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How California's Redistricting Commission Considered Communities of Color

by Breanna Reeves



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Keeping it Real with S.E. Williams VOICE bvn

The Brilliance of Lani Guinier

As the fight over voting rights prepares to glow red hot in Washington, D.C. in the coming weeks, on Friday January 7, America lost one of its most brilliant civil rights lawyers, scholars and fervent advocates for voting equity, Harvard Professor Emerita, Lani Guinier.

Her acclaimed work, “The Tyranny of the Majority” published in 1994, a collection of her law review articles and essays, provided clear insight to her deep thinking about democracy. One of the themes of this collection focused on her analysis of how “winner take all” district elections fall short of the nation’s goals

The title of her book—Tyranny of the Majority—is rooted in an 1830 observation by French aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville, who at the time noted that with the rise of democracy in the United States, it benefits, which included—equality before the law--would one day replace monarchies around the world as a preferred form of governance. However, he expressed stark concern with what he saw in this country that he believed carried negative consequences. Something he described as a new tyranny—the tyranny of the majority that overpowers the will of minorities. He noted how the will of the majority became the rule of the day in the U.S. and those outside the majority--primarily Blacks, Indigenous people (and other people of color)—were at the mercy and/or wrath of the nation’s white majority.

Under this form of tyranny, majorities impose their viewpoints on and subjugate minorities to majority opinion. As a result, minorities tend to conform to majority opinion out of a fear of repercussions. This can be especially true de Tocqueville expressed, when the majority is racially prejudiced.

Guinier believed the tyranny of the majority makes the idea of one person, one vote, largely inadequate in a system where minority interests, whether due to race, class, or other reasons, are inevitably disregarded, trampled over by those in the majority.

Guinier advocated for alternatives to be explored and considered to give minority interests greater consideration in the nation’s



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democracy.

It was Guinier’s legal acumen in the areas of voting rights and affirmative action that garnered widespread attention and may ultimately have led to her nomination by President Bill Clinton to be the first Black woman to lead the U.S. Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division.

However, no sooner had Clinton made the nomination, before the Republican Party launched a full-scale character assassination to discredit Guinier and it wasn’t long before Clinton aka “Bubba” joined the repudiation. He withdrew her nomination and dismissively threw her under the proverbial bus claiming he had never read her scholarly works and after doing so, found her theories for empowering Black people—too radical.

This was typical of how “good ole boy” Clinton acquiesced to his conservative leanings, southern roots, and corporate sponsors at the expense of his Black supporters. Blacks experienced this again and again during Clinton’s tenure as president—consider ‘welfare to work’ and anti-crime initiatives among other actions Clinton took that still impact Black communities across the country some 30 years hence.

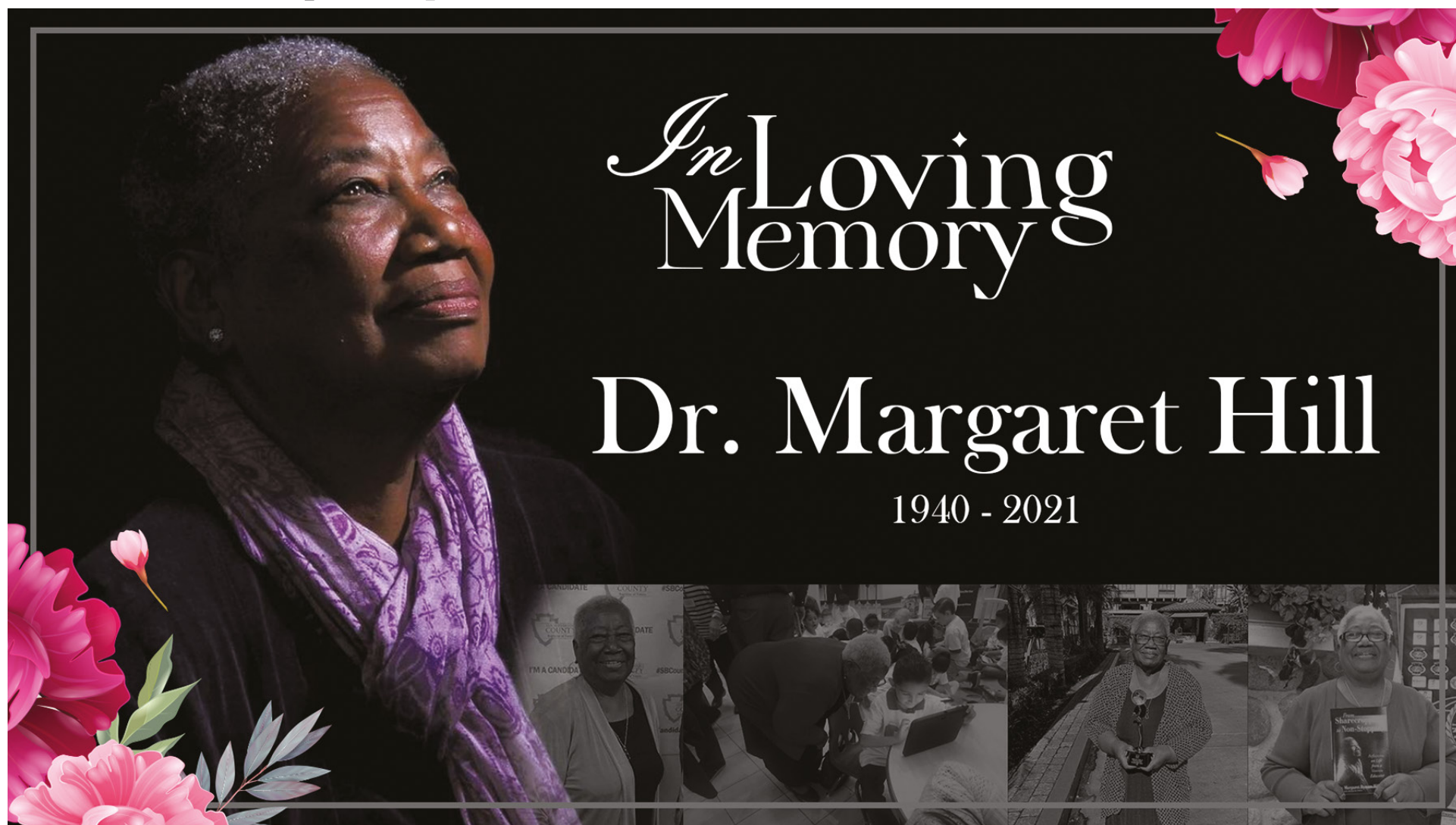
Clinton and his ilk were not the only ones hesitant about Guinier’s political thinking, even some on the left were wary of her breakthrough ideas about the voting process and issues related to it including redistricting.

