunity to prepare for the current election season.

It is unclear whether Hutchison, who has ambition to hold higher office than the city council position he has occupied since 2018, was recruited or surfaced on his own as Mason's opponent. What is clear is that the entirety of San Bernardino County's political establishment has now swung behind him.

Throughout 2025, Hutchison collected \$269,584 in donations, such that he started this year with \$264,747.69 in his electioneering fund. The donors he tapped into were a comprehensive combination of the politicians at the apex of San Bernardino government, such as members of the board of supervisors, and the donors those politicians have consistently relied upon virtually from the time they came into office. A number of those donors were ones bound up in conflicts touching on their financial support for politicians who then used their authority and votes to ben-

efit those donors or the businesses they own or work for. Some of these connections were so incriminating that the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters office, the custodian of the campaign finance disclosure documents filed by the county's elected officeholders and candidates for elected office, did not mount the Hutchison's final report for 2025 on its website.

Once 2026 had begun, in collaboration with the Hutchison campaign, individuals within the support network for the supervisors and other elected county officials orchestrated a coordinated attack on Mason. This culminated in a precisely choreographed exhibition at the Tuesday February 24, 2026 San Bernardino Board of Supervisors meeting scripted by Hutchison's campaign team, which included Ross Sevy, Heather Obernolte and his political consultants. During that portion of the meeting reserved for public comment, four county residents/businessmen – Mark Lee, Samuel Powers, Corey Torello and Jerry Bajwa – read prepared statements which referenced Mason's ownership of Mason Financial Services, which he founded in 2014 and provides clients advice with regard to money/wealth management, and investing, questioning whether, or outright alleging, Mason's functioning as a financial advisor in the private sector presents a conflict of interest with his role as county treasurer and auditor. Lee's, Powers', Torello's and Bajwa's comments were synchronized in advance with Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Dawn Rowe, who arranged to have their comments presented together and responded to them with a prepared statement of her own, calling for the county, through its office of county counsel, county government's stable of in-house attorneys, to undertake an investigation into the circumstance involving Mason

From January 1

through May 16 of this year, Hutchison collected another \$366,871.76 for use in his campaign, spending \$336,581.87 during that same span. As of May 16, he and his campaign team yet had \$270,037.58 to spend on his electioneering effort in the less than three weeks before the June 2 balloting. Money from the cadre of reliable supporters cultivated by the board of supervisors during their years in office continues to pour in to Hutchison. Emblematic of that is \$12,925 donated by Jerry Bajwa. Bajwa operates 20 WaBa Grills and additional Del Taco, Arco AM PM, Circle K and Mobil franchises, and is the franchisee/owner of Oggi's Restaurant in Fontana and has declared his intention to open two more Oggi's Sports Bars locally. He and his businesses are subject to extensive governmental regulation, such that it behooves him to be on the good side of the board of supervisors. He was among the quartet of businessman who lodged complaints about Mason's alleged conflict of interest, which justified the board's assigning the office of county counsel to carry out the investigation.

The campaign promoting Hutchison and assailing Mason consists of mailers, radio and television commercials, yard signs, billboards and newspaper ads familiarizing the county's voters with Hutchison, along with so-called "hit pieces," i.e., handbills mailed to voters alleging Mason, as the owner of Mason Financial Services, is benefiting his private sector clients by steering them to stock investments that have been benefited by his manipulation of the county investment pool. The intense and expensive campaign is designed to drive the voters away from their past pattern of support for the incumbent during the last two election cycles and into voting for Hutchison.

Unmentioned by the Hutchison campaign is that the county's investments, as managed by

Mason, have been primarily or exclusively in low-to-moderate yield, low-risk bonds and treasury notes and that his investment advice to Mason Financial Services clients relates to investment in the stock market, which the county as a governmental entity does not invest in. Nor has the Hutchison campaign dwelt upon the consideration that there is no legal restriction on elected officials owning an outside, private company or companies, and that multiple members of the San Bernardino County political establishment, including three members of the board of supervisors and Hutchison, himself, own and operated such companies. Moreover, a good cross section of the hit pieces the Hutchison campaign is assailing Mason with reference the investigation into Mason that Rowe called for at the February 24 meeting and which the remainder of the board of supervisors signed off on carrying out. That investigation has been timed so that it will not conclude nor will a report of its findings be released until after the election.

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

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