Although Guinier was denied an opportunity to make history in the U.S. Justice Department

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I N M E M O R I U M

A Community Prepares to Bid Farewell



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Members of the inland community are invited to celebrate the life and contributions of Dr. Margaret Hill who passed away on Sunday, December 17.

A widely respected educator, a fierce advocate for children, and a highly respected community leader, Hill has left a remarkable legacy.

Please see below for details regarding the celebration and instructions on how to register to attend this free event.

Beloved Community

You are invited to celebrate the life, the love, and the memory of Dr. Margaret Hill with a glorious celebration honoring a true community icon.

Date and time

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. PST

Location:

San Manuel Stadium
280 South E. Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401

The event is free, but we would like everyone to please register at <https://bit.ly/3sZCEQo>.

Donations: In lieu of flower donations, monetary donations to Dr. Hill's charity are welcomed:

Maggie's Kids Foundation - <https://venmo.com/u/maggie4kids>

Dress: We ask that you wear purple in Dr. Hill's memory.

Speaking Request for Dignitaries, Community Members and Community Based Organizations:

<https://bit.ly/3sXbuJL>

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Life in Prison for Murderers of Ahmaud Arbery



(L- R) Gregory McMichael, William 'Roddie' Bryan, Travis McMichael (Glynn County Detention Center)

Breanna Reeves | Staff

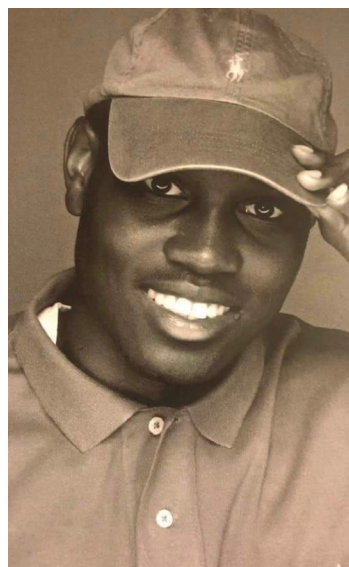
After nearly two years since 25-year-old Ahmaud Arbery was stalked and murdered by three men in Glynn County, Georgia, on Friday, January 7, a judge sentenced them to life in prison.

Last November, Travis McMichael, 35, his father, Gregory McMichael, 68, and neighbor William “Roddie” Bryan, 52, were convicted of murdering Arbery.

The McMichaels have been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Bryan was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole by which he is only eligible after serving at least 30 years.

After delivering the sentence, presiding Judge Timothy Walmsley simulated what Arbery experienced as he was chased for approximately five minutes while he ran from the men. Judge Walmsley paused in court for one full minute to illustrate a fraction of the time Ahmaud spent running for his life.

On February 23, 2020, the three men chased down Arbery



Ahmaud Arbery, 25, was chased down and murdered while jogging on February 23, 2020 in Georgia (Photo via emory.edu).

in trucks while Arbery was out jogging. Travis McMichael ultimately shot Arbery three times and Bryan recorded the violence on his cellphone camera, which was later circulated online.

Before the verdict was handed down, members of Ahmaud’s family delivered victim impact statements in court. Arbery’s mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, asked the judge to impose the maximum sentence for the crimes.

“I made a promise to you the day I laid you to rest,” Cooper-Jones said in court, according to CNN. “I told you I love you, and someday, somehow, I would get you justice.”

Following today’s sentence, the men also face hate crime charges and a federal indictment that was issued in April which charges the men with attempted kidnapping and the use of a firearm during a violent crime as it applies to the McMichaels who were both armed at the time.

The jury selection for the federal case is scheduled to begin on February 7.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB-MNT22-48

Omnitrans is accepting proposals for:
Uniform Services
Proposals are due prior to 3:00 p.m. PDT, January 26, 2022. Proposals must be submitted electronically using Omnitrans' Procurement online bidding system at www.omnitrans.org.
The RFP documents can be obtained via download at Omnitrans' Procurement online bidding system at www.omnitrans.org.
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VEHICLE SALE

NOTICE OF SALE OF VEHICLE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California.
The undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said time(s) on: 06/01/2020 AT: 10AM
Make/Yr. 2017 HONDA
Lic.: 8BXV497
Vin. SHHFK7H59HU411616
Location: 2516 W. ORANGETHORPE, FULLERTON, CA
Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien of the undersigned for towing, storage, labor, materials, and lien charges, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV2103747

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: YOLANDA DOLORES BALLESTEROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. YOLANDA DOLORES GRAVILONI to. YOLANDA DOLORES BALLESTEROS, b. YOLANDA DOLORES VELARDE to. YOLANDA DOLORES BALLESTEROS c. YOLANDA DOLORES MAREZ to. YOLANDA DOLORES BALLESTEROS, d. YOLANDA DOLORES MORTON to. YOLANDA DOLORES BALLESTEROS, e. YOLANDA DALORES MORTON to. YOLANDA DOLORES BALLESTEROS.
The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the Court

may grant the petition without a hearing. The address of the Court is : SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH, 13-800 HEACOCK AVE, STE D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA. CA 92553. NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC HEARING: Date: 03/01/2022 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. To appear by telephone dial (213) 306-3065 or (844) 621-3956 (toll free), when prompted enter: Meeting Number: 286-057-289#, Access Code: # (no number after the #) A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Black Voice News, 1201 University Avenue, Suite 210, Riverside, CA 92507. Date: AUGUST 23, 2021
Belinda A. Handy, Judge of the Superior Court

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JODI CAHILL Case Number PRR12102303

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JODI CAHILL. A Petition for Probate has been filed by JENNIFER M. TYNER in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that JENNIFER M. TYNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 02/15/2022 Time: 8:30 A.M. DEPT R11, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4175 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501.

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 four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. 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 Petitioner: Bryan C. Hartnell, Esq. Hartnell Law Group, A Professional Corporation, 25757

Redlands Blvd, Redlands, CA 92373

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER FLRI2106943 Notice to Respondent: DEMETRIO PAZ- PICHARDO

You are being sued Petitioner's name is: MARIA VERONICA SOSA
You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 dias corridos despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacio, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado. The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, 4175 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: MARIA VERONICA SOSA, 4580 AVON ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92509 Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual. Clerk, by T. HOOPER-WILLIAMS, Deputy DATE: OCT 19, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
WONDERBRIDGE PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE
6516 Whitelly St
Eastvale, CA 92880
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Daxa Yagnyesh Sangani
6516 Whitelly St
Eastvale, CA 92880
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on 6/1/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Daxa Yagnyesh Sangani
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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/07/2021
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
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Peter Aldana, County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202116614
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
REAL THERAPY CENTER
11801 Pierce Street, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92505
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
32953 Pacifica Place
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Brian Anthony Dunn
32953 Pacifica Place
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Brian Anthony Dunn
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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/03/2021
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
ENVIOS MEXICO MUEBLERIA
68525 Ramon Rd, Suite A-103
Cathedral City, CA 92234
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Luis Enrique Calbillo
68525 Ramon Rd, Suite A-103
Cathedral City, CA 92234
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2010
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Luis Enrique Calbillo
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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/15/2021
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Peter Aldana, County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202116322
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
EL TORO BRAVO
24691 Alessandro Blvd
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
2148 Sunridge Cir
Riverside, CA 92503
R&Q Restaurant Group Inc
24691 Alessandro Blvd
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
CA
This business is conducted by: Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/10/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Jimmy-Rodriguez, CEO
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 (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/20/2021
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
PINKPH ORGANICS
PINKPH
30505 Canyon Hills Rd, Unit 1904
Lake Elsinore, CA 92532
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Zorlah Dante Marie Barge
30505 Canyon Hills Rd, Unit 1904
Lake Elsinore, CA 92532
This business is conducted by: Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Zorlah Dante Marie Barge
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Mourning the Loss of Dr. Lulamae Clemons

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

On Friday, January 7th members of the Inland Empire community learned of the passing of Dr. Lulamae Clemons. According to her grandson Marlan McClanhan, she passed peacefully at home. She was 104 years old.

In recognition of Dr. Clemons 100th birthday in 2017, Black Voice News Publisher Dr. Paulette Brown Hinds referred to her as a “remarkable woman who was just as fearless at 100 as she has been her entire life.”

With the passing of Dr. Clemons the inland community has lost an icon who leaves a legacy worthy of recognition and praise. In honor of the life she lived and her contributions to the community, we invite readers to learn about this remarkable woman as told in her own voice during an in depth interview with the IE Voice as it was originally published on December 30, 2013. It is reproduced here for your reading convenience.



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This Is 96: The Education of Dr. Lulamae Clemons (published December 30, 2013)

In 1917 America celebrated the second inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president and despite his campaign slogan, “he kept us out of war” within a month of his second term he asked Congress to join the other world powers in battle. That same year suffragists were arrested as they picketed the White House in an attempt to pressure President Wilson into signing an amendment giving women the right to vote. And the woman who would become one of Riverside’s most respected citizens, Dr. Lulamae Clemons, was born.

This week her friends have planned a special celebration on her 96th birthday two days after Christmas. “I’m looking forward to getting a cellphone for my birthday and moving into the 21st century,” she jokes about the momentous occasion. “All I’ll need is a hearing aid and directions on how to use it.”

Whether it’s learning how to work a smartphone in her 90’s, studying nursing in her 20’s, or earning a doctorate degree in her 50s, Lulamae values education, is fearless in her pursuit of knowledge, and has definitely never seen barriers to success and achievement that she didn’t believe she could overcome.

Born in Widener, Arkansas, a small town on the eastern border of the state whose population today is just over 300 residents, Lulamae admits that she still looks in the atlas just to see if the town is still there. Before Lulamae started grade school, her parents decided to move to Pueblo, Colorado on the advice of an Arkansas friend who suggested, “better economic and racial conditions existed for Negroes out West.”

In Pueblo, Lulamae attended a non-racially segregated elementary public school and non-racially segregated Centennial High School which in 1982 inducted her into its Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was attended by Lulamae’s extended family — brother Lawrence, sister Clara, son Frank, his wife Dorothy, and their four sons. It was one of

many accolades that she is proud to have received.

“Being considered for the award was a great surprise,” she says. “There were 13 Black students at the school when I graduated and we all had very few opportunities to participate.” While the Black and White students were involved in separate activities, she says that she never really felt excluded or rejected. “That was their thing and this was our thing,” she explains. Her sense of pride in her heritage and confidence in her abilities carried her from school to school and state to state as she navigated her educational and professional life.

After graduating from junior college in Pueblo, she entered the School of Nursing in Kansas City, Missouri because the hospital nursing programs in Pueblo denied her admission based on her race, telling her that White patients may not accept nor tolerate being nursed by a Negro female.

“In Kansas City there were two hospitals. Number one was the White hospital on the hill and Number two was the Black hospital down the hill. It had an all-Black staff. Black doctors, Black nurses, Black grounds men,” she explains. While she had planned to attend the school with a good friend from Pueblo who waved goodbye at the station instead of boarding the train with her, she quickly made friends with

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Riverside and San Bernardino Superior Courts Suspend New Jury Trials Due to Omicron



Riverside County Superior Court (Image courtesy of Google Maps)

Phyllis Kimber Wilcox | Staff

Due to the rise in Omicron variant COVID-19 cases all new jury trials in Riverside and San Bernardino Superior Courts are suspended.

In a press statement on Wednesday January 5, San Bernardino Superior Court officials announced, "All new criminal jury trials have been suspended through January 27, 2022 and civil jury trials have been suspended through February 22, 2022."

In response, all civil parties were asked to meet and confer to pick a tentative trial date sometime after February 22, 2022, and to submit a stipulation to the court. According to officials, if no stipulation is submitted, a new trial date will be selected at the current trial readiness conference.

Officials further noted preference will be given to available jurors in criminal cases which must be adjudicated within specific time frames. Court

officials noted, "Those cases include all criminal cases, unlawful detainer jury trials, civil cases with statutory preference under the California Code of Civil Procedure sections 35-37, and civil cases approaching the 5-year deadline under California Code of Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320."

Cases which fall outside this definition may also be adjudicated for good cause through remote technology. For more information see the information provided here.

Reader's are encouraged to check your court's COVID-19 website for information on the status of the pandemic and its effects on judicial proceedings. Follow this link for Riverside County and this link for San Bernardino County.

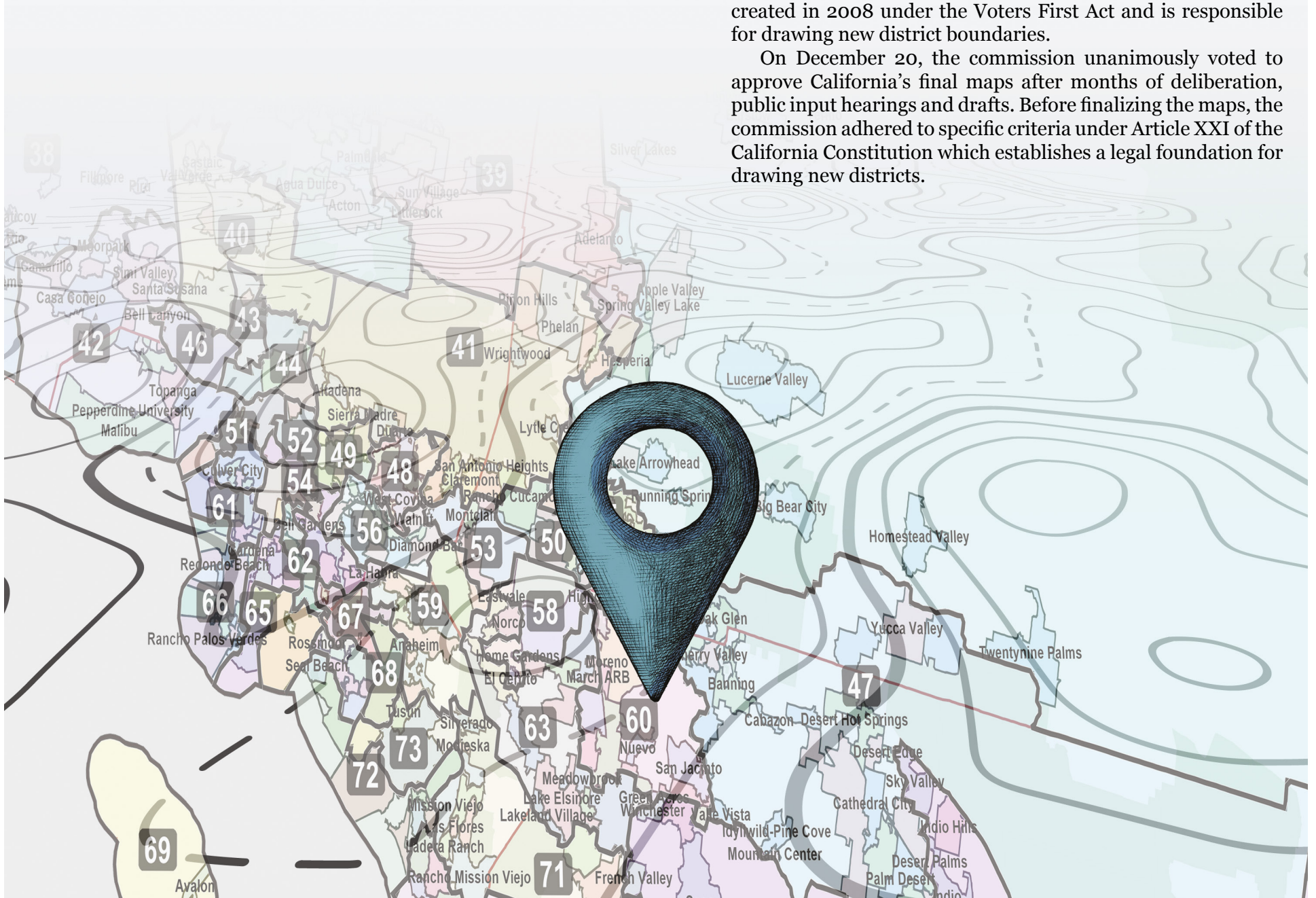
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How California's Redistricting Commission Considered Communities of Color

Breanna Reeves | Staff

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, new maps are redrawn for Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts to reflect the changes in population size. The 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission, an independent commission, was created in 2008 under the Voters First Act and is responsible for drawing new district boundaries.

On December 20, the commission unanimously voted to approve California's final maps after months of deliberation, public input hearings and drafts. Before finalizing the maps, the commission adhered to specific criteria under Article XXI of the California Constitution which establishes a legal foundation for drawing new districts.



In accordance with Article XXI, the commission considered the following criteria when drawing new districts as detailed in their final report:

- District must comply with the U.S. Constitution. Congressional districts must achieve population equality among electoral districts and Senatorial, Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts must have “reasonably equal population” size with other districts.
- Districts must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.
- Districts must be geographically connected.
- The “geographic integrity” of any city, neighborhood or local community of interest must be respected in a way that “minimizes their division.” The commission defines a community of interest as a “contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Districts must be drawn to “encourage geographical compactness” where nearby areas of population are connected.
- Each state Senate district must be composed of “two whole, complete and adjacent Assembly districts and each Board of Equalization district shall be composed of 10 whole, complete and adjacent Senate districts.”

The California Board of Equalization is a government agency responsible for implementing tax regulations, assessments and collections. The agency also hears local appeals from local citizens in regard to property taxes. The state of California has four Board of Equalization districts, with an ideal population of 9,880,859 in each district.

The first electoral impact of the new districts will be experienced with the June 2022 primary elections. For the next decade, California residents will elect members to the Board of Equalization, state legislators and members of Congress in alignment with these maps.

Census impact

After the 2020 census was conducted, California was allocated 52 congressional seats, one less than it had after the 2010 census was completed. California’s State Assembly is made up of 80 districts and California’s State Senate is



Photo from December 27, 2021, when the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Delivered Maps to the California Secretary of State (source: wedrawthelinesca.org).



Among the 176 districts drawn by the Redistricting Commission, a total of 42 districts addressed the Voting Rights Act obligations (source: eji.org).

made up of 40 districts.

The process of redistricting is long and complex, but the pandemic added another level of difficulty. The Census Bureau was supposed to provide state population data by December 31, 2020 and additional data for redistricting by April 1, 2021, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. However, the redistricting data wasn’t released until September, reducing the time the commission had to inform the public about redistricting, receive public comment and submit final maps before December 27.

Finalizing the maps was crucial with the 2022 primary elections rapidly approaching in June as candidates are required to file almost

three months before a primary. For candidates to decide if a campaign is practical, they need to know what the new districts look like.

During a briefing on December 28 regarding California’s new redistricting maps, Paul Mitchell, the owner of Redistricting Partners, explained how changes in populations across the state affected the way the new maps were designed.

Mitchell stated that there were several population changes that impacted the drawing of districts in 2020 such as an increase in Latino and Asian populations, dispersion of the Black population and a lower rate of growth in regions, specifically in Los Angeles. According to Mitchell, the Black population grew, but it dispersed a lot, resulting in a lower density of Black populations in certain regions across the state.

Voting Rights Act

Part of the criteria for drawing new maps in California is that the commission must follow the stipulations of the Voting Rights Act which ensure that minority populations have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. Specifically, redistricting plans cannot “discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in a protected language minority group.”

Russell Yee of the Citizens Redistricting Commission for the State of California and Vice Chair said during the briefing that the commission’s goal was to draw maps that reflected a California that is “increasingly populated by minorities, racial minorities.” Yee explained that while race is considered when redistricting, it is not legally allowed to be a predominant consideration.

“We wanted our maps to endure. If you don’t draw enough (Voting Rights Act) districts, then somebody challenges you in court and your maps get thrown out and the whole thing gets thrown out, not just one district that’s under question.”

In the final analysis, among the 176 districts the commission was charged with drawing, it drew a total of 42 districts to address Voting Rights Act obligations, including 19 Assembly districts, 9 Senate districts, and 14 Congressional districts.

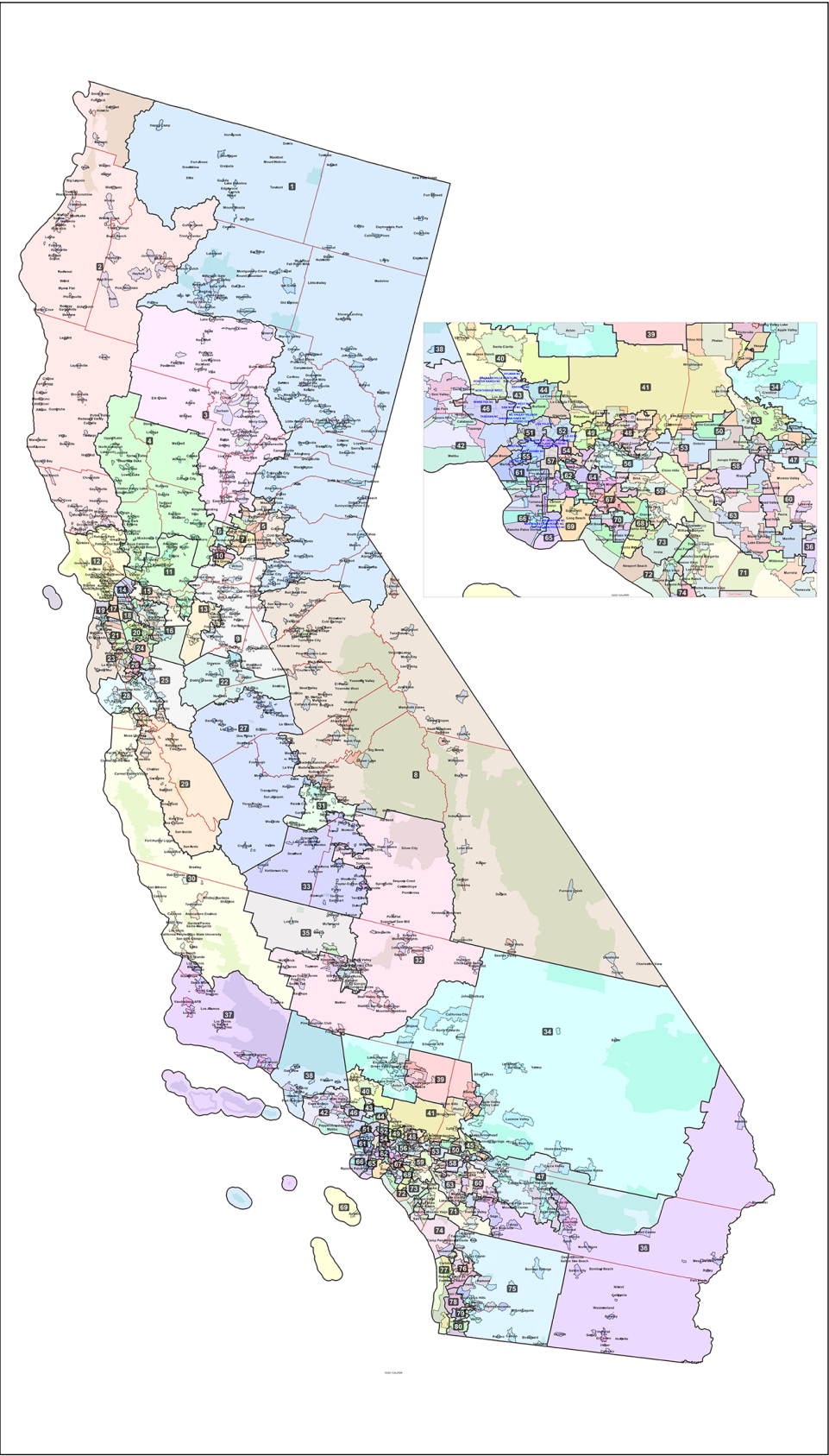
Final California Senate District Map

(source: wedrawthelinesca.org)



Final California Assembly District Map

(source: wedrawthelinesca.org)



Legendary Actor Sidney Poitier Leaves A Legacy of Dignity And Grace



Phyllis Kimber Wilcox | Staff

Oscar winning actor Sidney Poitier, aged ninety four died in Los Angeles last week.. Known for his uncharacteristic portrayals of Black American life, Poitier was one of America's first Black box office stars. The prime years of his career corresponded with a tumultuous time in American history lending Poitier's characterizations substance and importance. He won an Oscar for his 1963 performance in the motion picture Lilies of the Field in which Poitier plays a handyman who helps a group of nuns build a church.

The roles he took on as an actor are credited with helping change many longstanding, stubborn and deeply rooted racial attitudes that had persisted even before America became a nation. His artistic excellence helped build bridges and opened the doors for countless actors in succeeding generations.

During his lifetime Poitier would receive many honors and accolades including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.

Remarking on the passage of Poitier in a tweet, Obama wrote, "Through his groundbreaking roles and singular talent, Sidney Poitier epitomized dignity and grace, revealing the power of movies to bring us closer together," Adding, "He also opened doors for a generation of actors. Michelle and I send our love to his family and legion of fans."

However, Poitier's characterizations we're not without criticism, coming at a time when many were questioning everything, there were those who thought Poitier's roles, as well as the man himself, too exacting and unrealistic. Leaving little room for a different kind of Blackness.

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Sidney Poitier (M) with former first lady of the US Michelle Obama (R) and former US President Barack Obama (L). Barack Obama/Twitter

Others had the opposite feeling, seeing in Poitier a dignity they wished to claim for themselves. Despite the criticism, Poitier was consistent in his support of the civil rights movement and provided needed financial support for Martin Luther King Jr.

Paying tribute to Sidney Poitier in 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "He is a man of great depth, a man of great social concern, a man who is dedicated to human rights and freedom."

Poitier will certainly be remembered for his acting and how the roles he played opened the door for a diverse representation of Black life in the movies and on television. He will also be remembered for his generous financial support of the Civil Rights movement during the heat of the struggle when there were very few Blacks like himself with the financial means to assist, as well as for his willingness to take a stand on behalf of his people regardless of the risk it posed to his career.



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Caregivers Across the Generations Getting through the COVID 19 pandemic, rapping to promote vaccines, accessing boosters and tests, and other challenges

WHEN:

Thursday, Jan 13, 2:00 - 3:00 PM PT

WHERE:

Register in advance for this meeting: [Click here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing your individual link and information about joining the meeting.

WHY:

As COVID 19 infection rates surge again with the highly transmissible Omicron variant, how are caregivers getting through this latest phase of the pandemic? What are they doing to combat isolation and fatigue? How accessible are vaccines, boosters, and tests for them and for those they care for? We learn most from listening to stories from caregivers in our communities who make up an invisible workforce of some 5.3 million people nationwide—an indispensable backbone for health care services in the U.S. Join this one hour community conversation over Zoom and live streamed on Facebook.

WHO:

Rev. **Noella Buchanan**, Caregiver Coordinator, Southern California Conference AMEC Ministerial Alliance (Retired Pastor)

Kennedy King, first place winner of rap contest

Melissa Phillips, caregiver

Ruth Rembret, caregiver

Dr. **Donna Benton**, Director, USC, Family Caregiver Support Center

Moderator: **Cheryl Brown**, Chair of the Social Action Committee of St. Paul's First AME Baptist Church-San Bernardino, former state assemblywoman for the 47th District.

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CDC Issues More New Guidelines for COVID-19 Booster Shots



Breanna Reeves | Staff

On Tuesday, January 4, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their recommendation for when people can receive their booster shots. The CDC shortened the waiting period from six months to five months for those who received the Pfizer/ BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine.

Those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are still recommended to wait two months to receive their booster, and six months for those who received the Moderna vaccine.

This update follows news reports of sharp increases in the COVID-19 Omicron variant cases in several counties across California and the nation. Riverside and San Bernardino Counties both reported that the Omicron variant was detected in the respective counties in the month of December.

San Bernardino County reported nearly 7,000 new coronavirus cases over the past week and announced the first case of the Omicron variant in the county on Dec. 14, 2021. The county said the variant was detected in a male resident of Redlands who was fully vaccinated, and boosted.

“Discovering the Omicron variant in our county is a concern, but not a surprise,” said San Bernardino County Public Health Director Josh Dugas in a statement. “No matter the variant, we are still in the middle of

a pandemic and we need to continue to protect ourselves and others from spreading and contracting Covid-19. The good news is we have vaccines, and we know they are highly effective against this virus.”

Update guidelines for children ages 5 to 11 and boosters authorized for those aged 12 to 15

In addition to the CDC updated recommendations noted above, they also recommended that “moderately or severely immunocompromised” children between the ages of five and 11 received an additional dose of the vaccine after 28 days of receiving their second shot. This recommendation only applies to the Pfizer/ BioNTech vaccine.

“Following the FDA’s authorizations, today’s recommendations ensure people are able to get a boost of protection in the face of Omicron and increasing cases across the country, and ensure that the most vulnerable children can get an additional dose to optimize protection against Covid-19,” said CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky in a statement.

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) also authorized boosters for 12- to 15-year-olds.

UNVACCINATED
people are
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more likely
to die
from COVID-19.*



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Riverside, CA 92506
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
CLA Group
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CA

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Amila C. Chandrapala, President

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202117276

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KETTLE TYME NORTH
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY
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s. Gabriela Estella Schaumburg

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JACKSON SALON SUITES
JACKSON BARBERSHOP SALON
JACKSON SUITES
JACKSON SOLO SUITES
JACKSON SALONS
DEB'S BARBERSHOP SALON
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Hemet, CA 92545
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Deborah Ann Piggee Jackson
1133 South Sanderson Ave
Hemet, CA 92545

This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/5/2021

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s. Deborah Ann Piggee Jackson

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/30/2021

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ABANDONMENT

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. R-201808194
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IXCEL

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Corona, CA 92882
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Marie Antoinette Vernon
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Corona, CA 92882
Anthony Ramond Vasquez
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This business is conducted by: Joint Venture

The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 06/07/2018

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s. Marie Antoinette Vernon

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/27/2021

Peter Aldana, County, Clerk

FILE NO R-201808194

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

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Joel Collin Phillip Sutherland
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Corona, CA 92882

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s. Joel Collin Phillip Sutherland

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Dr. Clemons poses with her favorite snack at the celebration of her 100th birthday in December 2017 (source: theievoice.com).

some of the 22 dorm mates also in the nursing program. “There was a broad representation of young women in the program from all over the country and we all shared the same room. I had no choice but to make friends quickly.”

Once she completed the nursing program, she found her first professional employment with a hospital in Detroit owned by a Black physician. It was short employment because one of the physicians encouraged her to earn a Bachelor’s Degree, and heeding his advice, she enrolled in the historically Black Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor’s Degree in 1946.

Once again, Lulamae was encouraged to continue her education, so she moved from Kansas City to New York where she attended Columbia University’s Teachers College and earned a Master of Arts in Public Health Administration.

Now divorced and the mother of a son in



Dr. Clemons is presented with a commemorative tile that will be part of the Riverside Civil Rights Institute walkway during the celebration of her 100th birthday (source: theievoice.com).

grade school, Lulamae spent a year earning that degree. It is clear that being fearful is not in her nature. “I would work every night and take the train home at 11 pm still wearing my nurse’s uniform. I’d walk three blocks every night to my apartment and was never bothered by anyone. I never thought to be afraid.”

While employed by the New York Association for the Blind, a friend from the National Urban League convinced her to accept an interview for an employment opportunity in Riverside. In 1956 Lulamae landed at the Riverside Municipal Airport and was met by Dr. Ken Weisbrod who escorted her to the Riverside County Office of Education.

Aside from all the encouragement Lulamae had received over the years, she emphasizes that Riverside County Superintendent Ray Johnson was the first White person to ever give her encouraging words after she was publicly ridiculed for being “a Negro” once she accepted the position as the Director of Intergroup Relations.

While employed at the county office, Lulamae earned a Doctorate Degree in Education Administration from the University of Southern California. “Everyone who worked

for the county office was told they had to get a certificate in something. I was told I had to get a certificate in Health & Development and was advised to enroll in USC,” she says. “I earned every certificate there was, and since I was piling up credits a friend counseled me to get a doctorate, so I did.”

“Thank God I was blessed to have a committee of three individuals who got along,” she says, “all agreed on my work and I never had to go back and keep revising it. I was truly blessed.”

She then took a position at the University of California, Riverside leading the government sponsored PRIME program that was designed to oversee and counsel districts in the Western United States on integrating their schools before settling into her final position as department administrator of education and training at Kaiser Permanente in Fontana.

Lulamae has traveled extensively visiting five continents and numerous countries, yet her most cherished journey was a month-long trip with her family to celebrate her retirement from Kaiser. The impetus to make the trip across the globe, “to see China’s Great Wall,” is ironic considering she is a woman who, for her entire life, has refused to see barriers or acknowledge obstacles.

Lulamae has been honored as Riverside Chamber of Commerce’s Citizen of the Year in 2002, received a Presidential Citation for Distinguished Service to Youth in 2003, named Woman of the Year by Black Voice News in 2005, and earlier this year received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County. However she considers the erection of the Riverside Martin Luther King statue with the help of her friend Rose Mayes as one of her most notable personal achievements as well as the educational accomplishments of her offspring.

If I could be granted any prayer,” Lulamae says with a smile, “it would be to be like Hezekiah in the bible and have God extend my life a few more years... I’d love to be here to see my grandson Marlan finish law school and pass the bar.”

Information on services for Dr. Clemons are pending.

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San Bernardino County Superior Court (Image courtesy of rsconstruction.com)

What's required to enter court facilities

Also as of Tuesday, January 5, all persons entering court facilities are required to wear a face mask at all times. Masks are available upon request at security screening (does not apply to children under two years of age).

It is important to note that court security will turn away anyone not wearing an appropriate face covering. Non-exempt individuals who remove their face covering after entering a court facility may be denied services, have their legal matter rescheduled, and/or will be asked to leave the building. In addition, six foot physical distancing is required inside courtrooms. Access to courtrooms are limited to parties, their attorneys, witnesses subpoenaed to testify, and other authorized persons. Public access to court proceedings is available via the Courtroom Live Streaming webpage.

The clerks' offices in both courts remain open for public services.

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Please use this link to upload your comments and/or short video:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUyRJdtNWq_TPKpzPtlhxX9hLyOUOLoBJRxQDCW8jeTmmZ9g/viewform?usp=sf_link

**Although we would love to accommodate community members wishing to speak in-person, due to the estimated attendance we kindly ask that all community members requesting to speak use the above link to submit written comment for Dr. Hill's family.*

**Please note speaking request accommodations are limited, will be honored on a first come, first served basis, and time allotted is one-minute.*

Volunteer: If you are interested in volunteering to help this event be a success in honor of Dr. Hill's memory below is the link to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScilNjbwiFz9UpQatesx1Hy8jdoRNPQkomL3Md2cKHrLQbU9Q/viewform>

Parking: Free stadium parking is available.

COVID Protocols:

- For the safety and well-being of everyone, the venue is an outdoor space.
- Adequate seating is available for social distancing, and we kindly asked that social distancing is observed.
- Masks are required. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you.

KEEPING IT REAL

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by Clinton, one of her students eventually would. And, this time when conservatives came with attacks similar to what they used against Guinier, President Joe Biden did not back down. As a result, Kristen Clarke made history in 2021 as the nation's first Black woman to lead the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

Clarke commented on Twitter about Guinier's passing. "Lani Guinier was one of the nation's most dedicated civil rights lawyers and brightest scholars — she cared deeply about political representation and ensuring that all communities have a voice in our democracy. We've lost a giant."

Today, few can argue that many of Guinier's insights are now mainstream. Consider her arguments about redistricting, for example, that stressed districts should not be drawn to shore up votes for incumbents (regardless of party). In other words, politicians should not be allowed to use redistricting as a vehicle to select their voters as a way to secure their elected positions.

Although denied an opportunity to make history at the Justice Department, Guinier's many accomplishments include serving in the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice, heading the NAACP Legal Defense

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Fund's voting rights project and being the first woman of color ever appointed to a tenured professorship at Harvard Law School.

In the online publication Harvard Law Today, Harvard Law Professor John F. Manning wrote, "Lani devoted her life to justice, equality, empowerment, and democracy and made the world better as a result. Her voice, her wisdom, her integrity, her bravery, her caring for others, her imagination and rigorous thinking, and her unerring sense of justice will inspire those who knew her and those who come to know of her life and legacy in the years to come."

Harvard University Law Professor Kenneth Mack stated, "Her work on voting and democracy — the work that would bring so much controversy — was all about the fragility of democratic systems."

Guinier had long professed the experience of Black communities in their ongoing struggle to participate in the nation's democratic system of voting was evidence of unseen problems in American democracy. Blacks, she said, were "canaries in the coal mine" that something was amiss in the nation's democratic process of majority rule. It was this fragility that the nation witnessed first hand on January 6, 2021.

Republicans (and probably many Democrats) were once apoplectic regarding Guinier's philosophy that, "In a racially divided society majority rule is not a reliable instrument of democracy." Of course, they adamantly disagreed, when she said it.

I am almost certain however, their views are destined to change in the coming years because by 2035, experts project the nation's white majority will become the nation's minority. What will be their opinion about the Tyranny of the Majority theory they have so readily dismissed when they are no longer the majority? Time will tell.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I'm keeping it real.

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